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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 message and the news has reported that millions of people have suddenly gone missing, then please continue to listen carefully. According to the Bible the resurrection has occurred. However, the good news is that The Word of God also says that there is a "great multitude" that come to faith in Jesus Christ *after* the resurrection, and this multitude will join the rest of the saints in the 1,000 year Kingdom. Our final destination is The Father's House in Eternity.

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 <u>Translate</u> and **PRINT the** information on this website to keep and to share.

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 required to make any meaningful progress in our relationship with The Word
 of God.
- Our Father desires our prayers and Jesus tells us to pray persistently.
- The "father of lies", does NOT want us to pray and he deceives us in many ways.
- **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, and says, "Pray!"



After God's Own Heart

David is called a "man after God's own heart". In Acts 13:22 we read "And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will."

It's worth noting the amount of time that David spent calling out to God in prayer. Whether he was joyful or sorrowful, thankful or in need, confident or fearful, victorious or defeated, hiding in a cave or sitting on his throne. David seemed to remain in continuous 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, but the idea of prayer is difficult for many of us. Why is that? And what are the benefits of prayer? Let's take a look:

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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, in chapter 18 of Luke:

Read Luke 18:1-8 below:

- 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. Then she will stop wearing 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 continue to defer their help?
- **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 in reference to the last days of *this* world. It will be helpful to reference the <u>Word Reference Diagram</u> as you read or listen to this summary.

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

The "R", "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 <u>Prayer</u> page and approach The Word of God with a *humble* heart. And remember to ASK for wisdom as often as needed. Pray *persistently*.

- **0. EXAMINE**
- 1. "S" SOVEREIGN
- 2. <u>"S" SEEDS</u>
- 3. "S" SALVATION
- 4. "S" SANCTIFICATION
- 5. "R" RESURRECTION-RAPTURE
- 6. "T" TRIBULATION
- 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:

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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.

The term "soul" is understood to encompass our heart, mind, and strength which may include *physical* strength while in the flesh, but more likely means our *determination or willingness, or our spirit (not God's Spirit)*.

A believer's soul is the "battleground" for the struggle between the flesh and God's perfect Spirit in a believer. 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 the spiritual battle of our lifetime. 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." 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.

Some scholars view this resurrection for the New Testament "Church" saints, and remain uncertain concerning the timing of the resurrection of Old Testament saints. We believe the terms Church, Congregation, and Bride of Christ are synonymous and that all saints, from Adam to the criminal on the cross the "OT" saints, were resurrected together with the "NT" saints.

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 these men and women (the great multitude) are "blessed" because they are "invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." The saints (the Bride of Christ) are not on the "invited guests" list because a Bride doesn't invite herself to her own wedding.

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.

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



Printer *friendly* Diagrams:

- Word-Reference
- <u>Timeline of Biblical History</u>

Biblical Efficiency and Accuracy (Coming Soon)

- e-Sword Setup Video and Transcript
- Bible Illustration <u>Video</u> and <u>Transcript</u>

For this bible summary please download the free e-Sword app to your phone or tablet.

Helpful Examine Exercises:

- 1. "S" SOVEREIGN
- 2. "S" <u>SEEDS</u>
- 3. "S" SALVATION (coming soon)

Other Considerations:

• Cross-Check with KJV+ (coming soon)



Examine: Sovereign

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."

Psalm 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.

Instructions for the Bible and Strong's searches assume that you are using the e-Sword app on your Android or Apple device. If you need help, please view <u>Biblical Efficiency and Accuracy</u> on the Examine page **(Video examples coming soon!)**. These examples may be used in other electronic bibles, however it is best to avoid electronic bibles that require network or internet.

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.

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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)

Let's encourage each other to stay in the Word and stay in prayer.

F. View the Seed Path Illustration Video (coming soon)