

This read-through of the Bible is 210 days.

The order of the Old Testament passages and the New Testament passages were randomized separately and then paired so there is a random reading from both each day. A theme and three points are suggested, with a verse from each Testament for support.

There is a by-passage index at the end.

Here is a helpful tool for creating reading plans of any length and any selected books.

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“The voice of my beloved!
Behold, he comes,
leaping over the mountains,
bounding over the hills.”
(Song of Songs 2:8)

28-Oct-23	2 Pet 3:3-18; 1 Jn 1:1-2:6	1 Chr 26:20-29:30
29-Oct-23	Rom 11:34-14:3	Ps 1-14
30-Oct-23	Lk 16:9-17:13	Isa 28:7-32:8
31-Oct-23	Lk 6:21-7:6	Lev 16:29-20:16
1-Nov-23	1 Co 12-13	2 Sam 1-3
2-Nov-23	Acts 9:3-39	Neh 4:10-8:8
3-Nov-23	Matt 15:25-16:23	Ezr 6:13-10:5
4-Nov-23	Acts 2:14-3:4	Est 7:7-10:3; Job 1:1-2:10
5-Nov-23	Rev 21:15-22:21	1 Sam 20:24-24:7
6-Nov-23	Tit 3:7-15; Phlm; Heb 1:1-6	1 Ki 12:21-15:15
7-Nov-23	Rev 14:3-16:1	Jer 12:7-16:21
8-Nov-23	Acts 1:1-2:13	Deut 6:10-9:29
9-Nov-23	Lk 2:10-48	1 Ki 5:7-7:51
10-Nov-23	Lk 23:24-24:10	Ezek 42:13-45:20
11-Nov-23	Mk 12:15-13:6	Exod 1:1-5:9
12-Nov-23	3 Jn 1:5-15; Jude	Jdg 6:1-8:21
13-Nov-23	Matt 2:14-4:8	Jon; Mic 1-4
14-Nov-23	Jn 3:9-4:12	Ps 138-150
15-Nov-23	Rev 16:2-17:10	Neh 8:9-11:21
16-Nov-23	Jn 9:10-10:8	Zech 6:9-12:9
17-Nov-23	2 Co 7:2-8:19	Jdg 11:12-14:20
18-Nov-23	Acts 15:1-39	1 Chr 4:24-7:40
19-Nov-23	Rom 8:11-9:9	Hos 9:7-14:9; Joel 1:1-2:17
20-Nov-23	Matt 13:33-14:14	Ps 71:22-78:49
21-Nov-23	Jn 4:54-5:37	Jer 8:4-12:6
22-Nov-23	Lk 7:40-8:24	Num 16:31-20:9
23-Nov-23	Acts 13:44-14:28	1 Chr 8:1-12:7
24-Nov-23	Rom 1:1-2:7	Exod 34:10-37:16
25-Nov-23	2 Co 10:17-12:4	2 Chr 24:8-28:7
26-Nov-23	Jn 7:1-39	Ezek 13:14-16:52
27-Nov-23	Rev 18:22-20:3	1 Chr 12:8-16:36
28-Nov-23	Acts 9:40-10:37	Isa 62-66
29-Nov-23	Jn 5:38-6:30	Gen 16:7-19:38
30-Nov-23	Acts 13:8-43	Jer 1:1-4:26
1-Dec-23	Acts 22:24-23:22	Jos 15:13-19:39
2-Dec-23	Jn 19:35-20:26	Jos 5:8-8:23
3-Dec-23	Rom 2:8-3:24	2 Ki 25:8-30; 1 Chr 1:1-4:23
4-Dec-23	Lk 5:23-6:20	Gen 5:6-10:20
5-Dec-23	Lk 11:9-44	Neh 11:22-13:31; Est 1:1-2:4
6-Dec-23	Matt 7:21-8:31	Jdg 15:1-18:20
7-Dec-23	Rev 20:4-21:14	2 Sam 15:13-18:15
8-Dec-23	Eph 1:17-3:10	Num 30:12-33:31
9-Dec-23	1 Pet 2:20-4:6	Jos 11:6-15:12
10-Dec-23	Jas 2:14-4:8	Gen 43:22-47:6

11-Dec-23	Rev 7:2-9:1	Num 4:42-7:47
12-Dec-23	1 Co 14	Deut 13:6-17:7
13-Dec-23	Matt 14:15-15:24	2 Chr 20:13-24:7
14-Dec-23	Lk 10:16-11:8	2 Chr 9:22-15:7
15-Dec-23	2 Tim 2:16-4:16	1 Sam 17:38-20:23
16-Dec-23	Matt 8:32-9:38	2 Ki 22:3-25:7
17-Dec-23	Heb 10:19-11:16	Hos 1:8-9:6
18-Dec-23	Mk 9:37-10:28	1 Ki 18:17-20:34
19-Dec-23	Jn 8:29-9:9	Deut 10:1-13:5
20-Dec-23	Gal 4:3-5:15	Deut 25:11-28:44
21-Dec-23	Matt 27:3-44	Dan 9:24-12:13; Hos 1:1-7
22-Dec-23	Lk 3:33-4:32	Job 37-42
23-Dec-23	Rev 11:1-12:10	Num 33:32-36:13; Deut 1:1-8
24-Dec-23	Gal 1:1-2:14	1 Ki 2:13-5:6
25-Dec-23	Acts 24:27-26:3	Gen 27:5-30:18
26-Dec-23	Acts 26:4-27:4	Jer 4:27-8:3
27-Dec-23	1 Pet 1:7-2:19	Ezek 30:1-33:9
28-Dec-23	2 Co 2:16-4:18	Gen 1:1-5:5
29-Dec-23	Lk 14:5-15:6	Hab 2:2-3:19; Zeph; Hag 1:1-11
30-Dec-23	1 Jn 5:3-21; 2 Jn; 3 Jn 1:1-4	Jdg 18:21-20:48
31-Dec-23	Acts 16:35-17:27	Ezr 10:6-44; Neh 1:1-4:9
1-Jan-24	Jn 15:24-16:30	Isa 32:9-37:20
2-Jan-24	Rom 14:4-15:17	Isa 22:12-28:6
3-Jan-24	Jn 19:1-34	Prov 19:11-24:22
4-Jan-24	Lk 20:11-21:6	Exod 5:10-9:7
5-Jan-24	Rev 2:11-3:9	Isa 45:14-50:9
6-Jan-24	1 Pet 4:7-5:14; 2 Pet 1:1-12	Num 14:11-16:30
7-Jan-24	Jn 12:33-13:19	Ps 41:1-51:12
8-Jan-24	Matt 1:1-2:13	Ps 119:153-137:9
9-Jan-24	Lk 8:25-9:2	Prov 30:15-31:31; Eccl 1-4
10-Jan-24	Matt 11:1-12:6	Num 10:21-14:10
11-Jan-24	Jn 11:9-50	2 Sam 24; 1 Ki 1:1-2:12
12-Jan-24	Rom 9:10-10:16	2 Chr 28:8-31:4
13-Jan-24	Acts 27:5-42	2 Chr 31:5-34:13
14-Jan-24	Matt 19:7-20:16	Zech 12:10-14:21; Mal
15-Jan-24	Lk 17:14-18:19	Ezek 16:53-20:17
16-Jan-24	Col 3-4	Amos 5:10-9:15; Obad
17-Jan-24	Rev 12:11-14:2	2 Sam 8:9-12:23
18-Jan-24	2 Tim 4:17-22; Tit 1:1-3:6	1 Chr 16:37-21:20
19-Jan-24	Jn 16:31-18:6	Ps 34:4-40:17
20-Jan-24	Rom 7:1-8:10	Ezek 4:9-9:2
21-Jan-24	Rom 10:17-11:33	2 Ki 13-15
22-Jan-24	Rev 1:1-2:10	Num 26:63-30:11
23-Jan-24	Lk 22:51-23:23	Isa 10:5-14:32

24-Jan-24	Acts 4:15-5:13	Ezek 20:18-22:31
25-Jan-24	Matt 25:45-26:39	Ps 78:50-89:4
26-Jan-24	Lk 4:33-5:22	Jdg 8:22-11:11
27-Jan-24	Jn 1:1-46	2 Chr 15:8-20:12
28-Jan-24	Matt 12:7-45	Num 2:10-4:41
29-Jan-24	Matt 6:16-7:20	Jer 32:9-35:9
30-Jan-24	Jn 10:9-11:8	Prov 1:1-7:9
31-Jan-24	Lk 15:7-16:8	1 Sam 3:19-8:9
1-Feb-24	Jn 1:47-3:8	Est 2:5-7:6
2-Feb-24	Heb 1:7-3:11	Jos 8:24-11:5
3-Feb-24	Lk 19:19-20:10	2 Ki 1:1-4:17
4-Feb-24	1 Thess 1:1-3:5	Isa 37:21-41:20
5-Feb-24	Acts 17:28-18:28	1 Sam 24:8-27:4
6-Feb-24	Acts 21:29-22:23	Deut 17:8-21:17
7-Feb-24	Rev 5:6-7:1	Exod 30:17-34:9
8-Feb-24	Matt 5:25-6:15	Jer 21:11-25:14
9-Feb-24	Jn 13:20-14:19	2 Chr 34:14-36:23; Ezr 1:1-2:35
10-Feb-24	Lk 9:3-38	Jdg 2:11-5:31
11-Feb-24	Mk 10:29-11:10	Exod 24-27
12-Feb-24	Mk 8:36-9:36	Lam 1:1-4:12
13-Feb-24	Jas 4:9-5:20; 1 Pet 1:1-6	Exod 20:8-23:33
14-Feb-24	1 Tim 6:15-21; 2 Tim 1:1-2:15	Jer 29:10-32:8
15-Feb-24	Jn 18:7-40	Dan 6:19-9:23
16-Feb-24	1 Tim 5:1-6:14	Lev 20:17-23:36
17-Feb-24	Eph 5:3-6:17	Jer 50:44-52:34
18-Feb-24	1 Co 15:44-16:24; 2 Co 1:1-4	1 Sam 12:6-14:46
19-Feb-24	Lk 2:49-3:32	Ezr 2:36-6:12
20-Feb-24	Matt 26:40-27:2	Num 23:11-26:62
21-Feb-24	Matt 24:15-25:6	1 Ki 15:16-18:16
22-Feb-24	Eph 6:18-24; Phil 1:1-2:2	Isa 50:10-56:8
23-Feb-24	Acts 15:40-16:34	Ps 64:1-71:21
24-Feb-24	Mk 7:35-8:35	Gen 33:1-37:4
25-Feb-24	Lk 1:1-40	1 Ki 8:1-9:24
26-Feb-24	Mk 1	2 Sam 18:16-20:19
27-Feb-24	Heb 7:20-9:10	Ezek 23:1-26:6
28-Feb-24	2 Pet 1:13-3:2	Jer 35:10-38:28
29-Feb-24	Acts 5:14-6:6	Gen 24:15-27:4
1-Mar-24	Matt 16:24-18:6	Lev 23:37-26:22
2-Mar-24	1 Thess 5:15-28; 2 Thess 1-2	Num 7:48-10:20
3-Mar-24	1 Co 10:27-11:34	Ps 24:1-34:3
4-Mar-24	1 Co 15:1-43	Ps 106:24-115:18
5-Mar-24	Lk 21:7-22:10	Lev 14:24-16:28
6-Mar-24	Phil 2:3-3:13	Gen 37:5-40:23
7-Mar-24	1 Co 9:15-10:26	Isa 41:21-45:13

8-Mar-24	Mk 14:7-44	Ezek 45:21-48:35
9-Mar-24	Acts 23:23-24:26	Gen 41:1-43:21
10-Mar-24	Jn 20:27-21:25	Ps 116:1-119:152
11-Mar-24	Jn 14:20-15:23	2 Sam 12:24-15:12
12-Mar-24	Mk 11:11-12:14	Exod 37:17-40:38
13-Mar-24	Jn 7:40-8:28	Lev 26:23-27:34; Num 1:1-2:9
14-Mar-24	Acts 12:1-13:7	Deut 21:18-25:10
15-Mar-24	Matt 23:13-24:14	Deut 3:23-6:9
16-Mar-24	Mk 4:19-5:15	2 Sam 20:20-23:39
17-Mar-24	Acts 3:5-4:14	Isa 5:11-10:4
18-Mar-24	1 Jn 2:7-3:10	Exod 9:8-12:28
19-Mar-24	Rom 3:25-5:7	Prov 13:18-19:10
20-Mar-24	2 Co 1:5-2:15	Exod 16:4-20:7
21-Mar-24	Matt 10	Prov 24:23-30:14
22-Mar-24	Heb 3:12-5:14	2 Ki 4:18-6:33
23-Mar-24	Acts 27:43-28:31	Job 31:9-36:33
24-Mar-24	Acts 19:1-36	Mic 5-7; Nah; Hab 1:1-2:1
25-Mar-24	Lk 22:11-50	Ps 15-23
26-Mar-24	Matt 20:17-21:19	1 Sam 27:5-31:13
27-Mar-24	Mk 6:11-48	Job 2:11-9:24
28-Mar-24	Jn 4:13-53	Dan 1-3
29-Mar-24	Gal 5:16-6:18; Eph 1:1-16	Gen 10:21-16:6
30-Mar-24	Mk 3:9-4:18	Gen 20:1-24:14
31-Mar-24	Heb 9:11-10:18	2 Ki 9:30-12:21
1-Apr-24	1 Tim 2:3-4:16	Isa 56:9-61:11
2-Apr-24	1 Co 4:12-6:15	Jer 48:28-50:43
3-Apr-24	Heb 6:1-7:19	Jdg 21; Ruth 1:1-4:6
4-Apr-24	Acts 7:29-8:3	2 Ki 16:1-18:27
5-Apr-24	Rev 3:10-5:5	Lev 1:1-5:6
6-Apr-24	Lk 12:28-13:4	Job 23:8-31:8
7-Apr-24	1 Co 6:16-7:31	Jos 1:1-5:7
8-Apr-24	Eph 3:11-5:2	Cant 7:11-8:14; Isa 1:1-5:10
9-Apr-24	Mk 13:7-14:6	Jer 44:1-48:27
10-Apr-24	2 Thess 3; 1 Tim 1:1-2:2	Deut 1:9-3:22
11-Apr-24	Acts 8:4-9:2	Gen 30:19-32:32
12-Apr-24	Mk 15:16-16:8	Ezek 9:3-13:13
13-Apr-24	Jn 11:51-12:32	Jos 19:40-22:34
14-Apr-24	Rom 5:8-6:23	2 Sam 4:1-8:8
15-Apr-24	Jn 6:31-71	Jer 39-43
16-Apr-24	1 Thess 3:6-5:14	1 Ki 9:25-12:20
17-Apr-24	Acts 20:33-21:28	Ps 51:13-63:11
18-Apr-24	1 Co 1:1-2:11	Num 20:10-23:10
19-Apr-24	Matt 25:7-44	Ezek 26:7-29:21
20-Apr-24	2 Co 12:5-13:14	2 Ki 7:1-9:29

21-Apr-24	2 Co 8:20-10:16	1 Sam 8:10-12:5
22-Apr-24	Matt 21:20-22:8	1 Ki 20:35-22:53
23-Apr-24	Phil 3:14-4:23; Col 1:1-12	Job 16:18-23:7
24-Apr-24	Mk 6:49-7:34	Exod 12:29-16:3
25-Apr-24	Matt 12:46-13:32	Hag 1:12-2:23; Zech 1:1-6:8
26-Apr-24	Col 1:13-2:23	Ps 99:1-106:23
27-Apr-24	Lk 11:45-12:27	Lev 11:46-14:23
28-Apr-24	1 Co 2:12-4:11	Job 9:25-16:17
29-Apr-24	Lk 9:39-10:15	Lam 4:13-5:22; Ezek 1:1-4:8
30-Apr-24	Matt 18:7-19:6	1 Chr 21:21-26:19
1-May-24	Matt 4:9-5:24	Deut 31:16-34:12
2-May-24	Rev 9:2-10:11	Ps 89:5-98:9
3-May-24	Heb 12:16-13:25	2 Chr 6:12-9:21
4-May-24	Acts 10:38-11:30	Exod 28:1-30:16
5-May-24	1 Jn 3:11-5:2	Dan 4:1-6:18
6-May-24	Mk 2:1-3:8	2 Ki 18:28-22:2
7-May-24	Rev 17:11-18:21	Gen 47:7-50:26
8-May-24	Acts 6:7-7:28	Joel 2:18-3:21; Amos 1:1-5:9
9-May-24	Mk 5:16-6:10	Ezek 33:10-36:21
10-May-24	Rom 15:18-16:27	Prov 7:10-13:17
11-May-24	Jas 1:1-2:13	Isa 15:1-22:11
12-May-24	Matt 27:45-28:20	Ruth 4:7-22; 1 Sam 1:1-3:18
13-May-24	Matt 22:9-23:12	Jer 25:15-29:9
14-May-24	Lk 7:7-39	Ezek 36:22-39:20
15-May-24	Mk 14:45-15:15	Lev 8:22-11:45
16-May-24	Lk 18:20-19:18	Lev 5:7-8:21
17-May-24	Acts 19:37-20:32	Eccl 11-12; Cant 1:1-7:10
18-May-24	Lk 24:11-53	2 Chr 1:1-6:11
19-May-24	Heb 11:17-12:15	1 Sam 14:47-17:37
20-May-24	1 Co 7:32-9:14	Jos 23-24; Jdg 1:1-2:10
21-May-24	Lk 1:41-2:9	Jer 17:1-21:10
22-May-24	Lk 13:5-14:4	Ezek 39:21-42:12
23-May-24	2 Co 5:1-7:1	Eccl 5-10
24-May-24	Gal 2:15-4:2	Deut 28:45-31:15

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1 Chronicles 26:20-29:30

2 Peter 3:3 – 1 John 2:6

All Things in Moderation?

1. God's Excessive Sovereignty

“Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.”

1 Chronicles 29:12

“For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God.”

1 Peter 3:5

2. God's Excessive Mercy

“David did not count those below twenty years of age, for the LORD had promised to make Israel as many as the stars of heaven.”

1 Chronicles 27:33

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

1 Peter 3:9

3. Our Excessive Gratitude

“And they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness.”

1 Chronicles 29:22

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

1 John 2:2

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Psalm 1-14

Romans 11:34-14:3

When He's in Charge, We're at Peace

1. God Oversees Authority

“be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry”

Psalm 2:10-12

“there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”

Romans 13:1

2. God Oversees Others

“Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Selah. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD”

Psalm 4:4-5

“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments”

Romans 13:8-9

3. Allow God to Oversee My Heart

“But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.”

Psalm 13:5

“For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand.”

Romans 13:11-12

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Isaiah 28:7-32:8
Luke 16:9-17:13

Seeking Justification

1. Justification by Knowledge

“And the word of the LORD will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little, that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”

Isaiah 28:13

“You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts.”

Luke 16:15

2. Justification by Ignorance

“For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD”

Isaiah 30:9

“If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”

Luke 16:31

3. Justification by Jesus

“He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.”

Isaiah 30:19

“he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.””

Luke 17:12-13

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Leviticus 16:29-20:16
Luke 6:21-7:6

One God

1. One Lord

“You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.”
Leviticus 19:2

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.”

Luke 6:46-48

2. One Sacrifice

“He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.”

Leviticus 16:33

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.”

Luke 6:21

3. One Evidence

“you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”
Leviticus 19:18

“And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”
Luke 6:31.

November 1, 2023

2 Samuel 1-3

1 Corinthians 12-13

Connected in Christ

1. Our Broader Connection

“And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son.”

Samuel 1:17

“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”

1 Corinthians 12:26

2. Our Closer Connection

“I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women.”

2 Samuel 1:17, 26

Love “does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.”

1 Corinthians 13:5-6

3. Our One Connection

“And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.”

2 Samuel 2:4

“there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1 Corinthians 12:5-6

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Nehemiah 4:10-8:8
Acts 9:3-39

The Blueprint

1. Building Under Threat

“In Judah it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.””
Nehemiah 4:10

“And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”
Acts 9:14

2. Help Sent

“Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”
Nehemiah 4:14

“But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.”...But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.”
Acts 9:13, 22

3. A Wall Protects, A Wall Delivers

“So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.”
Nehemiah 6:15-16

“When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.”
Acts 9:23-25

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Ezra 6:13-10:5

Matthew 15:25-16:23

He Saw, He Saved

1. God Loves the Abandoned

“Yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery, but has extended to us his steadfast love.”

Ezra 9:9

“She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.”

Matthew 15:27-28

2. God Redeems Us

“So they slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves.”

Ezra 6:20

“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Matthew 16:21

3. God Gives Us Guidance

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”

Ezra 7:10

“Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matthew 16:12

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Esther 7:7-Job 2:10
Acts 2:14-3:4

One Thing is Necessary

1. Not Ours

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”
Job 1:21

“And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.”
Acts 2:45

2. His Victory

“on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.”
Esther 9:1

“God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”
Acts 2:24

3. His Mercy

“I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh”
Acts 2:17

“The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. And in every province and in every city, wherever the king’s command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday.”
Esther 8:16-17

November 5, 2023
1 Samuel 20:24-24:7
Revelation 21:15-22:21

A Change of Accommodations

1. Morning Star

“And Jonathan, Saul’s son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said to him, “Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you.””

1 Samuel 23:16-17

“I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”
Revelation 22:16

2. Abode of Ignominy, Abode of Glory

“And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.”

1 Samuel 24:3

“The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel...And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.”

Revelation 21:18-19, 23

3. From Scarcity to Abundance

“So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.”

1 Samuel 21:6

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

Revelation 22:1-2

November 6, 2023

1 Kings 12:21-15:15

Titus 3:7-Philemon-Hebrews 1:6

The Reason for Unity

1. Division

“Thus says the LORD, You shall not go up or fight against your relatives the people of Israel. Every man return to his home, for this thing is from me.”

1 Kings 12:24

“As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”
Titus 3:10-11

2. Consequences Softened

“And when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, “Seize him.” And his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself...Entreat now the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.” And the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored to him and became as it was before.”

1 Kings 13:4, 6

“I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.)...If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.”

Philemon 1:10-11, 18

3. His Mercy

“Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was wholly true to the LORD all his days.”

1 Kings 15:14

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”

Hebrews 1:3

November 7, 2023

Jeremiah 12:7-16:21

Revelation 14:3-16:1

Wrath of Nations

1. The Hardened

“But if any nation will not listen, then I will utterly pluck it up and destroy it, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 12:17

“So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.”

Revelation 14:19

2. The Humbled

“And after I have plucked them up, I will again have compassion on them, and I will bring them again each to his heritage and each to his land.”

Jeremiah 12:15

“It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb”

Revelation 14:4

3. The Head

“Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD.”

Jeremiah 16:21

“Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Revelation 15:4

November 8, 2023
Deuteronomy 6:10-9:29
Acts 1:1-2:13

Mercy to the World

1. From the Few

“It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers”
Deuteronomy 7:7-8

“And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers...(the company of persons was in all about 120)”
Acts 1:13-14, 15

2. To the Many

“When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you”
Deuteronomy 7:1

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

3. Him, Not Us

“Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God.”
Deuteronomy 9:3

“And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit”
Acts 2:3-4

November 9, 2023

1 Kings 5:7-7:51

Luke 2:10-48

The Temple

1. His Dwelling

““And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel.”
So Solomon built the house and finished it.”

1 Kings 6:13-14

“Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ...After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.”

Luke 2:41-46

2. His Wisdom

“Blessed be the LORD this day, who has given to David a wise son to be over this great people.”
1 Kings 5:7

“And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.”

Luke 2:47

3. His Affect

“And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre...And he was full of wisdom, understanding, and skill for making any work in bronze. He came to King Solomon and did all his work.”

1 Kings 7:13-14

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon...he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation”... And there was a prophetess, Anna...And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”

Luke 2:25-30, 36-38

November 10, 2023
Ezekiel 42:13-45:20
Luke 23:24-24:10

One Sacrifice

1. His Preparation

“When the priests enter the Holy Place, they shall not go out of it into the outer court without laying there the garments in which they minister, for these are holy...And they shall put on other garments, lest they transmit holiness to the people with their garments.”
Ezekiel 42:14, 44:19

“And they cast lots to divide his garments.”
Luke 23:34

2. His Execution

“The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the temple, the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and the posts of the gate of the inner court.”
Ezekiel 45:19

“And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him”
Luke 23:33

3. Resurrection

“They shall not defile themselves by going near to a dead person.”
Ezekiel 44:25

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”
Luke 24:5-6

November 11, 2023
Exodus 1:1-5:9
Mark 12:15-13:6

The One and Living God

1. One

“God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’””
Exodus 3:14

“The most important is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”
Mark 12:29

2. Living

“And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed...And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.””
Exodus 3:2, 6

“And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the 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 God of the dead, but of the living.”
Mark 12:26-27

3. A Choice

“But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live...And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.”
Exodus 1:17, 21

“Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.””
Mark 12:17

November 12, 2023
Judges 6:1-8:21
3 John 1:5-Jude

Necessary Distinction

1. Within

“And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them.”

Judges 6:2-3

“For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Jude 1:4

2. Confront

“Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, “A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!” Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled.”

Judges 7:20-21

“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Jude 1:14-15

3. Peace

“Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace.”

Judges 6:24

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”

Jude 1:20-21

November 13, 2023
Jonah-Micah 4
Matthew 2:14-4:8

God Has Not Forgotten Us

1. Our Fate

“But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD; they do not understand his plan, that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor.”
Micah 4:12

“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 fire.”
Matthew 3:12

2. Our Alternative

“Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth”
Jonah 3:4-5

“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”...and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.”
Matthew 3:1-2, 5-6

3. Our Hope

“and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.”
Micah 4:7

“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.”
Matthew 3:11

November 14, 2023
Psalms 138-150
John 3:9-4:12

Unknown Unknowns

1. God Knows

“You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.”
Psalms 139:2-4

“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”
John 4:10

2. We Don’t Know

“Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?””
John 3:9

“Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”
Psalms 139:16

3. Known, Yet Loved

“The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.”
Psalms 145:8-9

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
John 3:16-17

November 15, 2023
Nehemiah 8:9-11:21
Revelation 16:2-17:10

Just Judgment

“And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!””
Revelation 16:7

1. A Reckoning

“Even in their own kingdom, and amid your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and rich land that you set before them, they did not serve you or turn from their wicked works.”
Nehemiah 9:35

“So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image...They did not repent and give him glory...They did not repent of their deeds.”
Revelation 16:2, 9, 11

2. A Choice

“But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.”
Nehemiah 9:17

“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”
Revelation 16:15

3. A Consequence

“Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests.”
Nehemiah 9:38

“And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast.”
Revelation 17:8

November 16, 2023
Zechariah 6:9-12:9
John 9:10-10:8

Jesus v Religion

1. Our Need

“Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”

Zechariah 7:9-10

“The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”

John 9:11

2. Our Religion

“They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets.”

Zechariah 7:12

“Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

John 9:41

3. Our Savior

“And say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD.”’”

Zechariah 6:12

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

John 10:10

November 17, 2023
Judges 11:12-14:20
2 Corinthians 7:2-8:19

Living Imperfectly

1. Our Effort

“I therefore have not sinned against you, and you do me wrong by making war on me.”
Judges 11:27

“We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have taken advantage of no one.”
2 Corinthians 7:2

2. His Sacrifice

“So she said to her father, “Let this thing be done for me: leave me alone two months, that I may go up and down on the mountains and weep for my virginity, I and my companions.””
Judges 11:37

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”
2 Corinthians 8:9

3. Mercy

“And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.” But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.””
Judges 13:22-23

“For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.”
2 Corinthians 8:12

November 18, 2023

1 Chronicles 4:24-7:40

Acts 15:1-39

In Spite of Us

1. We Contend With Each Other

“though Judah became strong among his brothers and a chief came from him, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph”

1 Chronicles 5:2

“But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved”... But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.””

Acts 15:1, 5

2. He Redeems

“But Aaron and his sons made offerings on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense for all the work of the Most Holy Place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.”

1 Chronicles 6:49

“God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ...But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.””

Acts 15:8, 11

3. He Works Through Us

“They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting until Solomon built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they performed their service according to their order.”

1 Chronicles 6:32

“So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.”

Acts 15:3

November 19, 2023
Hosea 9:7-Joel 2:17
Romans 8:11-9:9

God Chose Us

1. Chose a People

“Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers.”
Hosea 9:10

“They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.”

Romans 9:4-5

2. Chose a Savior

“but Judah still walks with God and is faithful to the Holy One.”
Hosea 11:12

“But I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no savior.”

Hosea 13:4

3. Chose a World

““Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.”

Joel 2:12-13

“you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:15-17

November 20, 2023
Psalms 71:22-78:49
Matthew 13:33-14:14

Judgment

1. Judging to Save

“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace.”
Matthew 13:41-42

“At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.”...“God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth.”
Psalms 75:2, 76:9

2. Judging Delayed, Mercifully

“When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart...Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.”
Psalms 73:21-26

“He sent and had John beheaded in the prison...Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself.”
Matthew 14:10. 13

3. A Righteous Reward

“Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity”
Psalms 78:38

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”
Matthew 13:43

November 21, 2023
Jeremiah 8:4-12:6
John 4:54-5:37

Bad Shepherds

1. Don't Help The Needy

"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"
Jeremiah 8:22

"Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked."
John 5:8-9

2. Don't Speak the Truth

"They bend their tongue like a bow; falsehood and not truth has grown strong in the land"
Jeremiah 9:3

"So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.""
John 5:10

3. Want to Eliminate the Truth

"For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; they are in full cry after you"
Jeremiah 12:6

"This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God."
John 5:18

November 22, 2023
Numbers 16:31-20:9
Luke 7:40-8:24

The Congregation

3. Our Need

“And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink”
Numbers 20:5

“And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.”
Luke 8:13

2. His Glory

“they turned toward the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.”
Numbers 16:42

“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.”
Luke 8:16

3. His Salvation

“So Aaron took it as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had already begun among the people. And he put on the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped.”
Numbers 16:47-48

“And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.”
Luke 8:24

November 23, 2023

1 Chronicles 8:1-12:7

Acts 13:44-14:28

Worth Fighting For

1. Good News: Access to God

“And they lodged around the house of God, for on them lay the duty of watching, and they had charge of opening it every morning.”

1 Chronicles 9:27

“we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.”

Acts 14:15

2. Soldiers

“So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.”

1 Chronicles 11:3

“And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.”

Acts 14:23

3. Opposition

“Now the Philistines fought against Israel”

1 Chronicles 10:1

“But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers”

Acts 14:2

November 24
Exodus 34:10-37:16
Romans 1:1-2:7

His Longsuffering

1. The Sin

“You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God)... You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal.”

Exodus 34:13-14, 17

“Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

Romans 1:22-23

2. The Promise

“Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.”

Exodus 34:10

“the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ”

Romans 1:1-6

3. The Patience

“every craftsman in whom the LORD has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded...And he made two cherubim of gold. He made them of hammered work on the two ends of the mercy seat”

Exodus 36:1, 37:7

“Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”

Romans 2:4

November 25, 2023

2 Chronicles 24:8-28:7

2 Corinthians 10:17-12:4

Practicality of Church Work

1. Funding

“And proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring in for the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God laid on Israel in the wilderness.”

2 Chronicles 24:9

“I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you.”

2 Corinthians 11:8

2. Resistance

“But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him with stones in the court of the house of the LORD.”

2 Chronicles 24:21

“Once I was stoned...At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me”

2 Corinthians 11:25, 32

3. Prophets/Evangelists/Messengers

“Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the LORD. These testified against them, but they would not pay attention.”

2 Chronicles 24:19

“I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

November 26, 2023
Ezekiel 13:14-16:52
John 7:1-39

Leaders May Fail

1. Reject Instruction

“Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces.”
Ezekiel 14:3

“Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law.”
John 7:19

2. Aggrandize Self

“you built yourself a vaulted chamber and made yourself a lofty place in every square.”
Ezekiel 16:24

“The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory”
John 7:18

3. Separation

“And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own hearts. Prophesy against them”
Ezekiel 13:17

“You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.”
John 7:34

November 27, 2023
1 Chronicles 12:8-16:36
Revelation 18:22-20:3

His Battle

1. Lost Joy

David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

1 Chronicles 15:16

“and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more”

Revelation 18:22

2. His Victory

“And he went up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them down there. And David said, God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like a bursting flood.”

1 Chronicles 14:11

“And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence”

Revelation 19:20

3. Our Protection

“David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, as also were all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the music of the singers. And David wore a linen ephod.”

1 Chronicles 15:27

“He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.”

Revelation 19:13-14

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Isaiah 62-66
Acts 9:40-10:37

For The World

1. Those Who Seek

“You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.”
Isaiah 64:5

“At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.”

Acts 10:1-4

2. For the Unexpecting

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by my name.
Isaiah 65:1

What God has made clean, do not call common...Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
Acts 10:15, 34-35

3. Redemption

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.
Isaiah 63:9

“Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.”
Acts 9:40

November 29, 2023
Genesis 16:7-19:38
John 5:38-6:30

Covenant

1. Sealed

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”
Genesis 17:7

“Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”
John 6:27

2. Contested

“But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.””
Genesis 19:9

“Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.”
John 5:45

3. Delivered

“So she [Hagar] called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.””
Genesis 16:13

“Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.”
John 6:11-12

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Jeremiah 1:1-4:26
Acts 13:8-43

Messaging

1. Messenger

“But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them.”
Jeremiah 1:17

“Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia...from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.”

Acts 13:13-14

2. Message

“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”
Jeremiah 3:15

“As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath.”
Acts 13:42

3. Mercy

“Return, faithless Israel, declares the LORD. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the LORD; I will not be angry forever. Only acknowledge your guilt”
Jeremiah 3:12-13

“through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.”
Acts 13:38-39

December 1, 2023
Joshua 15:13-19:39
Acts 22:24-23:22

God Works

1. Through Clarity

“This is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Judah according to their clans.”
Joshua 15:20

“the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome.””
Acts 23:11

2. Through Circumstance

“and Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD. And there Joshua apportioned the land to the people of Israel, to each his portion.”
Joshua 18:10

“When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen.””
Acts 22:26

3. Through Justice

And he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. When she came to him, she urged him to ask her father for a field...She said to him, “Give me a blessing. Since you have given me the land of the Negeb, give me also springs of water.” And he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs...Now Zelophehad...had no sons, but only daughters...They approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the leaders and said, “The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance along with our brothers.” So according to the mouth of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

Joshua 15:17-19, 17:3-4

Now the son of Paul’s sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him.” Then he called two of the centurions and said, “Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night.

Acts 23:16-17, 23

December 2, 2023
Joshua 5:8-8:23
John 19:35-20:26

Openings

1. A Door Opens

“And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.”
And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.”
Joshua 5:9

“Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.”
John 20:1 (NLT)

2. Our Eyes are Opened

“When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.”
Joshua 5:13-15

“Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).”
John 20:17

3. Jesus Breaks Down Our Barriers

“Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in.”
Joshua 6:1

“On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.””
John 20:19

December 3, 2023
2 Kings 25:8 - 1 Chronicles 4:23
Romans 2:8-3:24

Captain of the Ship

1. Ship in Distress

“Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. And he burned the house of the LORD and the king’s house and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down.”

2 Kings 25:8-9

“There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek...You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.””

Romans 2:9, 23-24

2. Lifeboats Aboard

“Adam, Seth, Enosh...The sons of Abraham...These are the sons of Israel...These are the sons of David...the sons of Judah...”

1 Chronicles 1:1, 28, 2:1, 3:1, 4:1

“Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.”

Romans 3:1-2

3. Safe on the Beach

“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers...Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!” And God granted what he asked.”

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

“but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek...a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.”

Romans 2:10, 29

December 4, 2023
Genesis 5:6-10:20
Luke 5:23-6:20

Mended Hearts

1. Hearts of Stone

“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”
Genesis 6:5

“But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” And he rose and stood there. And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?” And after looking around at them all he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.”
Luke 6:8-11

2. A Heart of Mercy

“I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Genesis 8:21-22

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.”
Luke 5:37

3. Heart in Him

“Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him”...”called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.””
Genesis 5:24, 29

“After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.”
Luke 5:27-28

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Nehemiah 11:22 - Esther 2:4

Luke 11:9-44

Illuminating Joy

1. Sharing Light

“Not only against the king has Queen Vashti done wrong, but also against all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. For the queen’s behavior will be made known to all women, causing them to look at their husbands with contempt”

Esther 1:16-17

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light...Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness.”

Luke 11:33-35

2. Source of Light

“And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers”

Nehemiah 13:8-9

“Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools!...you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.”

Luke 11:39-40, 43

3. Joy in Light

“And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.”

Nehemiah 12:43

“As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!”

Luke 11:27

December 6, 2023
Judges 15:1-18:20
Matthew 7:21-8:31

Who is in Charge?

1. No One

“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
Judges 17:6

“And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.”
Matthew 7:28-29

2. Everyone

“Then Micah said, “Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, because I have a Levite as priest.””
Judges 17:13

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”
Matthew 7:21

3. God

“And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines.” Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life.”
Judges 16:30

“And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”
Matthew 7:26-27

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2 Samuel 15:13-18:15

Revelation 20:4-21:14

Jerusalem

1. Sieged

“Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, “Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:14

Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God... They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

Revelation 20:4

2. Protected

“And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.” For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the LORD might bring harm upon Absalom.”

2 Samuel 17:14

“And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire”

Revelation 20:9-10

3. Restored

“I will strike down only the king, and I will bring all the people back to you as a bride comes home to her husband. You seek the life of only one man, and all the people will be at peace.”

2 Samuel 17:2-3

“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

Revelation 21:2

December 8, 2023
Numbers 30:12-33:31
Ephesians 1:17-3:10

War

1. Justice

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Avenge the people of Israel on the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people.””
Numbers 31:1-2

“among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”
Ephesians 2:3

2. Victory

“everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless, it shall also be purified with the water for impurity. And whatever cannot stand the fire, you shall pass through the water.”
Numbers 31:23

“even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ”
Ephesians 2:5, 10, 3:8

3. Inheritance

“Your servants have counted the men of war who are under our command, and there is not a man missing from us...We will not return to our homes until each of the people of Israel has gained his inheritance.”
Numbers 31:49, 32:18

“you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”
Ephesians 2:19-22

December 9, 2023
Joshua 11:6-15:12
1 Peter 2:20-4:6

Judgment

1. We Oppose

“For it was the LORD’S doing to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battle, in order that they should be devoted to destruction and should receive no mercy but be destroyed, just as the LORD commanded Moses.”

Joshua 11:20

“For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.”

1 Peter 4:3

2. Jesus Obeys

“my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God.”

Joshua 14:8

“He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth...For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit”

1 Peter 2:22, 3:18

3. God Reconciles

“And the land had rest from war.”

Joshua 11:23

“By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

1 Peter 2:24-25

December 10, 2023
Genesis 43:22-47:6
James 2:14-4:8

Humility

1. Its Impediment

“Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the way.””
Genesis 45:24

“You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.”
James 4:2

2. Its Path

“Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers.”
Genesis 44:33

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”
James 4:8

3. Its Product

“And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God.”
Genesis 45:7-8

“Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.”
James 3:13

December 11, 2023
Numbers 4:42-7:47
Revelation 7:2-9:1

A Great God

1. A Great Change

“Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead.”
Numbers 5:2

“and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and language... These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:9, 13-14

2. A Great Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Numbers 6:24-27

“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 7:15-17

3. A Great Savior

“Each one shall keep his holy donations: whatever anyone gives to the priest shall be his.”
Numbers 5:10

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
Revelation 7:10

December 12, 2023
Deuteronomy 13:6-17:7
1 Corinthians 14

Others, Too

1. Who

“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.”
Deuteronomy 15:11

“Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?”
1 Corinthians 14:36

2. How

“Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”
Deuteronomy 16:20

“Let all things be done for building up...For God is not a God of confusion but of peace...But all things should be done decently and in order.”
1 Corinthians 14:26, 33, 40

3. Why

“And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the LORD your God, from the flock or the herd, at the place that the LORD will choose, to make his name dwell there.”
Deuteronomy 16:2

“But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.”
1 Corinthians 14:24-25

December 13, 2023
2 Chronicles 20:13-24:7
Matthew 14:15-15:24

Who to Follow

1. The Heavy Burden

And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.
2 Chronicles 21:6

So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”
Matthew 15:6-9

2. The Light Burden

O Judah and Jerusalem, Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed.
2 Chronicles 20:17

Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.
Matthew 14:27

3. The Worthy Lord

Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.
2 Chronicles 20:18

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
Matthew 14:33

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2 Chronicles 9:22-15:7

Luke 10:16-11:8

God's Purpose

1. Abandoned Purpose

“Have you not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests for yourselves like the peoples of other lands?”

2 Chronicles 13:9

“Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.”

Luke 10:31-32

2. Fulfilled Purpose

“Thus King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind.”

2 Chronicles 9:22-23

“Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

Luke 10:23-24

3. Purpose of Purpose

“And those who had set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came after them from all the tribes of Israel to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD, the God of their fathers.”

2 Chronicles 11:16

“Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:42

December 15, 2023

1 Samuel 17:38-20:23

2 Timothy 2:16-4:16

Chances

1. First Chances

“For the battle is the LORD’S, and he will give you into our hand.”

1 Samuel 17:47

“The Lord knows those who are his.”

2 Timothy 2:19

2. Second Chances

“And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the LORD worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?”

1 Samuel 19:4-5

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.”

2 Timothy 2:24-26

3. Rejected Chances

“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.”

2 Timothy 4:3-4

“Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” ...Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul... Then Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, “Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him.””

1 Samuel 18:11, 12, 19:15

December 16, 2023
2 Kings 22:3-25:7
Matthew 8:32-9:38

Notes

1. Not “None”

“He carried away all Jerusalem and all the officials and all the mighty men of valor, 10,000 captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained, except the poorest people of the land.”

2 Kings 24:14

“Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners... When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Matthew 9:13, 36

2. Not Present

“Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and laid siege to it. ... Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night”

2 Kings 25:1, 4

“Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.”

Matthew 9:15

3. Not “Never”

“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.”

2 Kings 23:25

“And the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.””

Matthew 9:33

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Hosea 1:8-9:6

Hebrews 10:19-11:16

Eyes to See

1. He Sees

“And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, You are my people”; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

Hosea 2:23

“But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”

Hebrews 11:16

2. We See

“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

Hosea 6:6

“let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

Hebrews 10:22

3. He Seizes

“And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.”

Hosea 2:19

“Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay”

Hebrews 10:37

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1 Kings 18:17-20:34

Mark 9:37-10:28

Decisions

1. A Wrong Decision

“And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.”
1 Kings 18:40

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”
Mark 9:42

2. A Right Decision

“So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him...Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.”
1 Kings 19:19-21

“Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.””
Mark 10:28

3. Just Make a Decision

“How long will you go limping between two different opinions?”
1 Kings 18:21

“Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again?”
Mark 9:50

December 19, 2023
Deuteronomy 10:1-13:5
John 8:29-9:9

Transitive Property

1. Jesus is God

“I myself stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD listened to me that time also.”
Deuteronomy 10:10

“And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him...Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”
John 8:29, 58

2. We are in Jesus

“Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords”
Deuteronomy 10:16-17

“If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.”
John 8:42

3. We are in God

“He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”
Deuteronomy 10:21

“Whoever is of God hears the words of God.”
John 8:47

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Deuteronomy 25:11-28:44
Galatians 4:3-5:15

The Journey

1. Who Started It

A wandering Aramean was my father...and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.
Deuteronomy 26:5-9

Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.... So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.
Galatians 4:28-31

2. Our Choice

And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today...But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today
Deuteronomy 28:1, 15

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 4:26, 5:1

3. Why We Make It

then you shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion out of my house, and moreover, I have given it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all your commandment that you have commanded me.
Deuteronomy 26:13

but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Galatians 5:13-14

December 21, 2023
Daniel 9:24-12:13; Hos 1:1-7
Matthew 27:3-44

None But One

1. Not Leadership

“the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand
Daniel 12:10

“But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.””
Matthew 27:6

2. Not Laity

“Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.”
Hosea 1:2

“Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.”
Matthew 27:20

3. God Alone

“But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God.”
Hosea 1:7

“He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”
Matthew 27:43

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Job 37-42
Luke 3:33-4:32

Jesus' Authority

1. By Birth

“And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his sons’ sons, four generations.”
Job 42:16

“the son of Adam, the son of God...If you are the Son of God... If you are the Son of God”
Luke 3:38, 4:3, 9

2. By Presence

“God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.”
Job 37:5

“And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth...and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.”
Luke 4:22, 32

3. By Variance

“Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?...Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?”
Job 40:2, 8

“When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town”
Luke 4:28-29

December 23, 2023
Numbers 33:32-Deut 1:8
Revelation 11:1-12:10

Home

1. God Wins It

“For he must remain in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest, but after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession.”
Numbers 35:28

“Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.”

Revelation 12:10

3. God Gives It

“When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan... you shall take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given the land to you to possess it.”
Numbers 33:51-53

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ”
Revelation 11:15

2. God Times It

“You have stayed long enough at this mountain.”
Deuteronomy 1:6

“Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple”
Revelation 11:19

December 24, 2023
1 Kings 2:13-5:6
Galatians 1:1-2:14

Three Judged

1. Adonijah's Subterfuge

“She said, “Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as his wife”...Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, “God do so to me and more also if this word does not cost Adonijah his life!””

1 Kings 2:21-23

“Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery”

Galatians 2:4

2. Joab's Violence

“And when it was told King Solomon, “Joab has fled to the tent of the LORD, and behold, he is beside the altar,” Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, “Go, strike him down”...But for David and for his descendants and for his house and for his throne there shall be peace from the LORD forevermore.””

1 Kings 2:29, 33

“If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:9

3. Shimei's Duplicity

“The king also said to Shimei, “You know in your own heart all the harm that you did to David my father... Then the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and struck him down, and he died. So the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.”

1 Kings 2:44-46

“But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned...”If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?””

Galatians 2:11-14

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Genesis 27:5-30:18
Acts 24:27-26:3

All In The Family

1. Authority

“Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”
Genesis 29:15

“So Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.””
Acts 26:1

2. Deceit

“Your brother came deceitfully, and he has taken away your blessing.”
Genesis 27:35

“And the chief priests...urged him, asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way.”
Acts 25:2-3

3. Desire To Change Consequences

“Bless me, even me also, O my father!”
Genesis 27:34

“the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove.”
Acts 25:7

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Jeremiah 4:27-8:3
Acts 26:4-27:4

The Persistent Push

1. God's People

“I set watchmen over you, saying, ‘Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!’ But they said, We will not pay attention.””
Jeremiah 6:17

“For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.”
Acts 26:20-21

2. Rulers

“I will go to the great and will speak to them, for they know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God.””
Jeremiah 5:5

“King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” ... And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.””
Acts 26:27-28, 32

3. All People

“Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.””
Jeremiah 7:23

“so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me””
Acts 26:18

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Ezekiel 30:1-33:9
1 Peter 1:7-2:19

Our Role

1. Servants

“Whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? You shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the world below.”
Ezekiel 31:18

“as sojourners and exiles...not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.”
1 Peter 2:11, 16

2. Messengers

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me...On that day messengers shall go out from me in ships to terrify the unsuspecting people”
Ezekiel 33:7, 9

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”
1 Peter 2:9

3. Examples

“For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near...I will execute judgments on Egypt. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”
Ezekiel 30:3, 19

“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”
1 Peter 2:12

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Genesis 1:1-5:5

2 Corinthians 2:16-4:18

Restoration

1. Light

“And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.”
Genesis 1:3-4

“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
2 Corinthians 4:6

2. Lie

“the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say?”... But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.””
Genesis 3:1, 4

“We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word”
2 Corinthians 4:2

3. Life

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”
Genesis 3:15

“knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.”
2 Corinthians 4:14

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Habakkuk 2:2 – Zephaniah - Haggai 1:11

Luke 14:5-15:6

God's Generosity

1. We Can Block It

“This is the exultant city that lived securely, that said in her heart, “I am, and there is no one else.” What a desolation she has become... You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house.”

Zephaniah 2:15, Haggai 1:9

““Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things... “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.””

Luke 14:5-6, 11

2. We Can Model It

“At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes”

Zephaniah 3:20

“But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Luke 14:13-14

3. We Must Seek Him

“the righteous shall live by his faith...Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.”

Habakkuk 2:4, Zephaniah 2:3

“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:27

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Judges 18:21-20:48
1 John 5:3 - 2 John - 3 John 1:4

Consequences

1. Of Idols

“Then the people of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his home...So they set up Micah’s carved image that he made, as long as the house of God was at Shiloh.”

Judges 18:26, 31

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

1 John 5:21

2. Of Idolatry

“And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.”

Judges 19:29

“There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that...We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”

1 John 5:16, 19

3. Of Opposition

“And the people of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until the evening. And they inquired of the LORD, “Shall we again draw near to fight against our brothers, the people of Benjamin?” And the LORD said, “Go up against them.””

Judges 20:23

“If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.”

2 John 1:10-11

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Ezra 10:6 - Nehemiah 4:9
Acts 16:35-17:27

“Good Hand of God”

1. Through Authority

“And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.”
Nehemiah 2:8

“So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city.”
Acts 16:39

2. Through Faith

“but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.”
Nehemiah 1:9

““This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.” And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.”
Acts 17:2-4

3. Through Works

“And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for the good work.”
Nehemiah 2:18

“The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue.”
Acts 17:10

January 1, 2024
Isaiah 32:9-37:20
John 15:24-16:30

Glorified

1. Jesus is Glorified

“The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness...
“Now I will arise,” says the LORD, “now I will lift myself up; now I will be exalted.”
Isaiah 33:5, 10

“A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, because I am going to the Father’?”
John 16:17

2. We are Glorified in Him

“For the mouth of the LORD has commanded, and his Spirit has gathered them. He has cast the lot for them; his hand has portioned it out to them with the line; they shall possess it forever; from generation to generation they shall dwell in it.”
Isaiah 34:16-17

“When the Spirit of truth comes...He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”
John 16:13-15

3. Persevere Until That Day

“Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not!”
Isaiah 35:3-4

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away...I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”
John 16:1, 4

January 2, 2024
Isaiah 22:12-28:6
Romans 14:4-15:17

The Victory of Mercy

1. Received Mercy

“For behold, the LORD is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity”
Isaiah 26:21

“Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.”
Romans 14:13

2. Satiated in Mercy

“On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.”
Isaiah 25:6

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
Romans 14:17

3. Eternal Mercy

“He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth”
Isaiah 25:8

“For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”
Romans 14:9

January 3, 2024
Proverbs 19:11-24:22
John 19:1-34

“No, Not One” (Romans 3:10)

1. Civil Authority

“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.”
Proverbs 21:1

“You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above.”
John 19:11

2. Religious Authority

“Lie not in wait as a wicked man against the dwelling of the righteous; do no violence to his home”
Proverbs 24:15

“They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!””
John 19:15

3. The Rest of Us

“Take a man’s garment when he has put up security for a stranger, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for foreigners.”
Proverbs 20:16

“But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.””
John 19:23-24

January 4, 2024
Exodus 5:10-9:7
Luke 20:11-21:6

He Alone...

1. Is Present

“God spoke to Moses and said to him, “I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them.”
Exodus 6:2-3

“But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.”

Luke 20:37-38

2. Is Superior

“Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.””
Exodus 8:19

“And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.”

Luke 20:26

3. Is Our Savior

“I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”
Exodus 6:7

“Beware of the scribes...who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

Luke 20:46-47

January 5, 2024
Isaiah 45:14-50:9
Revelation 2:11-3:9

Our Savior

1. The Sacrifice

“Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands...I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.”
Isaiah 49:16, 50:6

“I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.”

Revelation 2:17

2. The Redemption

“And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me...Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his name—is the Holy One of Israel.”
Isaiah 45:21, 47:4

“The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life.”

Revelation 3:5

3. The Church

“They will plead with you, saying: ‘Surely God is in you, and there is no other, no god besides him.’”

Isaiah 45:14

“Behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you.”

Revelation 3:9

January 6, 2024
Numbers 14:11-16:30
1 Peter 4:7 - 2 Peter 1:12

A Perspective

1. Of God

“But if the LORD creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the LORD.”

Numbers 16:30

“For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?””

1 Peter 4:17-18

2. Of Ourselves

“The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments...So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.””

Numbers 15:37-40

“Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.”

1 Peter 5:8-9

3. Of His Mercy

“The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression...Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.”

Numbers 14:18-19

“To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

2 Peter 1:1-2

January 7, 2024
Psalm 41:1-51:12
John 12:33-13:19

Son of God

1. Approved

“You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.”
Psalms 45:2

““Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.””
John 12:28

2. Betrayed

“Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.”
Psalms 41:9

“But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’”
John 13:18

3. Risen

“But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up.”
Psalms 41:10

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”
John 12:32

January 8, 2024
Psalm 119:153-137:9
Matthew 1:1-2:13

Son of Man

1. A Conception

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.”
Psalms 120:1

“When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 1:18

2. A Name

“Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.”
Psalms 128:3-4

“When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.”
Matthew 1:24-25

3. A Purpose

“And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”
Psalms 130:8

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:21

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Proverbs 30:15-31:31; Ecclesiastes 1-4

Luke 8:25-9:2

Short Memories, We

1. Our Predicament

“man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return.”

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20

“Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.”

Luke 8:33

2. His Position

“Under three things the earth trembles...a slave when he becomes king,”

Proverbs 30:21-22

“And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once.”

Luke 8:53-55

3. Will We Remember?

“I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along with that youth who was to stand in the king’s place. There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him.”

Ecclesiastes 4:15-16

“And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?””

Luke 8:25.

January 10, 2024
Numbers 10:21-14:10
Matthew 11:1-12:6

Struggling to Believe

1. God's Messengers

“And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’S people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”
Numbers 11:27-29

“As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see?...For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.”
Matthew 11:7, 14

2. Our Response

““the LORD is with us; do not fear them.” Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.”
Numbers 14:9-10

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ““We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.””

Matthew 11:16-17

3. God's Mercy

“Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things, and the tabernacle was set up before their arrival...And the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.”

Numbers 10:21, 33

“I tell you, something greater than the temple is here...Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 12:6, 11:28

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2 Samuel 24:1 - 1 Kings 2:12

John 11:9-50

Who to Love

1. Our Love of Self

“Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I will be king”... and he invited all his brothers, the king’s sons, and all the royal officials of Judah, but he did not invite Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the mighty men or Solomon his brother.”

1 Kings 1:5, 9-10

“But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him...If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

John 11:10, 48

2. His Love of Us

“And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, “It is enough; now stay your hand.””

2 Samuel 24:16

“When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.””

John 11:43-44

3. Love Him

“If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.”

1 Kings 2:4

“So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him”...She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.””

John 11:16, 27

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2 Chronicles 28:8-31:4

Romans 9:10-10:16

“Holy Habitation”

1. He Judges, Not Us

“But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded.... “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.””

2 Chronicles 28:9-11

“For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.”

Romans 9:15-16

2. We Witness To His Glory

“Hezekiah began to reign.... “Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from the Holy Place”... Then they went in to Hezekiah the king and said, “We have cleansed all the house of the LORD””

2 Chronicles 29:1-5, 18

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?”

Romans 10:14-15

3. A Place For Us

“Then the whole assembly agreed together to keep the feast for another seven days.... So there was great joy in Jerusalem.... Then the priests and the Levites arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to his holy habitation in heaven.”

2 Chronicles 30:23-27

“But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:8-9

January 13, 2024
2 Chronicles 31:5-34:13
Acts 27:5-42

God's Leaders

1. They Speak

“Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD, and they prepared them. 12 And they faithfully brought in the contributions, the tithes, and the dedicated things.”

2 Chronicles 31:11

“Paul advised them, saying, “Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.””

Acts 27:9-10

2. They Are Attacked

“Is not Hezekiah misleading you, that he may give you over to die by famine and by thirst, when he tells you, “The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria”?”

2 Chronicles 32:11

“But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf.”

Acts 27:11 & 41

3. They Persevere

“Then Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed because of this and cried to heaven....So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib king of Assyria.”

2 Chronicles 32:20 & 22

“For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’”

Acts 27:23-24

January 14, 2024
Zechariah 12:10 - Malachi 4:6
Matt 19:7-20:16

Faithfulness

1. We Are Not

“Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. “For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “covers his garment with violence,” says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless.”

Malachi 2:14-16

“They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.””

Matthew 19:7-9

2. He Is

“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.”

Zechariah 13:1

“When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.””

Matthew 19:25-26

3. We Can Be

“They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

Zechariah 13:9

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

January 15, 2024
Ezekiel 16:53-20:17
Luke 17:14-18:19

The Potter

1. He Is

“Thus says the Lord GOD, Is it to inquire of me that you come? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.”

Ezekiel 20:3

“And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.””

Matthew 18:19

2. We Are Not

“And fire has gone out from the stem of its shoots, has consumed its fruit, so that there remains in it no strong stem, no scepter for ruling.”

Ezekiel 19:14

“Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Matthew 18:8

3. A Great Mercy

“But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.”

Ezekiel 18:21

“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified.”

Matthew 18:13-14

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Amos 5:10 - Obadiah 1:21

Colossians 3:1 - 4:18

The Church

1. Its Members

“Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. 15 Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.”

Amos 5:14-15

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.”

Colossians 3:1, 4:1

2. Its Leaders

“Saviors shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD’S.”

Obadiah 1:21

“Tychicus will tell you all about my activities...and with him Onesimus...Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas...and Jesus who is called Justus...Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus...Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas...And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.” ...I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Colossians 4:7, 18

3. Its God

“I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.”

Amos 9:14

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24

January 17, 2024
2 Samuel 8:9-12:23
Revelation 12:11-14:2

Heart of Darkness

1. Apex

“And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went....So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people.”
2 Samuel 8:14-15

“And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”
Revelation 12:11

2. Nadir

“In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle....It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful....Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.”
2 Samuel 11:1-2, 15

“Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”
Revelation 12:17

3. Hope

“Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”... “David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”
2 Samuel 12:7, 13

“Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.”
Revelation 13:10

January 18, 2024
1 Chronicles 16:37-21:20
2 Timothy 4:17 - Titus 3:6

God's Messengers

1. One

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you.”

1 Chronicles 17:7-8

“But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth.”

2 Timothy 4:17

2. Many

“So David left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister regularly before the ark as each day required, and also Obed-edom and his sixty-eight brothers, while Obed-edom, the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah were to be gatekeepers.”

1 Chronicles 16:37-38

“This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you”

Titus 1:5

3. All

“And you made your people Israel to be your people forever, and you, O LORD, became their God.”

1 Chronicles 17:22

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people”

Titus 2:11

January 19, 2024
Psalm 34:4-40:17
John 16:31-18:6

In Him

1. Temporally

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.”
Psalms 34:18-19

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.”
John 17:15

2. Eternally

“Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.”
Psalms 34:5

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them”
John 17:22

3. Preservedly

“Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, “Aha, Aha!””
Psalms 40:14-15

“So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons....When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.”
John 18:3, 6

January 20, 2024
Ezekiel 4:9-9:2
Romans 7:1-8:10

Our Need

1. “Beyond Measure”

“And because of all your abominations I will do with you what I have never yet done, and the like of which I will never do again.”
Ezekiel 5:9

“It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.”
Romans 7:13

2. Consequences

“I will do this that they may lack bread and water, and look at one another in dismay, and rot away because of their punishment.”
Ezekiel 4:17

“For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.”
Romans 7:5

3. Awareness

“And they will be loathsome in their own sight for the evils that they have committed, for all their abominations.”
Ezekiel 6:9

“So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.”
Romans 7:21

It is a difficult process, but it is a merciful one. God provides just a single path for us, “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7:25).

January 21, 2024

2 Kings 13-15

Romans 10:17-11:33

Grace

1. His Choice

“But the LORD was gracious to them and had compassion on them, and he turned toward them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, nor has he cast them from his presence until now.”

2 Kings 13:23

“But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

Romans 11:28-29

2. Our Choice

“Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. But each one shall die for his own sin.”

2 Kings 14:6

“Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.”

Romans 11:22

3. His Gift

“Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.”

2 Kings 13:20-21

“So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”

Romans 11:5-6

January 22
Numbers 26:63-30:11
Revelation 1:1-2:10

Mindfulness

1. Of a Leader

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Command the people of Israel and say to them, ‘My offering, my food for my food offerings, my pleasing aroma, you shall be careful to offer to me at its appointed time.’”

Numbers 28:1-2

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”

Revelation 1:3

2. Of a Follower

“If a man vows a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word.”

Numbers 30:2

“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”

Revelation 2:4

3. Of Our Savior

“Moses spoke to the LORD, saying, “Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep that have no shepherd.””

Numbers 27:15-17

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.”

Revelation 1:5-7

January 23, 2024
Isaiah 10:5-14:32
Luke 22:51-23:23

Compassion

1. Holy and Righteous

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse...Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.”
Isaiah 11:1, 5

“So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?”...Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”...Pilate said to them, “I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges.””
Luke 22:70, 23:3, 23:14

2. Mercy on Strangers

“but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.”
Isaiah 11:4

“But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.”
Luke 22:51

3. Mercy on Friends

“The LORD has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people find refuge.”
Isaiah 14:32

“And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.”
Luke 22:61

January 24, 2024
Ezekiel 20:18-22:31
Acts 4:15-5:13

Church Fellowship

1. In Tribulation

“I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant”
Ezekiel 20:37

“And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them....And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken”
Acts 4:21, 31

2. In Generosity

“Exalt that which is low, and bring low that which is exalted.”
Ezekiel 21:26

“no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.... There was not a needy person among them”
Acts 4:32, 34

3. In Solemnity

“Behold, I strike my hand at the dishonest gain that you have made, and at the blood that has been in your midst.”
Ezekiel 22:13

“You have not lied to man but to God....And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.
Acts 5:4, 11

January 25, 2024
Psalm 78:50-89:4
Matthew 25:45-26:39

Abandoned

1. By “His Own” (John 1:11)

“So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels....O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.”

Psalm 81:12, 86:14

“Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.”
Matthew 26:3-4

2. By His Friends

“You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them.”
Psalms 88:8

“You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”
Matthew 26:31

3. By His Father

“Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.”
Psalms 88:7

“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”
Matthew 26:39

January 26, 2024
Judges 8:22-11:11
Luke 4:33-5:22

God's Authority

“Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, “Rule over us, you and your son and your grandson also, for you have saved us from the hand of Midian.” Gideon said to them, “I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the LORD will rule over you.””
Judges 8:22-23

1. A Demon Mocks It

“a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon....“I know who you are—the Holy One of God.””
Luke 4:33-34

2. The People Clamor For It

“And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them”
Luke 4:42

3. A Disciple Worships Him For It

“when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.””
Luke 5:8

January 27, 2024
2 Chronicles 15:8-20:12
John 1:1-46

The Savior

1. In Our Darkness

And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.'

2 Chronicles 20:8-9

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:4-5

2. In Our Powerlessness

For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

2 Chronicles 20:12

We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

John 1:45

3. By His Grace

And all Judah rejoiced over the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with their whole desire, and he was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.

2 Chronicles 15:15

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:12-13

January 28, 2024
Numbers 2:10-4:41
Matthew 12:7-45

His Flock

1. Is Organized

“Thus did the people of Israel. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, each one in his clan, according to his fathers’ house.”

Numbers 2:34

“Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.”

Matthew 12:25

2. Is Protected

“But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai....Bring the tribe of Levi near....They shall keep guard over him and over the whole congregation....They shall guard all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and keep guard over the people....you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall guard their priesthood. But if any outsider comes near, he shall be put to death.”

Numbers 3:4-10

“every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.”

Matthew 12:31

3. Is Redeemed

“And as the redemption price for the 273 of the firstborn of the people of Israel, over and above the number of the male Levites, you shall take five shekels per head; you shall take them according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel of twenty gerahs), and give the money to Aaron and his sons as the redemption price for those who are over.”

Numbers 3:46-48

“I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

Matthew 12:18-21

January 29, 2024
Jeremiah 32:9-35:9
Matthew 6:16-7:20

Our Inheritance

1. Imperishable

“Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware vessel, that they may last for a long time....I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them.”

Jeremiah 32:14, 40

“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 6:20

2. Mutual

“make a proclamation of liberty to them, that everyone should set free his Hebrew slaves, male and female, so that no one should enslave a Jew, his brother.”

Jeremiah 34:8-9

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:12

3. Secure

“Nothing is too hard for you....Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known....And this is the name by which it will be called: The LORD is our righteousness.”

Jeremiah 32:17, 33:3, 16

“But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

Matthew 6:30

January 30, 2024
Proverbs 1:1-7:9
John 10:9-11:8

Wisdom

1. Ours Divides

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.... they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,”
Proverbs 1:7, 29

““even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” Again they sought to arrest him”
John 10:38-39

2. His Unifies

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”
John 10:14-16

3. Knowable

“My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.”
Proverbs 7:1-3

“Is it not written in your Law, I said, you are gods’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”
John 10:34-36

January 31, 2024
1 Samuel 3:19-8:9
Luke 15:7-16:8

God's Treasure

1. We Misuse

“As soon as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel gave a mighty shout, so that the earth resounded....So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled, every man to his home. And there was a very great slaughter.”

1 Samuel 4:5, 10

“There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’....And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.”

Luke 15:11-16

2. We Assume It

“Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations....they have rejected me from being king over them.”

1 Samuel 8:5-7

“But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him....‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’”

Luke 15:28-312.

3. He Restores It

“Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, they rejoiced to see it.”

1 Samuel 6:13

“And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.”

Luke 15:20

February 1, 2024
Esther 2:5-7:6
John 1:47-3:8

An Incarnation

1. Hostile Land

“For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated.”
Esther 7:4

“His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.””
John 2:17

2. Judicious Waiting

“Esther had not made known her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had commanded her, for Esther obeyed Mordecai just as when she was brought up by him.”
Esther 2:20

“But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.”
John 2:24-25

3. Bold Confrontation

“And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.”
Esther 7:5-6

“And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.”
John 2:15

February 2, 2024
Joshua 8:24-11:5
Hebrews 1:7-3:11

In Jesus' House

1. Established

“And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD....just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel.”

Joshua 8:33

“Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.”

Hebrews 3:5-6

2. Protected

“And the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.””

Joshua 10:8

“For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.”

Hebrews 2:16

3. Renowned

“Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel.”

Joshua 10:21

“And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.”

Hebrews 3:6

February 3, 2024
2 Kings 1:1-4:17
Luke 19:19-20:10

Our One and Only King

1. Devastating Authority

“O man of God, the king says, ‘Come down.’” But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.” Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.”

2 Kings 1:9-10

“But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.”

Luke 19:27

2. Recognizable to the Powerless

“And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Elijah and entreated him, “O man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight.””

2 Kings 1:13

“the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen”

Luke 19:37

3. Unpretentious But Glorified

“And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.”

2 Kings 2:11

“And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.”

Luke 19:35-36

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Isaiah 37:21-41:20

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3:5

Laborers

1. Serve One Who Is Living

“To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? An idol!.... Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.”
Isaiah 40:18-19, 26

“you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

2. Serve One Who Strengthens

“He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.”
Isaiah 40:29

“But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.”

1 Thessalonians 2:2

3. Serve One Who Is Heard

“For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

Isaiah 37:31-32

“For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.”

1 Thessalonians 1:8

February 5, 2024
1 Samuel 24:8-27:4
Acts 17:28-18:28

Reasoning

1. With Leaders

“David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, ‘Behold, David seeks your harm’?”
1 Samuel 24:9

“And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia....”
Acts 18:11-12

2. With Peers in Commerce

“Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. I hear that you have shearers. Now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm”
1 Samuel 25:6-7

“because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.”
Acts 18:3-4

3. With Those of Influence

“And David said to Abner, “Are you not a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your lord the king?”
1 Samuel 26:15

“And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.”
Acts 18:4

February 6, 2024
Deuteronomy 17:8-21:17
Acts 21:29-22:23

Paul

1. Listens to Jesus

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—”
Deuteronomy 18:15

“And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’And I said, What shall I do, Lord?’The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth; for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.”

Acts 22:8-10, 14-15

2. Rejected Because of Jesus

“And you shall come to the Levitical priests and to the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall consult them, and they shall declare to you the decision.”
Deuteronomy 17:9

“They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. And as they were seeking to kill him.... Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.”

Acts 21:30-31, 22:18

3. Goes Out for Jesus

“When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.”
Deuteronomy 20:1

“And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’ And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”
Acts 22:19-21

February 7, 2024
Exodus 30:17-34:9
Revelation 5:6-7:1

Living In Jesus

1. Salvation

“The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin”
Exodus 34:5-7

“you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God”
Revelation 5:9

2. Prayers

“And the incense that you shall make according to its composition, you shall not make for yourselves. It shall be for you holy to the LORD.”
Exodus 30:37

“golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”
Revelation 5:8

3. Gifts

“I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.”
Exodus 31:3-5

“seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God”
Revelation 5:6

February 8, 2024
Jeremiah 21:11-25:14
Matthew 5:25-6:15

A Mysterious God

1. Impossibly Far From Us

“I will punish you according to the fruit of your deeds, declares the LORD”
Jeremiah 21:14

“You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
Matthew 5:48

2. Impossibly Near Us

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.”
Jeremiah 23:23-24

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”
Matthew 6:3-4

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”
Matthew 6:6

3. “Our Father In Heaven” (Matthew 6:9)

“I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.”
Jeremiah 24:7

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.”
Matthew 5:44-45

February 9, 2024

2 Chronicles 34:14 - Ezra 2:35

John 13:20-14:19

Homes

1. Earthly One

“And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels.”

2 Chronicles 36:19

“Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly....So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.”

John 13:27-30

2. Heavenly One

“Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem.”

Ezra 1:3

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

John 14:3

3. Purchased By Jesus

“So all the service of the LORD was prepared that day, to keep the Passover.... No Passover like it had been kept in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet. None of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover”

2 Chronicles 35:16-18

“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.”

John 13:31-32

February 10, 2024
Judges 2:11-5:31
Luke 9:3-38

Us With Jesus

1. Before

“For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them.”
Judges 2:18

“When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.”
Luke 9:10-11

2. During

“March on, my soul, with might!”
Judges 5:21

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”
Luke 9:23

3. After

“But your friends be like the sun as he rises in his might.” And the land had rest for forty years.”
Judges 5:31

“And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory...”
Luke 9:29-31

February 11, 2024
Exodus 24-27
Mark 10:29-11:10

God Among Us

1. Intimidating

“Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.”
Exodus 24:17

“And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid.”
Mark 10:32

2. Glorious

“and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.”
Exodus 24:10

“And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.”
Mark 11:8

3. Purposeful

“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.”
Exodus 25:8

“Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations”? But you have made it a den of robbers.”
Mark 11:17

February 12, 2024
Lamentations 1:1-4:12
Mark 8:36-9:36

All Alone

1. We Rejected The Message

“Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not exposed your iniquity to restore your fortunes, but have seen for you oracles that are false and misleading.”
Lamentations 2:14

“For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Mark 8:38

2. We Rejected the Messenger

“I have been hunted like a bird by those who were my enemies without cause; they flung me alive into the pit and cast stones on me; water closed over my head; I said, ‘I am lost.’”
Lamentations 3:52-54

“But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

Mark 9:13

“The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him.”

3. He Was Approved by God

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.””

Lamentations 3:22-24

“And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them....“This is my beloved Son; listen to him.””

Mark 9:2-3, 7

February 13, 2024

Exod 20:8-23:33

James 4:9 - 1 Peter 1:6

The Meaning of Life

1. God

“Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.”

Exodus 20:20-21

“There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy....You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”

James 4:12, 5:11

2. Neighbor

“You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.”

Exodus 23:1-3

“Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?”

James 4:11-12

3. Home

“Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.”

Exodus 23:20

“According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

1 Peter 1:3-5

February 14, 2024
Jeremiah 29:10-32:8
1 Timothy 6:15 - 2 Tim 2:15

Our Purpose

1. Our Work

“Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD”
Jeremiah 31:16

“Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus....It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.”
2 Timothy 2:3-6

2. Our Destination

“They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD”
Jeremiah 31:12

“who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see.”
1 Timothy 6:16

3. Our Savior

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”
Jeremiah 31:3

“if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.”
2 Timothy 2:13

February 15, 2024
Daniel 6:19-9:23
John 18:7-40

A Captured King

1. Unjustly

“The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?””
Daniel 6:20

“So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.”

John 18:12

2. Mistakenly

“To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you.”

Daniel 9:7

“I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”....They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.”

John 18:37-40

3. Temporarily

“there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion”

Daniel 7:13-14

“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

John 18:36

February 16, 2024
Leviticus 20:17-23:36
1 Timothy 5:1-6:14

Church Citizenship

1. Obedience

“You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.”
Leviticus 20:22

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.”
1 Timothy 5:21-22

2. Mercy

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner”
Leviticus 23:22

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”
1 Timothy 6:10

3. Humility

“You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.”
Leviticus 20:26

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.”
1 Timothy 6:6-7

February 17, 2024
Jeremiah 50:44-52:34
Ephesians 5:3-6:17

The Here and Now

1. Our Circumstance Here

“Jeremiah wrote in a book all the disaster that should come upon Babylon, all these words that are written concerning Babylon.”

Jeremiah 51:60

“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

Ephesians 5:6

2. Our Advocate Here

“Therefore thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will plead your cause and take vengeance for you.”

Jeremiah 51:36

“And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 5:2

3. Our Endurance Here

“Let not your heart faint, and be not fearful at the report heard in the land, when a report comes in one year and afterward a report in another year, and violence is in the land, and ruler is against ruler.”

Jeremiah 51:46

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”

Ephesians 6:13

February 18, 2024

1 Samuel 12:6-14:46

1 Corinthians 15:44 - 2 Corinthians 1:4

The Sweet By and By

1. His Gift

“It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few.”

1 Samuel 14:6

“The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

2. Our Gift

“Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.”

1 Samuel 12:24

“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

3. Unwrapped Gift

“Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous deeds of the LORD that he performed for you and for your fathers....Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the LORD will do before your eyes.”

1 Samuel 12:7, 16

“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

February 19, 2024
Ezra 2:36-6:12
Luke 2:49-3:32

A Home

1. The Architect

Who gave you a decree to build this house and to finish this structure?
Ezra 5:9

all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming
Luke 3:15-16

2. The Builder

The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, the sons of Keros, the sons of Siahah, the sons of Padon, the sons of Lebanon...
Ezra 2:43-45

Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthath, the son of Levi...
Luke 3:23-24

3. The Inhabiting

many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.
Ezra 3:12-13

And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.
Luke 2:49-50

February 20, 2024
Num 23:11-26:62
Matt 26:40-27:2

Wills

1. The Father's for the Son

"Behold, I received a command to bless: he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?"
Numbers 23:19-20

"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."
Matthew 26:38

2. The Son's for the World

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab"
Numbers 24:17 17

"he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."'"
Matthew 26:1-2

3. The Both of Them for Us

"Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel."
Numbers 25:12-13

"Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."
Matthew 26:27-28

February 21, 2024
1 Kings 15:16-18:16
Matthew 24:15-25:6

“Deserve’s Got Nothing To Do With It”

1. Debauchery

"When he was at Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah, Zimri came in and struck him down and killed him"
1 Kings 16:9-10

"For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark"
Matthew 24:38

2. Consequences

"Anyone belonging to Baasha who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat."
1 Kings 16:4

"Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak."
Matthew 24:17-18

3. Spared

"The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth. And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days."
1 Kings 17:14-15

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes."
Matthew 24:45-46

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Isaiah 50:10-56:8

Ephesians 6:18 - Philippians 2:2

God's People

1. He Knows

“Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings.”

Isaiah 51:7

“my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”

Philippians 1:13-14

2. He Provides

“And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, establishing the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, ‘You are my people.’”

Isaiah 51:16

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:6

3. He Protects

“For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.”

Isaiah 52:12

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1:6

February 23, 2024
Psalms 64:1 - 71:21
Acts 15:40-16:34

Iterative Living

1. Hostility

“Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the throng of evildoers, who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows”
Psalm 64:2-3

“But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.”
Acts 16:19

2. Faith

“Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.”
Psalm 66:8-9

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened.”
Acts 16:25-26

3. Joy

“Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart exult!”
Psalm 64:10

“he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.”
Acts 14:33-34”

February 24, 2024
Genesis 33:1-37:4
Mark 7:35-8:35

Jacob I Loved

1. Opposed

“But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.”
Genesis 37:4

“The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him.”
Mark 8:11

2. Revered

“But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.... For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me.”

Genesis 33:4, 10

“And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well.””
Mark 7:37

3. Chosen

“And God said to him, “I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come from your own body. The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring after you.” Then God went up from him in the place where he had spoken with him.”
Genesis 35:11-13

“And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.””
Mark 8:27-29

February 25, 2024
1 Kings 8:1-9:24
Luke 1:1-40

Remnants

1. Their Obedience

“And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father”

1 Kings 9:4-5

“there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.”

Luke 1:5-6

2. Their Worship

“And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.”

1 Kings 8:5

“he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.”

Luke 1:9-10

3. Their Chosen

“Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel”

1 Kings 8:25

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1:31-33

February 26, 2024

2 Samuel 18:16-20:19

Mark 1

The King

1. His Burden

“And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept.”

2 Samuel 18:33

“he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.”

Mark 1:35

2. His Duty

“Then the king arose and took his seat in the gate. And the people were all told, “Behold, the king is sitting in the gate.” And all the people came before the king.”

2 Samuel 19:8

“That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons.”

Mark 1:31-34

3. His Mercy

“Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day? For do I not know that I am this day king over Israel?” And the king said to Shimei, “You shall not die.” And the king gave him his oath.”

2 Samuel 19:22-23

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him”

Mark 1:41

February 27, 2024
Ezekiel 23:1-26:6
Hebrews 7:20-9:10

Our Unspeakable Sin

1. Our Complete Separation

“For when they had slaughtered their children in sacrifice to their idols, on the same day they came into my sanctuary to profane it. And behold, this is what they did in my house.”
Ezekiel 23:39

“For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.”
Hebrews 8:9

2. An Innocent Person Dies

“Son of man, behold, I am about to take the delight of your eyes away from you at a stroke; yet you shall not mourn or weep, nor shall your tears run down. Sigh, but not aloud; make no mourning for the dead.”
Ezekiel 24:16-17

“For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’” This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.”
Hebrews 7:20-22

3. He Still Is

“On that day your mouth will be opened to the fugitive, and you shall speak and be no longer mute. So you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the LORD.”
Ezekiel 24:27

“For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.”
Hebrews 7:26

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Jeremiah 35:10-38:28
2 Peter 1:13-3:2

The Way Is Narrow

1. Flauntingly Disobedient

“As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments.”

Jeremiah 36:23-24

“Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones....like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant....They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime.”

2 Peter 2:10-13

2. Examples of Obedience for Us

“The command that Jonadab the son of Rechab gave to his sons, to drink no wine, has been kept, and they drink none to this day, for they have obeyed their father’s command.”

Jeremiah 35:14

“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts”

2 Peter 1:19

3. Protection for the Obedient

“Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.”

Jeremiah 38:10

“then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials”

2 Peter 2:9

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Genesis 24:15-27:4
Acts 5:14-6:6

God's Purpose

1. Yields Fruit

“And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him, and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy.”
Genesis 26:12-13

“And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women”
Acts 5:14

2. Protects His Laborers

“And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you”
Genesis 26:24

“But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.””
Acts 5:19-20

3. Recognized Even By Outsiders

“When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?” They said, “We see plainly that the LORD has been with you. So we said, let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD.””
Genesis 26:26-29

“But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men....So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice”

Acts 5:34-35, 38-39

March 1, 2024
Leviticus 23:37-26:22
Matthew 16:24-18:6

Lordship

1. Love God

“If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them....I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.”

Leviticus 26:3, 11-12

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 16:24-25

2. Love Neighbor

“If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you.”

Leviticus 25:35

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”....Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 18:1, 4

3. Live in His Light

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil from beaten olives for the lamp, that a light may be kept burning regularly.”

Leviticus 24:1-2

“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.”

Matthew 17:2-3

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Numbers 7:48-10:20

1 Thessalonians 5:15 - 2 Thessalonians 2:17

Living Life

1. Holy to God

“Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the people of Israel, and the Levites shall be mine. And after that the Levites shall go in to serve at the tent of meeting, when you have cleansed them and offered them as a wave offering. For they are wholly given to me from among the people of Israel.”

Numbers 8:14-16

“Abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 5:22-23

2. Helpful to Neighbor

“And if a stranger sojourns among you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its rule, so shall he do. You shall have one statute, both for the sojourner and for the native.”

Numbers 9:14

“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.”

2 Thessalonians 1:3

3. Hopeful in Destiny

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Make two silver trumpets. Of hammered work you shall make them, and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for breaking camp. And when both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the entrance of the tent of meeting.”

Numbers 10:1-3

“Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.”

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

March 3, 2024
Psalms 24:1-34:3
1 Corinthians 10:27-11:34

Some Simple Rules

1. Worship God

“Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.”
Psalms 29:1-2

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
1 Corinthians 10:31

2. Assess Self

“For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.”
Psalms 25:11

“Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”
1 Corinthians 11:28

3. Pray For Others

“The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.”
Psalms 28:8-9

“Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.”
1 Corinthians 10:32-33

March 4, 2024
Psalms 106:24-115:18
1 Corinthians 15:1-43

Eternal Life

1. Gained by Jesus

“He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!”
Psalms 111:9

“Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...”
1 Corinthians 15:3-5

2. Given to Us

“The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!”
Psalms 115:17-18

“If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”
1 Corinthians 15:19-20

3. King of All

“The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.””
Psalms 110:1

“For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”
1 Corinthians 15:25-26

March 5, 2024
Leviticus 14:24-16:28
Luke 21:7-22:10

A Savior

1. We Need One

“There seems to me to be some case of disease in my house.”
Leviticus 14:35

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world.”
Luke 21:25-26

2. God Provides One

And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins.
Leviticus 16:21

So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”
Luke 22:8

3. He Comes Again

But if the priest comes and looks, and if the disease has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, for the disease is healed.
Leviticus 14:48

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21:27-28

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.
Luke 21:20

March 6, 2024
Genesis 37:5-40:23
Philippians 2:3-3:13

On A Mission

1. God's Chosen Sent To A Foreign Land

"Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe.""

Genesis 37:31-33

"...Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8

2. God's Chosen Ascendant In A Foreign Land

"The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had."

Genesis 39:2-4

"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11

3. God's Chosen An Example To Us In A Foreign Land

"Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed."

Genesis 39:22-23

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world"

Philippians 2:14-15

March 7, 2024
Isaiah 41:21-45:13
1 Corinthians 9:15-10:26

The Rock

1. Not of Man

“All who fashion idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit....Half of it he burns in the fire....And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it.”

Isaiah 44:9, 16-17

“What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God.”

1 Corinthians 10:19-20

2. Begotten By God

“Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Isaiah 44:8

“...and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”

1 Corinthians 10:2-4

3. For Forgiveness of Sins

“I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior....I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

Isaiah 43:11, 25

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”

1 Corinthians 10:16

March 8, 2024
Ezekiel 45:21-48:35
Mark 14:7-44

The Sacrifice

1. Celebrated

“In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall celebrate the Feast of the Passover, and for seven days unleavened bread shall be eaten.”
Ezekiel 45:21

“And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?””
Mark 14:12

2. Costly

“On that day the prince shall provide for himself and all the people of the land a young bull for a sin offering.”
Ezekiel 45:22

“And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.””
Mark 14:36

3. Redemptive

“And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.”
Ezekiel 47:9

“And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”
Mark 14:22-24

March 9, 2024
Genesis 41:1-43:21
Acts 23:23-24:26

“Under the Sun” (x29 in Ecclesiastes)

1. Authority Matters

“Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit.”
Genesis 41:14

“Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor.”
Acts 23:24

2. Origins Matter

“On reading the letter, he asked what province he was from.”
Acts 23:34

“Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?””
Genesis 42:7

3. Money Matters

“It is because of the money, which was replaced in our sacks the first time, that we are brought in, so that he may assault us and fall upon us to make us servants and seize our donkeys.”
Genesis 43:18

“At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him.”
Acts 24:26

March 10, 2024
Psalms 116:1-119:152
John 20:27-21:25

“Amazing Love, How Can It Be?”
Charles Wesley

1. Present Every Morning

“I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.”

Psalms 119:147-148

“Just as day was breaking, stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus...Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”...Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.””

John 21:4-12

2. Present in His Word

“Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors...The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.”

Psalms 119:24, 130

“Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.”

John 21:25

3. Present in His Knowledge of Us

“I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live...Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.”

Psalms 116:1-2, 132

“He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.””

John 21:17

March 11, 2024
2 Samuel 12:24-15:12
John 14:20-15:23

The King's Kingdom

1. A People

“But God will not take away life, and he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast.”

2 Samuel 14:14

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

John 15:16

2. A Plan

“But my lord has wisdom like the wisdom of the angel of God to know all things that are on the earth.”

2 Samuel 14:20

“Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you.”

John 15:3-4

3. A Peril

“So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel...Now in all Israel there was no one so much to be praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.”

2 Samuel 14:25, 15:6

“I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming...If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”

John 14:30, 15:6

March 12,2024
Exodus 37:17-40:38
Mark 11:11-12:14

Holy Glory

1. Corrosion of Priestly Holiness

“the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons for their service as priests. According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work.”

Exodus 39:41-42

“the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him...they were afraid of the people...they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people...they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him”

Mark 11:18, 32, 12:12, 13

2. Corrosion of Tabernacle Holiness

“Moses erected the tabernacle...as the LORD had commanded Moses.”

Exodus 40:19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 32

“And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.””

Mark 11:11-17

3. His Unfailing Faithfulness

“Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”

Exodus 40:34-35

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”

Mark 12:10-11

March 13, 2024
Leviticus 26:23 - Numbers 2:9
John 7:40-8:28

Jesus' Authority

1. His Unrecognized Legacy

“Of the people of Judah, their generations, by their clans, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, every man able to go to war: those listed of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.”

Numbers 1:26-27

“Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?...Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”
John 7:42, 52

2. The Quiet Voice of a Guilty Conscience

“The sound of a driven leaf shall put them to flight”
Leviticus 26:36

“And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground...and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they?””
John 8:6-10

3. The Loud Voice of Righteousness

“The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them...”
Leviticus 27:1-2

“The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!”...Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them.”
John 7:46, 8:1-2

March 14, 2024

Deuteronomy 21:18-25:10

Acts 12:1-13:7

Incarnated Witness

1. Witness Amidst Power. Although faithful Manaen is/was close to evil Herod, he is still in the church and isn't collaterally damaged by Herod's evil. This runs counter to the concept of guilt by association, either familial or not.

“Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.”

Deuteronomy 24:16

“Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod [!] the tetrarch, and Saul.”

Acts 13:1

2. Contempt of Witnesses. Herod persecuted or murdered James, John, Peter and Manaen. God knows, God cares, God acts.

“‘This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.”

Deuteronomy 21:20-21

“On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. And the people were shouting, “The voice of a god, and not of a man!” Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.”

Acts 12:21-23

3. God protects and restores. God knows, God cares, God acts.

“You shall restore to him the pledge as the sun sets, that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you. And it shall be righteousness for you before the LORD your God.”

Deuteronomy 24:13

“And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, “Dress yourself and put on your sandals.” And he did so. And he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.””

Acts 12:7-8

March 15, 2024

Deuteronomy 3:23-6:9

Matthew 23:13-24:14

Sojourners

1. God Gave Instructions

“You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.... You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 4:2, 6:5

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

Matthew 23:23

2. God Yearns For Us

“When you father children and children’s children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly....the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.”

Deuteronomy 4:25-27

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

Matthew 23:37

3. God Restores Us

“For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.”

Deuteronomy 4:31

“But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24:13-14

March 16, 2024
2 Samuel 20:20-23:39
Mark 4:19-5:15

Authority Over All

1. Giants

“And David grew weary. And Ishbi-benob, one of the descendants of the giants, whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of bronze, and who was armed with a new sword, thought to kill David....These four were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.”

2 Samuel 21:15-16, 22

“No one had the strength to subdue him....And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.””

Mark 5:4-9

2. Deliverance

“And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.”

2 Samuel 22:1

“And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.”

Mark 5:15

3 His People

“This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?”

2 Samuel 22:31-32

““Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”

Mark 4:38-39

March 17, 2024
Isaiah 5:11-10:4
Acts 3:5-4:14

Jesus

1. Sent

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

“The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.”

Acts 3:22

2. Sanctuary

“And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”

Isaiah 8:14

“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.”

Acts 4:11

3. Salvation

“Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah 6:7

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

March 18, 2024
Exodus 9:8-12:28
1 John 2:7-3:10

The Body Of Christ

1. Illuminated

“So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.”

Exodus 10:22-23

“At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.”

1 John 2:8

2. Separated (“obedience is better than sacrifice”)

“And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ you shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD’S Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.”” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.”

Exodus 12:26-27

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

1 John 2:15-17

3. Spared

“The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you.”

Exodus 12:13

“But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.”

1 John 2:27

March 19, 2024
Proverbs 13:18-19:10
Romans 3:25-5:7

Faith

1. In God

“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life....Righteousness exalts a nation”
Proverbs 14:27, 34

“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”
Romans 4:3

2. From God

“By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for”
Proverbs 16:6

“blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”
Romans 4:8

3. With God

“The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger shares its joy.”
Proverbs 14:10

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings”
Romans 5:3

March 20, 2024
Exodus 16:4-20:7
2 Corinthians 1:5-2:15

God Provides

1. Our Earthly Needs

“The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.”
Exodus 16:35

“He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.”
2 Corinthians 1:10

2. Through His Son

“Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.”
Exodus 17:6

“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.”

2 Corinthians 1:19-20

3. To Draw All To Him

“....I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”
Exodus 19:4-6

“But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.”
2 Corinthians 2:14

March 21, 2024
Proverbs 24:23-30:14
Matthew 10

“Evil men do not understand justice,
but those who seek the LORD understand it completely.”
Proverbs 28:5

1. Warn Others

“Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house.”
Proverbs 24:27

“go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
Matthew 10:6

2. Trust God

“Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always”
Proverbs 28:14

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.”
Matthew 10:28

3. Be Steadfast

“There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers.”
Proverbs 30:11

“And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household.”
Matthew 10:36

March 22, 2024
2 Kings 4:18-6:33
Hebrews 3:12-5:14

Supernatural

1. Knowledge

“None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

2 Kings 6:12

“And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

Hebrews 4:13

2. Salvation

“And when she came to the mountain to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet, the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for she is in bitter distress....She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.”

2 Kings 4:27, 37

“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.”

Hebrews 5:7

3. Access

“So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

2 Kings 6:17

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

March 23, 2024
Job 31:9-36:33
Acts 27:43-28:31

God's Message of Mercy

1. Ignored

“For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it.”
Job 33:14

“For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed”
Acts 28:27

2. Heard

“he opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings, that he may turn man aside from his deed”
Job 33:16-17

“But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan....And so it was that all were brought safely to land.”
Acts 27:43-44

3. Available

“If there be for him an angel, a mediator, one of the thousand, to declare to man what is right for him, and he is merciful to him, and says, ‘Deliver him from going down into the pit; I have found a ransom’”
Job 33:23-24

“From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.... this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles”
Acts 28:23, 28

[Even a perfect life does not save. “If my heart has been enticed...If I have rejected the cause...If I have withheld anything...if I have seen anyone perish...if his body has not blessed me...if he was not warmed...if I have raised my hand against the fatherless...If I have made gold my trust...if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant...If I have rejoiced at the ruin of him who hated me...if I have concealed my transgressions...Oh, that I had one to hear me!... I would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him...The words of Job are ended.” (Job 31). Elihu replies, “Do you say, It is my right before God, that you ask, What advantage have I? How am I better off than if I had sinned?” (Job 35:2-3).]

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Micah 5:1 – Nahum – Habakkuk 2:1

Acts 19:1-36

Object Of Our Worship

1. Worshipping The Source Of Our Wealth

“You increased your merchants more than the stars of the heavens....Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.”
Nahum 3:16, Habakkuk 1:16

“About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth.””

Acts 19:23-25

2. Worshipping The Source Of Our Peace

“And he shall be their peace....But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me....Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity...He will again have compassion on us.... Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace!”

Micah 5:5, 7:7, 18-19, Nahum 1:15

“And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Acts 19:4-5

3. Worshipping With A Purpose

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8

“And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.”

Acts 19:11-12

March 25, 2024
Psalms 15-23
Luke 22:11-50

Easter Monday: The Passion of Jesus Christ

1. His Plea

“Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!.... I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words....In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.”

Psalms 17:1, 6, 18:6

“And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.””

Luke 22:41-42

2. His Faith

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Psalms 23:4

“And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

Luke 22:44

3. His Generosity

“As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”

Psalms 16:3

“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.”

Luke 22:28-30

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1 Samuel 27:5-31:13

Matthew 20:17-21:19

Easter Tuesday: The Passion of Jesus Christ

1. His Distress

“Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. David’s two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.”

1 Samuel 30:4-6

“See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.... Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?”

Matthew 20:18-19, 22

2. His Purpose

“And David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?” He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue.””

1 Samuel 30:8

“the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28

3. Our Service

“But David said, “You shall not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us. He has preserved us and given into our hand the band that came against us. Who would listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down into the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage. They shall share alike.””

1 Samuel 30:23-24

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave.”

Matthew 20:25-27

March 27, 2024
Job 2:11-9:24
Mark 6:11-48

Easter Wednesday: God's Sovereignty and Purpose

1. Satan's Corruption Of Justice

"Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul....Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in?"
Job 3:20-23

"But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias....For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death."

Mark 6:16-19

2. Our Confusion Over This Injustice

"Remember: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off?"...."Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be in the right before God?"
Job 4:7, 9:2

"And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother."

Mark 6:27-28

3. Nevertheless, We Sympathize With Our Brothers and Sisters

"Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him.".... "He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty."
Job 2:11, 6:14

"He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb."

Mark 6:27-29

[Jesus said "there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist" (Matthew 11:11), yet for the pettiest of reasons he was put to death. He was certainly innocent of a capital offense, and we often mistakenly connect tragedy with lack of God's favor. Jesus was innocent both civilly and spiritually, yet was forsaken by God for a sovereign and eternal purpose, to redeem us.]

March 28, 2024
Daniel 1-3
John 4:13-53

Easter Thursday: Jesus Is All

1. Prophet

“he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him....The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.””
Daniel 2:22, 47

“Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”
John 4:17-19

2. Priest

“Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: “I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation.”....there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.”
Daniel 3:25, 29

“The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”.... and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”
John 4:25-26, 42

3. And Eternal King

“And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever”
Daniel 2:44

“Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.””
John 4:13-14

March 29, 2024
Genesis 10:21-16:6
Galatians 5:16 - Eph 1:16

Easter Friday: Jesus Dies For Us

1. Our Need

“And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.”

Genesis 11:5-6

“For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do....Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.”

Galatians 5:17-21

2. His Promise

“Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold....Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen....When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men....Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.”

Genesis 13:2, 8, 14:14-16

“Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another....Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself....And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 5:26 - 6:10

3. The World’s Redemption

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything....“your very own son shall be your heir”.... And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

Genesis 14:18-20, 15:4-6

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:3-14

March 30, 2024
Genesis 20:1-24:14
Mark 3:9-4:18

Easter Saturday: Are You There?

1. Mistaken Identity

“And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, “Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.””
Genesis 20:2-3

“And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”....And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.””
Mark 3:21-22

2. Acknowledged Identity

“Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. And Abimelech said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.””
Genesis 20:14-15

“And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.””
Mark 3:9-11

3. Hope Of The Cross

“Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God.... go to the land of Moriah....Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.””
Genesis 21:33, 22:2, 14

“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man... And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

Mark 3:28, 4:8

[When Jesus was beaten and crucified, some believed, some did not. On this day, in the tomb, the naysayers have the momentary boast. But the covenantal tree was planted, and that can’t be undone, and the Everlasting God will provide redemption.]

March 31, 2024
2 Kings 9:30-12:21
Hebrews 9:11-10:18

Easter Sunday: No More Temporaries

1. The Temple Is Temporary

“Then they would give the money that was weighed out into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD. And they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked on the house of the LORD, and to the masons and the stonecutters, as well as to buy timber and quarried stone for making repairs on the house of the LORD, and for any outlay for the repairs of the house.”

2 Kings 12:11-12

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation).”

Hebrews 9:11

2. The Priest Is Temporary

“Jehu, Jehoash began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Zibiah of Beersheba. And Jehoash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all his days, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him.”

2 Kings 12:1-2

“And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God”

Hebrews 10:11-12

3. Jesus Invites Us To Be With Him Forever

“And he greeted him and said to him, “Is your heart true to my heart as mine is to yours?” And Jehonadab answered, “It is.” Jehu said, “If it is, give me your hand.” So he gave him his hand. And Jehu took him up with him into the chariot. And he said, “Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD.””

2 Kings 10:15-16

“And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.””

Hebrews 10:15-17

April 1, 2024
Isaiah 56:9-61:11
1 Timothy 2:3-4:16

Our Lord

1. Crucified And Resurrected

“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear....He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.”

Isaiah 59:1, 16

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”

1 Timothy 2:5-6

2. Seen and Ascended

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Isaiah 57:15

“He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.”

1 Timothy 3:16

3. Ruling and Ministering

““Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the LORD, “and I will heal him.””

Isaiah 57:19

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD’S favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;”

Isaiah 61:1-2

April 2, 2024

Jeremiah 48:28-50:43

1 Corinthians 4:12-6:15

Going Forward In Christ

1. He Has Made Us New

“In those days and in that time, declares the LORD, iniquity shall be sought in Israel, and there shall be none, and sin in Judah, and none shall be found, for I will pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.”

Jeremiah 50:20

“But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Corinthians 6:11

2. So, Turn Away From The Old

“They shall ask the way to Zion, with faces turned toward it, saying, ‘Come, let us join ourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten.’ “My people have been lost sheep.”

Jeremiah 50:5-6

“Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

1 Corinthians 5:7

3. And Persevere In This World

“Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name. He will surely plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.”

Jeremiah 50:34

“When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.”

1 Corinthians 4:12-13

April 3, 2024

Judges 21:1 - Ruth 4:6

Hebrews 6:1-7:19

The Bread of Life

1. In A Barren Place

“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes....In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab.”

Judges 21:25, Ruth 1:1

“For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.”

Hebrews 6:7-8

2. For A Faithful People

“But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.”

Ruth 2:11

“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.”

Hebrews 6:10

3. With An Advocate

“And now it is true that I am a redeemer....And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her.”

Ruth 3:12, 15

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf....You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 6:19-20, 7:17

April 4, 2024
2 Kings 16:1-18:27
Acts 7:29-8:3

We Make Choices

1. Our Own gods

“They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them. And they abandoned all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven.”
2 Kings 17:15-16

“As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of heaven.”

Acts 7:37-42

2. Our Own Worship

“When King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, he saw the altar that was at Damascus. And King Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest a model of the altar, and its pattern, exact in all its details. And Uriah the priest built the altar; in accordance with all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Uriah the priest made it, before King Ahaz arrived from Damascus.”
2 Kings 16:10-11

“Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. But it was Solomon who built a house for him.”

Acts 7:44-47

3. Our Own Masters

“Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets.” But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the LORD their God.”
2 Kings 17:13-14

“Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Acts 7:52-53

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Leviticus 1:1-5:6
Revelation 3:10-5:5

A Perfect Sacrifice

1. To His Holiness

“But the rest of the grain offering shall be for Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the LORD’S food offerings.”
Leviticus 2:3,10

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”
Revelation 4:8

2. For Our Fellowship

“Then Aaron’s sons shall burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering, which is on the wood on the fire; it is a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.”
Leviticus 3:5,11,16

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”
Revelation 3:20

3. Preserved Through Trials

“You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. You shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.”
Leviticus 2:13

“Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”
Revelation 3:10

April 6, 2024
Job 23:8-31:8
Luke 12:28-13:4

What's Happening Here?

1. Our Temporal View

“Why are not times of judgment kept by the Almighty, and why do those who know him never see his days?.... From out of the city the dying groan, and the soul of the wounded cries for help; yet God charges no one with wrong.”

Job 24:1,12

“But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant 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 put him with the unfaithful.”

Luke 12:45-46

2. God's Eternal View

“From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?....God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens.”

Job 28:20-24

“Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Luke 12:31, 34

3. Obedience, Not Sacrifice

“And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’

Job 28:28

“Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.”

Luke 12:43

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Joshua 1:1-5:7
1 Corinthians 6:16-7:31

Sojourners Now, Residents Soon

1. A Place

“The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.”
Joshua 1:13

“the appointed time has grown very short.... those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.”
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

2. A Person

“Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.”
Joshua 1:5-6

“But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him....You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.”
1 Corinthians 6:17,19-20

3. A Promise To Be Made Holy, Even Though We Are Not

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you....Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:3,9

“For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband.”

1 Corinthians 7:14

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Song of Songs 7:11 - Isaiah 5:10

Ephesians 3:11-5:2

Lordship

1. Love Neighbor

“Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”

Isaiah 1:16-17

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another....Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

Ephesians 4:25-28

2. Love God

“Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death,...Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it....O you who dwell in the gardens, with companions listening for your voice; let me hear it. Make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of spices.”

Song of Songs 8: 6-7, 13-14

“so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge”

Ephesians 3:17-19

3. Wait

“It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it”

Isaiah 2:2

“In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.”

Ephesians 4:9-10

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Jeremiah 44:1-48:27
Mark 13:7-14:6

Final Days

1. Rejecting Mercy

“Yet I persistently sent to you all my servants the prophets, saying, ‘Oh, do not do this abomination that I hate!’ But they did not listen or incline their ear, to turn from their evil and make no offerings to other gods. Therefore my wrath and my anger were poured out and kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, and they became a waste and a desolation, as at this day.”

Jeremiah 44:4-6

“But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. For false christ and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.”

Mark 13:14-23

2. Merciful Warning

“And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not, for behold, I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 45:5

“Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.”

Mark 13:33

3. Terrible Mercy

“The LORD could no longer bear your evil deeds and the abominations that you committed. Therefore your land has become a desolation and a waste and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day.”

Jeremiah 44:22

“And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.”

Mark 13:20

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Deuteronomy 1:9-3:22

2 Thessalonians 3:1 - 1 Timothy 2:2

Our Wandering Is Ending

1. God's Provision

"You shall purchase food from them with money, that you may eat, and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink. For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands."

Deuteronomy 2:6-7

"we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate."

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9

2. God's Protection

"Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who fights for you."

Deuteronomy 3:21-22

"that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."

2 Thessalonians 3:2-3

3. God's Patience

"For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing"

Deuteronomy 2:7

"But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life."

1 Timothy 1:16

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Genesis 30:19-32:32
Acts 8:4-9:2

Provision In God Alone

1. Joy In God's Blessings

“Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. She conceived and bore a son and said, “God has taken away my reproach.””
Genesis 30:22-23

“For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.”
Acts 8:7-8

2. Joy In Following Him

“But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.””
Genesis 32:26

“See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”
Acts 8:36

3. Joy Cannot Be Bought

“But Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you. Name your wages, and I will give it.”....Jacob said, “You shall not give me anything.”
Genesis 30:27-31

“But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city....he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!”
Acts 8:9, 18-20

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Ezekiel 9:3-13:13
Mark 15:16-16:8

The Most Important Moment In History

1. Our Final Act of Insolence

“The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is full of blood, and the city full of injustice. For they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see.’”

Ezekiel 9:9

“and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him....And they led him out to crucify him.”

Mark 15:16-20

2. God’s Final Departure From The Temple

“And the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the house, and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD....Then the glory of the LORD went out from the threshold of the house.”

Ezekiel 10:4, 18

“And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.”

Mark 15:37-39

3. God’s Final Victory Over Death

“The days are near, and the fulfillment of every vision. For there shall be no more any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I am the LORD; I will speak the word that I will speak, and it will be performed. It will no longer be delayed.”

Ezekiel 12:23-25

“And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.”

Mark 16:4-6

April 13, 2024
Joshua 19:40-22:34
John 11:51-12:32

God's Determination

1. Priceless Gift

“As to the rest of the Kohathites belonging to the Kohathite clans of the Levites, the cities allotted to them were out of the tribe of Ephraim.” [The Kohathites were charged with taking care of the Ark of the Covenant]

Joshua 21:20

“Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.”

John 11:54

2. Priceless Promise

“Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.”

Joshua 21:45

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

John 12:32

3. Priceless Devotion

“Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Joshua 22:5

“Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume”...“Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

John 12:3, 25

April 14, 2024
2 Samuel 4:1-8:8
Romans 5:8-6:23

The King

1. Delivered Us

“And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods?”
2 Samuel 7:23

“But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.”

Romans 6:17-18

2. Joined Us To Him

“Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.”

2 Samuel 5:1-2

“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.... present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”

Romans 6:5, 13

3. Keeps Us

“And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more.”

2 Samuel 7:9-10

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.”

Romans 6:22-23

April 15, 2024
Jeremiah 39-43
John 6:31-71

Exiled, But Not Forgotten

1. He Is With Us

“Let our plea for mercy come before you, and pray to the LORD your God for us, for all this remnant—because we are left with but a few, as your eyes see us—that the LORD your God may show us the way we should go, and the thing that we should do.”

Jeremiah 42:2-3

“So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.””

John 6:67-69

2. He Provides For Us

“the captain of the guard, carried into exile to Babylon the rest of the people who were left in the city, those who had deserted to him, and the people who remained....the captain of the guard, left in the land of Judah some of the poor people who owned nothing, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.”

Jeremiah 39:9, 10

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

John 6:35-36

3. It Will End

“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your plea for mercy before him: If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down; I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I relent of the disaster that I did to you. Do not fear the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not fear him, declares the LORD, for I am with you, to save you and to deliver you from his hand.”

Jeremiah 42:9-11

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.”

John 6:37-39

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1 Kings 9:25-12:20

1 Thessalonians 3:6-5:14

Life's Choices

1. Instruction

“Thus King Solomon excelled all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind.... And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her.”

1 Kings 10:3, 23-24

“and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all....Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:9-10

2. Distraction

“He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.”

1 Kings 11:2-4

“aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.”

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

3. Illumination

“Yet to his son I will give one tribe, that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen to put my name.”

1 Kings 11:36

“But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.”

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5

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Psalms 51:13-63:11
Acts 20:33-21:28

God's Greater Purpose

1. For Us To Know Humility

“Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.”
Psalms 62:9

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35

2. For Us To Trust Him

“For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.”
Psalms 62:1-2

“For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.”

Acts 21:13-14

3. For Us To Come To Him

“Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.”...“Mankind will say, “Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth.””
Psalms 51:13, 58:11

“After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed.””

Acts 21:19-20

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Numbers 20:10-23:10
1 Corinthians 1:1-2:11

In Spite Of Us

1. Our Selfishness

“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 we loathe this worthless food.””

Numbers 21:5

“For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.”

1 Corinthians 1:11

2. His Salvation

“And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.”

Numbers 21:7-9

“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 2:2-5

3. His Message

“Balaam said to Balak, “Behold, I have come to you! Have I now any power of my own to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that must I speak.””

Numbers 22:38

“but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

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Ezekiel 26:7-29:21
Matthew 25:7-44

Goodness Matters

1. Jesus Will Return

“On that day I will cause a horn to spring up for the house of Israel, and I will open your lips among them. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”
Ezekiel 29:21

“And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.”
Matthew 25:10

2. Jesus Will Be Lord

“Then they will know that I am the LORD.”
Ezekiel 28:23, 24, 26, 29:29, 16, 21

“Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”
Matthew 25:37-40

3. Jesus Will Provide A Home

“Thus says the Lord GOD: When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and manifest my holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they shall dwell in their own land that I gave to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell securely in it, and they shall build houses and plant vineyards.”
Ezekiel 28:25-26

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”
Matthew 25:34

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2 Kings 7:1-9:29

2 Corinthians 12:5-13:14

Open Our Eyes

1. To Hear God Speaking To Us

“But Elisha said, “Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the LORD, Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.””

2 Kings 7:1

“I warned those who sinned before and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again I will not spare them— since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me.”

2 Corinthians 13:2-3

2. To See God’s Flawed Messengers

“Now there were four men who were lepers at the entrance to the gate. And they said to one another, “Why are we sitting here until we die?”....Then they said to one another, “We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king’s household.””

2 Kings 7:3, 9

“So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.... For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing.”

2 Corinthians 12:7, 11

3. To Accept God’s Restoration

“And Gehazi said, “My lord, O king, here is the woman, and here is her son whom Elisha restored to life.” And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed an official for her, saying, “Restore all that was hers, together with all the produce of the fields from the day that she left the land until now.””

2 Kings 8:5-6

“For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.... For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for.”

2 Corinthians 13:4, 9

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1 Samuel 8:10-12:5

2 Corinthians 8:20-10:16

Choosing Whom To Follow

1. Man Or God?

“But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.””

1 Samuel 8:19-20

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.”

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

2. Appearance Or Substance?

“And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.”

1 Samuel 9:2

“For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account.”.... But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.”

2 Corinthians 10:10, 12

3. Serving In Fear Or Joy?

“And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying, “Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!” Then the dread of the LORD fell upon the people, and they came out as one man.”

1 Samuel 11:6-7

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

April 22, 2024
1 Kings 20:35-22:53
Matthew 21:20-22:8

“the whole creation has been groaning” (Romans 8:22)

1. Satan Took It

“Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden...and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.” But Naboth said to Ahab, “The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers”....So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones.”

1 Kings 21:2-3, 13

“And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.”

Matthew 21:35-39

2. Conspirators Kept It

“the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, ‘I will entice him.’ And the LORD said to him, ‘By what means?’ And he said, ‘I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’”

1 Kings 22:8, 20-22

“The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet....So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.””

Matthew 21:25-26, 27

3. God Will Reclaim It

“So the king died, and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood, and the prostitutes washed themselves in it, according to the word of the LORD that he had spoken.”

1 Kings 22:37-38

““When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.””

Matthew 21:40-41

April 23, 2024
Job 16:18-23:7
Philippians 3:14 - Colossians 1:12

Q & A

1. Our Coveting

Q: "Why do the wicked live, reach old age, and grow mighty in power?....They spend their days in prosperity, and in peace they go down to Sheol."
Job 21:7, 13

A: "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things."
Philippians 3:19

2. Our Exhaustion

Q: "My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me? Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?"
Job 19:20-22

A: "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."
Philippians 3:20-21

3. Our Need For Each Other

Q: "Then Job answered and said: "How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words?".... "Bear with me, and I will speak, and after I have spoken, mock on.""
Job 19:1-2, Job 21:3

A: "Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble."
Philippians 4:14

Hope, Always Hope

A: "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth."
Job 19:23-25

A: "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:14

April 24, 2024
Exodus 12:29-16:3
Mark 6:49-7:34

Wait For God

1. Be Still

“The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”
Exodus 14:14

“But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.””
Mark 6:50

2. Be Obedient

“If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.”
Exodus 15:26

“You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!””
Mark 7:8-9

3. Be Amazed

“So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared.”
Exodus 14:27

“And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded”
Mark 6:51

April 25, 2024
Haggai 1:12 - Zechariah 6:8
Matthew 12:46-13:32

Family

1. He Is With Us

“Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD’S message, “I am with you, declares the LORD.””

Haggai 1:12-13

“And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.””

Matthew 12:49-50

2. We Will Be With Him

“For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”

Zechariah 3:9-10

“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

Matthew 13:31-32

3. Remember The Glory

“Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?”

Haggai 2:3

“For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed”

Matthew 13:15

April 26, 2024
Psalms 99:1-106:23
Colossians 1:13-2:23

Setting Us Free

1. Removes Our Wardens

“The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!.... Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.”

Psalms 99:1, 102:15

“He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”

Colossians 2:15

2. Releases Us

“he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die”

Psalms 102:19-20

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Colossians 1:13-14

3. Purges Our Record

“O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.... Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy”

Psalms 99:8, 103:2-4

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

Colossians 2:13-14

April 27, 2024
Leviticus 11:46-14:23
Luke 11:45-12:27

We Are Not Alone

1. God Knows Us

“When a man or woman has a disease on the head or the beard...and the hair in it is yellow and thin...and there is no black hair in it...and there is in it no yellow hair...the priest need not seek for the yellow hair...and black hair has grown in it...If a man’s hair falls out from his head...if a man’s hair falls out from his forehead...”

Leviticus 13:1-43

“Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered.”

Luke 12:7

2. God Cares About Us

“she shall take...a pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering...take two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering...take for him who is to be cleansed two live clean birds...also two turtledoves or two pigeons, whichever he can afford. The one shall be a sin offering and the other a burnt offering”

Leviticus 12:6, 8, 14:4, 22

“Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows...Consider the ravens...Of how much more value are you than the birds!”

Luke 12:7, 24

3. God Absolves Us

“And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean... then the priest shall pronounce him clean...then the priest shall pronounce him clean...Then he shall pronounce him clean... Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean.”

Leviticus 12:8, 13:6, 13:34, 14:7, 14:20

“And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God.”

Luke 12:8

April 28, 2024
Job 9:25-16:17
1 Corinthians 2:12-4:11

Predestination

1. God Gives The Wisdom

“With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.”
Job 12:13

“For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.””
1 Corinthians 3:19-20

2. God Does The Work

“Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself, for emptiness will be his payment.”
Job 15:31

“If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”
1 Corinthians 3:14-15

3. God Works The Miracle

“Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? There is not one.”
Job 14:4

“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”
1 Corinthians 3:7

April 29, 2024

Lamentations 4:13 - Ezekiel 4:8

Luke 9:39-10:15

“preach the word; be ready in season and out of season”
(2 Timothy 4:2)

1, Whether Accepted

“But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”

Ezekiel 3:21

“Whatever house you enter, first say, Peace be to this house! And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him.”

Luke 10:5-6

2. Or Rejected

“But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Ezekiel 3:19

“But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.”

Luke 10:10-11

3. God Is Unchanged

“So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face.”

Ezekiel 3:23

“And all were astonished at the majesty of God.”

Luke 9:43

April 30, 2024

1 Chronicles 21:21-26:19

Matthew 18:7-19:6

“their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven”
(Matthew 18:10)

1. The Incalculable Cost Of Worship

“Give me the site of the threshing floor that I may build on it an altar to the LORD—give it to me at its full price—that the plague may be averted...With great pains I have provided for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold [\$280B], a million talents of silver [\$32B].”

1 Chronicles 21:22, 22:14

“Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”
Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.””

Matthew 18:21-22

2. Unity In Worship

“David assembled all the leaders of Israel and the priests and the Levites...And David organized them in divisions corresponding to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari...David and the chiefs of the service also set apart for the service the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, with harps, and with cymbals...As for the divisions of the gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.”

1 Chronicles 23:2-6, 25:1, 26:1

“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:19-20

3. The Supremacy and Mercy Of Whom We Worship

“Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father, and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.”

1 Chronicles 22:9-10

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants...So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.”

Matthew 18:23, 26-27

May 1, 2024

Deuteronomy 31:16-34:12

Matthew 4:9-5:24

“sin is crouching at the door”
(Genesis 4:7)

1. Our Temptation

“And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them.””

Deuteronomy 31:16

“And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”””

Matthew 4:9-10

2. Our Safeguard

“Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess.”

Deuteronomy 32:45-47

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”

Matthew 5:17-18

3. Our Savior

“And this he said of Judah: “Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him in to his people. With your hands contend for him, and be a help against his adversaries.””

Deuteronomy 33:7

“And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.”

Matthew 4:23-25

May 2, 2024
Psalms 89:5-98:9
Revelation 9:2-10:11

Battles Being Fought

1. Decaying Idols

“The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!”
Psalms 97:6-7

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk”

Revelation 9:20-21

2 The Everlasting God

“A PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!” For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream”
Psalms 90:1-5

“And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven and sware by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

Revelation 10:5-7

3. Our Savior

“For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.”

Psalms 91:3-6

“Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring.”

Revelation 10:1-3

May 3, 2024

2 Chronicles 6:12-9:21

Hebrews 12:16-13:25

“obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross”
(Philippians 2:8)

1. Sacrifice

“As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.”

2 Chronicles 7:1

“for our God is a consuming fire”

Hebrews 12:29

2. Redemption

“hear from heaven... hear from heaven...and when you hear, forgive”

2 Chronicles 6:23, 25, 30, 33, 35, 39, 7:14, 6:21

“So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.”

Hebrews 13:12-13

3. Sovereignty

“For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.”

2 Chronicles 7:16

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8

May 4, 2024
Exodus 28:1-30:16
Acts 10:38-11:30

God's Presence Here

1. It Starts With His Priest

“And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.”
Exodus 28:2

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”
Acts 10:38

2. It Continues In His People

“Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.”
Exodus 29:44-45

“And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”
Acts 11:16

3. Then, “let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18)

“You shall take the atonement money from the people of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may bring the people of Israel to remembrance before the LORD, so as to make atonement for your lives.”
Exodus 30:16

“Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.”
Acts 11:28-29

May 5, 2024
Daniel 4:1-6:18
1 John 3:11-5:2

“God is love” (1 John 4:8)

1. Love Is Inclusive

“[Daniel] answered and said, “My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies!””
Daniel 4:19

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
1 John 4:11

2. Love Is Obedient

“When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.”
Daniel 6:10

“Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.”
1 John 3:21-22

3. Love Is Revealed

“This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation, but you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”
Daniel 4:18

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.”
1 John 4:1-2

May 6, 2024
2 Kings 18:28-22:2
Mark 2:1-3:8

His Nation, His Church

1. Threats To It

“Then the Rabshakeh [Assyrian king’s spokesman] stood and called out in a loud voice...Do not let Hezekiah deceive you...Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD...Do not listen to Hezekiah...And do not listen to Hezekiah...Isaiah said to them, “Say to your master, ‘Thus says the LORD: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard’”

2 Kings 18:28-32, 19:6

“Why does this man speak like that?...Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?...Why do your disciples not fast?...Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?...And they watched Jesus so that they might accuse him... The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.”

Mark 2:7, 16, 18, 24, 3:2, 6

2. Leaders In It

“Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem...And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.”

2 Kings 22:1-2

“And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.”

Mark 3:4-5

2. Spread Of It

“And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD will do this.”

2 Kings 19:30-31

“Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.”

Mark 3:7-8

May 7, 2024
Genesis 47:7-50:26
Revelation 17:11-18:21

Civil Contrasts

1. Sympathy v Antipathy To God's Chosen One

"And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh...let me please go up and bury my father. Then I will return." And Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear."'"

Genesis 50:4-6

"And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

Revelation 17:12-14

2. Release From Slavery v Flight From Sin

"And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." "

Genesis 50:24

"Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."

Revelation 18:4-5

3. Wealth For Good v Wealth For Greed

"And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange for the grain that they bought... So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys...Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for all the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe on them. The land became Pharaoh's. As for the people, he made servants of them from one end of Egypt to the other."

Genesis 47:14, 17, 20-21

"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls."

Revelation 18:11-13

May 8, 2024
Joel 2:18 - Amos 5:9
Acts 6:7-7:28

The Gospel

1. Transparent

“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.”
Amos 3:7

“He [Moses] supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand.”
Acts 7:25

2. Demonstrative

“You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.”
Joel 2:27

“And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.”
Acts 6:8

3. Atoning

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”
Joel 2:32

“And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.”
Acts 6:7

May 9, 2024
Ezekiel 33:10-36:21
Mark 5:16-6:10

Amazing Grace

1. Although We Rejected Him,

“you magnified yourselves against me with your mouth...they hear what you say but they will not do it”
Ezekiel 35:13, 33:31

“And they laughed at him...And they took offense at him”
Mark 5:40, 6:3

2. He Sought Us Out,

“As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered”
Ezekiel 34:12

“And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.”
Mark 6:7-9

3. And He Healed Us.

“I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”
Ezekiel 34:16

“the man who had been possessed with demons...she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease...immediately the girl got up and began walking...he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them...and gave them authority over the unclean spirits”
Mark 5:18, 28-29, 41-42, 6:5, 7

May 10, 2024
Proverbs 7:10-13:17
Romans 15:18-16:27

God's Servants

1. One Message

“All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. They are all straight to him who understands, and right to those who find knowledge.”
Proverbs 8:8-9

“For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed”
Romans 15:18

2. One Purpose

“whoever captures souls is wise”
Proverbs 11:30

“Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ”
Romans 16:25

3. One Family

“The memory of the righteous is a blessing”
Proverbs 10:7

“I commend to you our sister Phoebe...Greet Prisca, Aquila, Epaenetus, Mary, Andronicus, Junia, Ampliatus, Urbanus, Stachys, Apelles, Aristobulus, Herodion, Narcissus, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis, Rufus, his mother, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, Philologus, Julia, Nereus, Olympas”
Romans 16:1-16

May 11, 2024
Isaiah 15:1-22:11
James 1:1-2:13

Priorities

1. A Fleeting Treasure

“the waters of Nimrim are a desolation; the grass is withered, the vegetation fails, the greenery is no more. Therefore the abundance they have gained and what they have laid up they carry away over the Brook of the Willows.”

Isaiah 15:6-7

“For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.”

James 1:11

2. An Eternal Treasure

“in that day man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will look on the Holy One of Israel. He will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, and he will not look on what his own fingers have made”

Isaiah 17:7-8

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

James 1:17

3. Love, The Greatest Treasure

“a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness.”

Isaiah 16:5

“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:12-13

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Ruth 4:7 - 1 Sam 3:18

Matthew 27:45-28:20

Redemption

1. His Plan To Die For Us, “and you shall bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15)

“Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal.” [exposing his foot, removing its protection from injury]

Ruth 4:7-8

“And when they had crucified him [exposing his feet, which are injured], they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.””

Matthew 27:35-37

2. Joy Of His Resurrection

“And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. “There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.”

1 Samuel 2:1-2

“So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.”

Matthew 28:8-9

3. Our Eager Service

“And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.””

1 Samuel 3:10

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”

Matthew 28:19

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Jeremiah 25:15-29:9
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Listen To God In Heaven, Show Mercy To All Here

1. False Teachers

“Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 29:8-9

“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice...Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words.”

Matthew 22:15, 23:2-3

2. True Teacher

“It is I who by my great power and my outstretched arm have made the earth, with the men and animals that are on the earth, and I give it to whomever it seems right to me.”

Jeremiah 27:5

“Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s”...And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.”

Matthew 22:21, 23:9-10

3. Patience In His Sovereignty

“Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

Jeremiah 29:5-7

“Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.”

Matthew 22:9-10

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Ezekiel 36:22-39:20
Luke 7:7-39

God's Work

1. His Faithfulness, In Spite Of Us

“It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.”
Ezekiel 36:22

“The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’”
Luke 7:34

2. Our Faith In Him

“And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all kinds of warriors,’ declares the Lord GOD.”
Ezekiel 39:20

“For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him”
Luke 7:8-9

3. A New Creation

“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”
Ezekiel 36:26

“When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John”
Luke 7:29

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Leviticus 8:22-11:45
Mark 14:45-15:15

Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”
(Genesis 22:8)

1. Betrayal

“Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them.”
Leviticus 10:1

“And when he [Judas] came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him.”
Mark 14:45

2. Blood

“Then he presented the other ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. And he killed it, and Moses took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.”
Leviticus 8:22-23

“And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him with blows...So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.”

Mark 14:64-65, 15:15

3. Glory

“And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.”
Leviticus 9:24

“Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.””
Mark 14:61-62

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Leviticus 5:7-8:21
Luke 18:20-19:18

Worshipping God

1. Jesus' Worship

“And he killed it, and Moses took the blood, and with his finger put it on the horns of the altar around it and purified the altar and poured out the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it to make atonement for it.”

Leviticus 8:15

“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.”

Luke 18:31-33

2. Our Worship

“But if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD as his compensation...But if he cannot afford two turtledoves or two pigeons, then he shall bring as his offering”

Leviticus 5:7, 11

“One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

Luke 18:22

3. Practicality In Worship

“If anyone sins and commits a breach of faith against the LORD by deceiving his neighbor in a matter of deposit or security, or through robbery...he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day he realizes his guilt.”

Leviticus 6:2-5

“And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.””

Luke 19:8

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Ecclesiastes 11:1 – Song of Songs 7:10

Acts 19:37-20:32

Our Betrothed, Our Savior

1. We Talk About Him

“Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days...In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.”

Ecclesiastes 11:1, 6

“I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Acts 20:20-21

2. We Are Vulnerable Without Him

“The watchmen found me as they went about in the city; they beat me, they bruised me, they took away my veil, those watchmen of the walls.”

Song of Songs 5:7

“I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.”

Acts 20:29-30

3. We Are Redeemed By Him

“He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love...The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills.”

Song of Songs 2:4, 8

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”

Acts 20:28

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2 Chronicles 1:1-6:11
Luke 24:11-53

King of Kings

1. Earthly

“Solomon the son of David established himself in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.”

2 Chronicles 1:1

“But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.” [IOW, they thought that he wasn’t the Davidic King they had hoped for]

Luke 24:21

2. Prophetically

“These are Solomon’s measurements for building the house of God: the length, in cubits of the old standard, was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits...the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.”

2 Chronicles 3:3, 5:13-14

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself...everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

[IOW, Jesus is the true temple, perfect, and filled with God’s glory]

Luke 24:27, 44-45

3. Heavenly

“The house that I am to build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him?”

2 Chronicles 2:5-6

“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?...While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.”

Luke 24:26, 51

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1 Samuel 14:47-17:37

Hebrews 11:17-12:15

Faith

1. Faith Failed

“And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel...Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him.”

1 Samuel 15:35, 16:14

“See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.”

Hebrews 12:15

2. Faith Fulfilled

“And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.””

1 Samuel 17:37

“David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms”

Hebrews 11:32-34

3. Fountainhead Of Faith

“For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart...And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.”

1 Samuel 16:7, 12-13

“let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

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1 Corinthians 7:32-9:14

Joshua 23:1 - Judges 2:10

Rest

1. The One God Provides It

“the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies”

Joshua 23:1

“I want you to be free from anxieties.”

1 Corinthians 7:32

2. The One God Necessitates It

“Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, but you shall cling to the LORD your God just as you have done to this day.”

Joshua 23:6-8

“Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.”

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

3. We Must Choose The One God

“The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.”

Joshua 24:24

“But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.”

1 Corinthians 8:3

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Jeremiah 17:1-21:10
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Deliverance

1. Comes From A Sovereign God

“A glorious throne set on high from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.”
Jeremiah 17:12

“And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”
Luke 1:46-47

2. Comes From A Merciful God

“Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy”
Jeremiah 20:13

“He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.”
Luke 1:54

3. Comes From A Forgiving God

“Thus says the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.”
Jeremiah 21:8

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins.”
Luke 1:76-77

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The Holy Temple

1. Above All Others

“And I will set my glory among the nations”
Ezekiel 39:21

“and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.”
Luke 13:17

2. Fortified Within A City

“the sidewalls of the entrance were five cubits”
Ezekiel 41:2

“Lord, will those who are saved be few?”
Luke 13:23

3. A Person, Not A Place

“behold, there was a man whose appearance was like bronze, with a linen cord and a measuring reed in his hand. And he was standing in the gateway...And he said to me, “This is the Most Holy Place.””
Ezekiel 40:3, 41:4

“and the third day I finish my course”
Luke 13:32

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2 Corinthians 5:1-7:1

“for we walk by faith, not by sight”
(2 Corinthians 5:7)

1. Faith In Jesus’ Sacrifice

“Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.”
Ecclesiastes 7:20

“in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them”
2 Corinthians 5:19

2. Faith From God To Choose

“When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it”
Ecclesiastes 5:4

“Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
2 Corinthians 6:2

3. Faith In The Holy Spirit In Us

“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God.”
Ecclesiastes 5:1

“we are the temple of the living God”
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Nothing In Moderation

1. God's Covenant Alone

“It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”
Deuteronomy 31:8

“Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.”
Galatians 3:16

2. God's Faithfulness Alone

“I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.”
Deuteronomy 29:5

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
Galatians 2:20

3. God's Sacrifice Alone

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.”
Deuteronomy 30:14-16

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”
Galatians 3:13-14

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