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The Word of God Speaks

A Bible Summary for
the Great Multitude

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1 ESV

"He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God." Rev
19:13 ESV

An Important Message

If you are reading this and the news is reporting that millions of people have suddenly vanished, please pay close attention. According to the Bible, the resurrection has taken place.

The good news is that scripture also states that a "great multitude" will come to faith in Jesus Christ after the resurrection. These "tribulation" saints will join the old and new testament saints in the 1,000-year Kingdom, with an ultimate destination of Eternity, in the Father's House.

Soon, if it has not already happened, the world's political powers will unite under ten governing systems.

In time, the leader of Israel will sign a peace treaty permitting the Jewish people to rebuild their temple and make sacrifices without resistance. The signing of this agreement will mark the beginning of a seven-year period known as the Tribulation.

You may use this website as a practical guide to the coming events revealed by The Word of God.

If they have not already, the world political system will soon consolidate into just ten governments.

The leader of the Israeli government will soon sign a peace agreement that allows for the Jews to reclaim their temple and practice sacrifices without opposition. The moment the agreement is signed will indicate the start of a seven year period known as the Tribulation.

You may use this website for a practical summary of the coming events as told by The Word of God. Due to the increasing challenges of Tribulation, it would be helpful to Translate and **PRINT the** information on this website to keep and to share.

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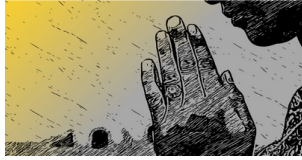
Pray. Talk to God.

In Summary

"Truly I tell you, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Luke 18:17

- **A humble heart is necessary** for growth in The Word of God. .
- **Our Father**, God, *desires* our prayers and Jesus teaches us to pray *persistently*.
- **The "father of lies"**, Satan, **does NOT want us to pray**. He deceives us by targeting our pride, often by shaming and distracting us.
- **David talks to God about everything**, seemingly non-stop in Psalms. And God calls him, "a man after My own heart."
- **The Word of God Speaks** *clearly and simply*: **Pray!**



After God's Own Heart

David is called a “man after God's own heart”. Acts 13:22 **KJV**: “And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after mine own heart**, which shall fulfil all my will.”

David devoted much time to calling out to God in prayer. Whether in joy or sorrow, gratitude or need, confidence or fear, victory or defeat—whether hiding in a cave or ruling from his throne—he continually remained in communication with the Father.

Our Creator asks us to call on him "persistently" for ALL of our needs. He *desires* this communication with us.

Prayer is a valuable resource often avoided. But why? In short, **PRIDE**.

God Desires Our Prayers

Jesus strongly encourages us to pray *persistently*, to continually call for help until the Father responds.

Read Luke 11:5-13 for context, and then focus on verses 8-9 below:

“I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his **impudence** he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Luke 11:8-9 (ESV)

Depending on your bible translation you may see *persistence*, *impudence*, or *importunity*. The Greek word, Strong's word G335, means *importunity* or *impudence* which is considered "offensively bold, shameless, and without discretion." The man finally gets up and gives the bread to his friend, not because of their friendship, but because he is *annoyed*, and he wants to go back to sleep! Jesus is telling us to pray with *impudence* (*bold, and shameless*) if necessary!!

And later in Luke, read Luke 18:1-8 (BSB) below:

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray at all times and not lose heart: **2** “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected men. **3** And there was a widow in that town who kept appealing to him, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

4 For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect men, 5 yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice. Otherwise, she will wear me out with her perpetual requests.'

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to the words of the unjust judge. 7 Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay in helping them? 8 I tell you, He will promptly carry out justice on their behalf. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

This is similar to the "*impudence*" or "persistence" that we just read about in Luke 11. This widow continues to "pester" the "unjust judge" with her cry for justice against her adversary. Finally the judge gives her justice, simply because he is tired of listening to her! She is annoying the unjust judge with her "impudence!"

And as you see in the remaining verses, Jesus tells us to listen to the words of the unjust judge, and to know that God will promptly carry out justice to those of us who cry out to Him day and night!

God desires our prayers, and Jesus tells us to pray with "impudence." We could ask God to reveal the pride in us that inhibits consistent prayer with Him.

Pray, talk to God.

We Face Challenges

Pride

Pride is the opposite of humility, and because God calls for us to come to Him with humble hearts, Satan will push us in the opposite direction, which of course is pride.

Consider these two verses:

Psalm 51:17

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."
and,

Luke 18:17

"Truly I tell you, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."
We can *learn much more* about what the Word has to say about pride with a simple "bible search" using the words "pride" and "proud."

Distraction

We should EXPECT the enemy to distract us with the everyday issues of life. Satan does NOT want us to know The Word of God. He targets our pride, shames us, distracts us, keeps us angry with friends and family members, and much more. The evil one often targets married couples and families in an effort to keep us from praying together. We combat this with a "broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart." *Pray together.*

In 2 Timothy 3:12 Paul says, "Indeed, all who *desire* to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." Paul is saying that if we simply have a "desire" to live a godly life, we will be persecuted.

Satan hopes that persecution will drive us away from God, but God *uses* the persecution to strengthen us in our walk with Him. It is vital to **humble** ourselves and call to God for help in *any and every* challenge that we face in our brief life in the flesh. And it should encourage us to know that God *offers help* with our prayers in ways beyond our understanding:

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows

what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”
Romans 8:26-27

So even when we **do not know what** to pray for, the Spirit himself intercedes for us. We should **give thanks** (pray) to God for His help!

Benefits of Prayer

Peace, Guards Hearts and Minds

Prayer can lead us to *the peace of God which surpasses all understanding* and which will *guard our hearts and minds* in Christ Jesus. This helps us to *turn away from the distractions of this temporary world* and focus our eyes on the Kingdom and Eternity.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

God Gives Generously

James gets right to the point in James 1:5 when he says, “Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

We can ask God for wisdom, and He will give it generously to us, without finding fault. The key is to “ask”, meaning PRAY.

But James goes on to say that we must ask in faith, without doubting, or that we “should not think that we will receive anything, and that we are “double-minded”, which in the Greek means, “*two spirited*”, *vacillating*. This means that while we can ask God for wisdom, we also must act in obedience to his word for us, which will test our faith, and may bring discomfort to us, or others.

The Word of God Speaks, and is saying “Pray, persistently!”

The Word of God

This page is designed to provide a practical summary of what God’s Word has to say concerning the last days of *this* world. It will be helpful to review the Word Reference Diagram as you consider this summary.

The “S” icons represent four biblical principles that are evident throughout scripture.

The “R”, “T”, “K”, and “H” icons represent times and events. An understanding of these topics should provide encouragement to those that come to faith in Christ *after* the resurrection (“R”) of the church. Be sure to *understand* the Prayer page and approach The Word of God with a *humble* heart. And remember to ASK for wisdom as often as needed. Pray *persistently*.

1. "S" SOVEREIGN
2. "S" SEEDS
3. "S" SALVATION
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7. "K" KINGDOM
8. "H" FATHER'S HOUSE, THRONE



1. Sovereign: Who God Is



God is sovereign over His Creation, and as you examine The Word of God it will not be difficult to see that He is in control of everything.

However, you may be left with questions such as “Why would God do that?”, or “How does this serve God's purpose?”

Our Creator anticipated such questions and He reminds us in scripture that He is the Potter and we are the clay. And in Isaiah He says:

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

(Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV)

While we may not always understand God's actions, we can trust Him. God keeps His promises, and He does exactly that which He says He will do.

2. Seeds: Who We Are



In Mat 13:24-30 and Mat 13:36-43 “Parable of the Weeds” we see two types of “seeds”, wheat and weeds. Jesus differentiates the two seed types as “the sons of the kingdom”, and “the sons of the evil one”. We may refer to these two very different seeds as “His” (God’s seed), and “Not His” (Satan’s seed). Here are three terms found in scripture that help define who “we” are:

Spirit:

The term *spirit* is often used in a personal manner and is considered as part of our unique soul. We should not confuse this *spirit* with God’s perfect *Spirit*. God’s Spirit enters us the moment we are saved through faith and become a believer.

Scripture gives examples of each, the spirit that is part of the soul, and “God’s” Spirit:

“My” **spirit** (soul):

Psalms 143:4 (ESV) “Therefore **my spirit** faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.”

God’s **Spirit** (in all believers):

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV) “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**,”

Body:

There are two body types, flesh and eternal, or perishable and imperishable. The bodies of flesh live naturally on this earth. *Eternal* bodies can live on, or under, this physical earth and of course they can also live apart from the natural realm, in Eternity.

1 Corinthians 15:42 (ESV) “So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.”

Soul:

Before the foundation of the world, God *foreknew* us. He created each soul uniquely, and it is our soul that ultimately distinguishes us as individuals.

A believer’s soul is the “battleground” for the struggle between our body and God’s perfect Spirit. The “momentary and light afflictions” faced while in the flesh are part of the sanctification process. The trials and the results vary from soul to soul, and have Kingdom consequences. Many parables speak to this. As a reminder, “we” didn’t start here on earth and this is not our home. We are sojourners and exiles.

And we won’t be here for very long.

1Pe 2:11 (ESV)

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

3. Salvation: God’s Choice



A "believer" refers to salvation and is defined in His Word:

"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 10:9 (ESV)

Scripture says that when we make a genuine confession of faith, we are saved. So we confess, and we are saved.

This seems straightforward and yet, concerning this important truth there has been a divide among believers. The discussion centers on the question, "Did God choose me, or did I choose God?"

Perhaps we all begin our new life in Christ believing that we chose God, and if so, this is understandable because Paul, speaking of *unbelievers*, the "natural man" says:

"The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor 2:14

When we first come to faith we have little or no "spiritual discernment" so we *naturally* assume that salvation was our choice, a decision of our own freewill.

Now, as believers, we can prayerfully examine His Word, and if the spirit permits, we should have a full understanding of this foundational "S" truth.

4. Sanctification: Our Response



The last of the four "S" truths is the process of our sanctification. We inherited "sin" from Adam. Thankfully we, as believers, have been sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Our sanctification process can be described as the battle between the perfect spirit given to us, and our sinful flesh. And this is a battle for our **soul**, that is who "we" are. For the brief time that we are in the flesh we have an opportunity to reflect God's glory, as his workmanship, while we face trials and tribulation.

During our time in the flesh, the choices we make will be rewarded, according to what we have done with what we have been given. And there are Kingdom consequences.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

2 Cor 5:10

5. "R" Resurrection or Rapture



Make note of the "R" on the Word-Reference diagram

Our resurrection, or “the coming of the Lord” was often confused with “Christ’s 2nd Coming”, or the “Day of the Lord”. Christ’s 2nd Coming occurs at the end of Tribulation when He conquers, and then reigns on the earth for 1,000 years in His Kingdom.

The resurrection, or the “coming of the Lord”, when Christ came to “meet us in the clouds”. Christ does not come to the earth to get us, but rather we meet Him “in the clouds”.

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.” 1Th 4:16 (ESV)

The "rapture" was part of the resurrection with a distinction. As noted in the verse above, “the dead in Christ will rise first.” The distinction is that many saints were still alive at the resurrection. The very next verse explains what happened next.

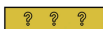
“Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” 1 Th 4:17 (ESV)

When Christ came to resurrect His Bride, every saint that was still alive at that time was directly "caught up" or raptured. Because this website was created before the resurrection, we could only go by our understanding of what scripture offers, but we assume that our resurrection was an event that shocked the world.

The terms “church” and “congregation” are synonymous throughout scripture, and the bride of Christ (or wife of the Lamb) consists of all “His”, and were resurrected together, that is the "OT" saints and the “NT” saints. Additionally, the great multitude, are also part of His bride as they are also invited, or called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

This is strongly supported throughout scripture, and we share more in Examine if we were not yet resurrected.

Consideration



Make note of "???" on the Word-Reference diagram between the "R" and the "T".

It is interesting to note that there was no specific time interval between the “R” and “T.” We speculated that the resurrection, which removed the “righteous” men and women from the earth, would accelerate events towards the tribulation.

In Revelation 7:9 we learn that “a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” have come to faith after the resurrection and into Tribulation.

And in Rev. 19:9 we learn that ALL of “His” are blessed because they are invited (or called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb. This includes "OT" saints, the “NT” saints, and the great multitude that comes out of the tribulation, sometimes referred to as the “Tribulation” saints.

6. "T" Tribulation, 7 years



Make note of the "T" on the Word-Reference diagram

The purpose of Tribulation is primarily to account for Israel's sins under the terms of the Old Covenant, and it also serves to usher in the 1000 year Kingdom.

The start of the seven year period of Tribulation begins the moment that Israel signs a covenant with the Antichrist bringing "peace" and allowing the Jews to make sacrifices in a temple of their own. Halfway into the seven years the Antichrist will break the peace covenant with Israel and will commit "the abomination of desolation" and much more.

Tribulation also gives an opportunity for a **great multitude** to come to faith in Christ Jesus!

Wait a Little Longer?



Make note of "?????" on the Word-Reference diagram between the "T" and the "K".

What is this time period, and what does it represent? The answer is found in Daniel 12:11-12, and it is actually TWO time periods.

In Daniel and in Revelation the terms "1,260 days", "42 months", "times, time, and half a time" each refer to 3 1/2 years, which is half of the 7 year tribulation. Halfway into tribulation the Antichrist will break the peace covenant with Israel and will commit "the abomination of desolation", defiling the temple.

The first time period is 30 days and is stated in Dan 12:11.

"And from the time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation set up, there will be 1,290 days." Dan 12:11 (BSB)

So these first 30 days (1290 days *minus* 1260 days) are to cleanse the temple from the abomination and to "renew" or rebuild *this* entire world in preparation for the 1,000 year Kingdom.

The second time period is 45 days and is stated in Dan 12:12.

Dan 12:12 (BSB) Blessed is he who waits and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

1,335 days *minus* 1290 days = 45 days.

Notice this time period refers to people, "blessed is he who waits". This likely refers to the few survivors of the tribulation including the Jewish remnant that survives tribulation. These are devoted Jews that do not believe that Christ is their Messiah and they still practice the Law of Moses. There are likely Gentile survivors as well. Any survivors that enter the Kingdom in the flesh will still be in their sinful bodies. Sin still exists in the 1,000 year Kingdom.

7. "K" Kingdom, 1000 years



Make note of "K" on the Word-Reference diagram

The Kingdom is established on this *renewed* earth after Christ's 2nd Coming, at the end of Tribulation. Satan is bound up for 1000 years "then he must be released for a little while."

Time still exists, and sin still exists but is tightly controlled as King Jesus rules from His throne in the temple during the 1,000 year Kingdom period. During this period God still inhabits Eternity.

Details of the Kingdom come mostly from the Old Testament prophets. Ezekiel, in chapters 40-48, offers a detailed physical description of the Kingdom as well as many operational details. Please note that to date we have seen no such place on earth.

The Great White Throne Judgement

The Great White Throne Judgement transitions us from the Kingdom into Eternity.

"Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years." Rev. 20:4 (ESV)

Rev 20:4 speaks to you, the great multitude.

First, we see the thrones, and those seated on them. This refers to the 24 elders, the congregation that was introduced in Rev 4. And these 24 elders are given the authority to judge.

The 24 elders, represent the leaders of the 12 tribes of Israel in the Old Testament congregation, and the 12 apostles in the New Testament congregation, also known as the church. When we, the congregation, was recently resurrected we were judged by Christ at the Bema Judgment, and given eternal bodies.

See: 2 Cor. 5:10, Rom. 14:10, and Mat. 12:36.

Then we see a description of the great multitude, and they (you) come to life, meaning "resurrected", and reign with Christ for 1,000 years. It is understood that the great multitude is judged by the 24 elders as part of this resurrection.

At the end of the Kingdom, the earth and sky flee away from the face of the one seated on the great white throne. And the judgement continues as shown in Rev. 20:11-15:

"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

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REV 20:11-15 (ESV)

8. "H" Father's House, Throne



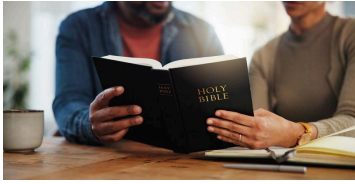
Make note of "H" on the Word-Reference diagram

This is where God dwells, in Eternity. Scripture also refers to this place as “the third heaven”, and “paradise” in 2Cor 12:2-4. This is the place that God “foreknew us before the foundation of the earth”. We were then predestined, and chosen as His seed, “the sons of the Kingdom” and placed here in His creation, Earth.

In Revelation 21 and 22 The Word of God gives specific detail of this “new heaven and new earth” which should not be confused with the 1,000 year Kingdom.

At the end of the 1,000 year Kingdom we return to Eternity to live forever in the Father’s House.

Examine



Biblical Efficiency and Accuracy:

- For this bible summary it is important to download the free [e-Sword](#) app to your Android or Apple device.
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These are the eight (8) recommended e-Sword “custom” categories that are helpful if using the e-Sword app.

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1. Sovereign: Who God Is



Examine: Sovereign

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In this exercise, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we consider the following:

- God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isa 55: 8-9)
- God is the Potter and we are the clay.
- God is in total control of His creation.
- God raises up good *and* evil people to serve His purposes.
- God orchestrates both encouraging *and* difficult circumstances as He desires.

The term "sovereign" may be defined as:

Supreme in power; possessing supreme dominion; as a *sovereign* ruler of the universe.

This exercise simply encourages you to search scripture.

The Word is "alive and active" so go as the Spirit leads, and *call on Him* often. Be patient, and let The Word of God speak to you.

This is your exercise:

Use the e-Sword app to "**Bible Search**" *two or more* of the following *suggestions* or search whatever the Spirit puts on your heart. *As you scroll through search results you are looking for indications of God's power, authority, and control over His creation.*

- “Noah” *All Words, Bible*
- “Harden”, *Partial Match, Bible*- the “partial match” will yield “hardened” as well.
- “High places”, *Phrase, Bible*
- “I am the Lord”, *Phase, Bible*
- “Thus says the lord”, *Phase, Bible* (use “thus **saith** the lord” with **KJV**)
- “Declares the Lord” *Phase, Bible*
- “Potter” *All Words, Bible*

2. Seeds: Who We Are



Examine: Seeds

“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 (ESV)

In this exercise we look at seeds as they relate to us.

As a reminder, each time we approach The Word of God, we should ask the Father to guide us, by His Spirit. He created each of us in a unique manner.

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A. Become familiar with what the Word has to say about “seed”.

- Bible Search “seed” (*partial match*) from the KJV, and then Bible Search again from your preferred bible, or the ESV. Note the difference of returns between KJV and the modern translations. Modern translations often use the word “offspring” in place of “seed”.
- As the Spirit leads you, scroll through the returns and note the context of the word “seed” or “offspring”, with focus on Psalms and the New Testament.

B. Become familiar with what the Word has to say about “flesh”.

- Bible Search “flesh” and scroll through the New Testament returns.

C. Matthew 13 exercise, “The Parable of the Weeds”.

- Read Mat 13:24-30. Jesus is telling of the “Parable of the Weeds”.
- Next, read His *explanation* of the parable in Mat 13:36-43.
- Use the details from the explanation and **rewrite** in your own words the “Parable of the Weeds” from **Mat 13:24-30**.

D. Who are “we”?

In the Mat 13 parable we see two types of “seeds”, wheat and weeds, which Jesus then differentiates as “the sons of the kingdom” and “the sons of the evil one”, or more plainly God’s seed and Satan’s seed. Here are three terms found in scripture that help define who “we” are:

Spirit:

The term *spirit* is often used in a personal manner and is considered as part of our unique soul. We should not confuse this *spirit* with God’s perfect *Spirit*. God’s Spirit enters us the moment we are saved through faith and become a believer.

Scripture gives examples of each, the spirit that is part of the soul, and “God’s” Spirit:

“My” **spirit** (soul):

Psalms 143:4 (ESV) “Therefore **my spirit** faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.”

God’s **Spirit** (in all believers):

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV) “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**,”

Body:

There are two body types, flesh and eternal, or perishable and imperishable. The bodies of flesh live naturally on this earth. *Eternal* bodies can live on, or under, this physical earth and of course they can also live apart from the natural realm, in Eternity.

1 Corinthians 15:42 (ESV) “So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.”

Soul:

Before the foundation of the world, God *foreknew* us. He created each soul uniquely, and it is our soul that ultimately distinguishes us as individuals.

A believer’s soul is the “battleground” for the struggle between our body and God’s perfect Spirit. The “momentary and light afflictions” faced while in the flesh are part of the sanctification process. The trials and the results vary from soul to soul, and have Kingdom consequences. Many parables speak to this.

As a reminder, “we” didn’t start here on earth and this is not our home. We are sojourners and exiles. And we won’t be here for very long.

1Pe 2:11 (ESV)

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

E. Read Luke 8: 4-15

- This is another seed related parable. There are similar parables in Matthew and Mark.
- What do the seeds represent in this parable?
- As the sower sowed, some seeds fell along the path, some fell on the rock, some fell among thorns, and some fell on good soil.
- Note that some seeds produce more than others.
- Which seeds do you believe fell to the “sons of the kingdom”?
- Which seeds do you believe fell to the “sons of the evil one”?

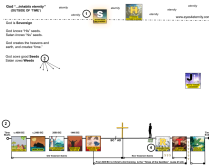
In this parable do you see a relationship to 2Cor 5:10 and the Judgment Seat of Christ?

For the believer, the brief time in the flesh is our opportunity for spiritual growth, sanctification. This includes discipline, and discipline is often painful.

In Hebrews we read: *“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”*

Hebrews 12:11 (ESV)

F. Examine Summary Diagram



Examine Summary Diagram

This exercise is designed to help you visualize that which you have examined to this point. Be sure to pray *persistently*, asking God for wisdom as you examine the scriptures and text in this exercise.

If you struggle with any scripture interpretation then **Examine with KJV+**.

The numbered paragraphs below relate to the numbered areas on the Picture Diagram.

We will add to this diagram as we “Examine” the remaining “S”, “R”, “T”, “K”, “J”, and “H” icons.

You may view a **PDF** of this Examine Diagram.

1. Eternity

- Consider Eternity as a place, not a time. Eternity has always existed, and it is “timeless.” (Revelation 21: 23,25).
- God inhabits Eternity. (Isaiah 57:15) Scripture gives the dimensions (Revelation 21:15-17) and many other important details of His timeless dwelling place. (all of Rev 21 and Rev 22).
- Scripture refers to this dwelling place as “the 3rd Heaven” (2 Corinthians 12:2), “Paradise” (Luke 23:43, Corinthians 12:4), and the “Father’s House” (John 14:2).

2. Creation

- Carefully examine the creation of the heavens and the earth in Genesis 1. Often overlooked is it that God created **time**, or “seasons, days, years”. (Genesis 1:14). Scripture also indicates that

time goes away after the 1,000 year Kingdom, as the earth and the heaven flee away from the face of the one seated on the great white throne (Revelation 20:11), and that there is no need for **time** in Eternity (Revelation 21:23-25).

- The scriptures refer to three “heavens”, and we have already seen that “the Third Heaven” is part of Eternity. The **first heaven** indicates the atmosphere of the earth. The **second heaven** is outer space, which includes the sun, moon, planets, stars, and galaxies. Scientists combine the **first and second heavens** and call it our “universe”. Often missed is that everything from the tiniest particles to the biggest galaxies, and all the forces and laws that hold them together **require** the element of “**time**”. This is why God included “time” in His creation. Ask your AI app, “does an atom require time to exist?” and expect a response similar to, “*The tiniest atom requires time to exist, because time is part of the fabric of the universe in which atoms exist.*”
- In summary, **time starts** with the creation of the heavens and the earth, and **time ends** after the 1,000 year Kingdom.

3. Seeds and Weeds

- **God’s Seed (His)**: This is a good time to remember that we have shown that God is sovereign over His creation, and that he knows the plans He has for us. (Jeremiah 29:11). We are **His seed**, and we were known (created) before the foundation of the earth, and He knew the days He formed for us even before those days existed. (Psalm 139:16). The Son of man sows His good seed, the children of the kingdom. (Matthew 13:37-38)
- **Satan’s Seed (Not His)**: The devil sows his weeds, or tares, the children of the wicked *one* (Matthew 13:37-38) with the intent to slow or eliminate healthy growth of the children of the kingdom. Satan works constantly to **deceive** His (the children of the kingdom), that he may steal, kill, and destroy. (John 10:10).
- The Seeds and Weeds are scattered across **time**. (Matthew 13:24) The good seeds of the **great multitude** will likely land prior to the resurrection “R” and of course come to faith in Christ Jesus during Tribulation.

4. Soul (coming soon)

Question to ponder (coming soon)

Scripts for Translation

Examine with KJV+

(This transcript may be useful for copy or translation.)

In recent years there have been hundreds of new modern English bible translations. These modern translations vary from one to the next, because they often add, delete, and alter the original text in an effort to simplify scripture.

However, this has made it more challenging to understand God's truth, and has caused confusion among many believers.

As you read your favorite bible translation, if the Holy Spirit prompts you to take a closer look at a particular bible verse or passage, then please spend a moment or two in KJV+. This is an efficient process that will often reveal a more accurate understanding, or insight concerning the verse or passage.

This is illustrated in the "e-Sword Set-up, Overview" video.

KJV+ is the King James Version + with Strong's Concordance.

The KJV+ offers three major advantages over other bible translations.

The 1st Advantage: The KJV most closely mirrors the first Early Modern English translation, The Coverdale Bible of 1535, which was translated directly from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek manuscripts. This is verified, below, by comparing the scripture of each translation.

The Coverdale Bible of 1535 was the first complete English translation. This occurred while the English language was in transition between "Middle English" and "Early Modern English."

Examine the similarity of text in Matthew 6:13, The Lord's Prayer:

Coverdale of 1535: And lede vs not in to teptacion: but delyuer vs from euell. For thyne is the kyngdome, and the power, and the glorye for euer. Amen.

King James Version: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

What does your bible say in Matthew 6:13?

The modern English translations often remove "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

One more example, and there are many, Luke 4:4;

Coverdale Bible of 1535: And Iesus answered & sayde vnto hi: It is wrytten: Man shal not lyue by bred onely, but by euery worde of God.

King James Version: "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

Does your bible maintain or delete "but by every word of God."?

The 2nd Advantage: KJV indicates (by italics) where the translators have added words to help with the translation. This is a common and usually helpful process when translating from one language to another. However, the added words can change the meaning of the original sentence if the translator doesn't fully understand the context of the word, or the intent of the author, which at times is an issue with scripture. KJV indicates by italics every word that was added, so that we can decide if the added word is helpful or not. A great example of this is illustrated in the "e-Sword Set-up, Overview" video.

The 3rd Advantage: The (+) of KJV is Strong's Concordance. Strong's is basically a dictionary that gives the English definition of, and assigns a unique number to, every word used in The King James Bible, both Old and New Testaments. This allows us to see the meaning, or multiple meanings, from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words. And with one click in the e-Sword bible app we can see how many times that particular word was used in scripture and see the context in which it was used.

Read your favorite bible, but Examine with KJV+!

e-Sword Setup, Overview

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Hello friends,

This short video is designed to give an introduction to the setup; the efficiency; and the power of the FREE e-Sword bible application.

After you've installed this app on your Apple or Android device, click on the upper left and scroll down to the tutorial.

This video represents an android phone, but the iPhone will look and behave in a similar manner.

The e-Sword tutorial is easy to follow and it should not take long for you to customize your display, download bibles, and more.

You may find it helpful to customize the categories.

Here is an example of how the e-Sword application may encourage better understanding of God's Word.

In John 15, Jesus is teaching his spiritually young disciples the importance of remaining in Him if they are to produce good and abundant fruit! And of course, this applies to all believers today.

We are using the e-Sword app and reading from the ESV, while also displaying the KJV+ at the bottom which synchronizes to the selected verse above.

We will look carefully at verse 2.

The ESV reads, every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

We notice in KJV plus that the 2nd branch in verse 2 is italicized. This means that when the English translation was made from the original Greek manuscript; the second word branch was added by a translator.

For now let's assume that John meant exactly what he wrote in Greek, nearly 2,000 years ago, and disregard that second word branch that was added. This would now translate as "everyone", or "all", instead of every "branch."

But of course, this makes us wonder, why did not John record Jesus using the word branch the second time?

That question draws our interest to the word, "branch." Let's click on that word directly below in KJV+ and take a look at Strong's G2814.

A limb or a chute, as if broken off? A young twig?

Perhaps this first part of the verse should read: "every young branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away."

This may make us want to tap on "he taketh away", G142.

Well, that is interesting. G142 is a primary verb meaning, to lift, and by implication, to take up or away."

We can see that the word G142 is used more than one hundred times in the New Testament.

To look at the context of this word, simply scroll through the verses and see that the word is used in both ways, to lift, or, by implication, to take up or away.

It seems that a more accurate translation of John 15: 2 may be:

Every “young” branch in me that can not yet bear fruit, he lifts and supports,

And everyone that does bear fruit, he prunes so that they may bear more fruit.

Now carefully examine verses three through six. If you struggle with the word "fire" in verse six, you could refer to 1 Corinthians 3:12-15.

We will explore this further in the Examine Salvation section of this website.

Brothers and sisters, pray persistently, and keep a humble heart as you listen carefully to Him.

The Word of God, Speaks.

Bible Search Illustration

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Hello again, friends!

This video is designed to illustrate the Bible Search and other valuable functions that are available in the e-Sword application.

We will use the Examine Exercise, “Sovereign”, as the example for this video.

The goal is to show that The Word of God is **very** clear concerning His sovereignty.

We are using the ESV bible translation. Of course the search results may vary depending on the bible translation selected in the e-Sword app.

Let’s type “Noah” into the Bible Search. It returns 51 verses and 57 matches from the Bible. This means that some verses had the word “Noah” in it more than once.

We can see that selecting the Old Testament yields 43 verses, and that selecting the New Testament yields 8 verses. And, because we initiated the search from the book of John, we can also select that book, which shows zero results.

The first return, Genesis 5:29 looks promising. Let’s click on the verse to confirm the context. It’s Noah’s father, Lamech, and he is prophesying that his newly born son will bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.

And in the next verse we see that Noah’s father lives 595 years after fathering Noah.

We can select “view all” and scroll through the next eleven verses of the “Noah” search. God is telling Noah that He has determined to “end all flesh” because “the earth is filled with violence”.

And we learn that Noah is a righteous man, and that flood waters came upon the earth when Noah was 600 years old, and that Noah and his family went into the ark to escape the flood.

If we continue to scroll through the remaining results from Genesis we can see a bit more information about Noah that may refer to God’s sovereignty, but let’s scroll past the rest of these results until we arrive at the prophets.

Isaiah 54:9 speaks directly to God’s sovereignty, but let’s continue to the next two verses which are in Ezekiel.

Noah, Daniel, and Job are being referenced together, in both Ezekiel returns.

We can look at the “Word Reference Diagram” for orientation, and find Noah and the flood, and we can also locate Daniel and see that he is associated with the start of the “Times of the Gentiles” and Babylon.

To find Job on a timeline we could visit the **Contents** page and click on “Timeline of Biblical History”. There he is. It looks like he may have been born about the time that God initiated His covenant with Abraham.

Let’s click on Ezekiel 14:14 and look at the commentary. Commentary can be helpful for context and orientation, and at times, insight and understanding, but **truth** is most often found at the **source**, which is the Word of God, as revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Back at Ezekiel 14:14 if we scroll up two verses we see a Section Heading: “Jerusalem Will Not Be Spared”.

You probably know that bible “section headings” are not part of scripture, but rather they were added by translators to help organize the Bible into manageable sections.

Also known as “pericope” these section headings can be useful today for locating scripture.

For example, if you want to find “The Lord’s Prayer” in Matthew but you can’t remember the verse, select Matthew, and at the bottom of the screen select pericope and scroll down until you see the section heading that you’re interested in, and click on it.

To get back on track you can use the “history” option to return your focus to Ezekiel 14:14.

As we read the last 12 verses of Ezekiel 14, God clearly states that He is about to desolate His beloved Jerusalem, leaving only **some** survivors.

The last two verses of Ezekiel 14, are somewhat encouraging, but of course we may be left with many questions.

This is yet another example of God’s sovereignty, because He said that He would desolate Jerusalem, and He does.

When it seems that God is being harsh or unfair, we may wonder, “God, why are you doing this?”

The next Exercise, Seeds, may help to bring understanding to God’s *seemingly* unfair treatment of His own beloved people.

Although we don’t always understand His ways or His thoughts, we can see that God is sovereign over His creation. And God is good.

Brothers and sisters, The Word of God is speaking. Let’s continue to listen.

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