

Psalm 103:3

3 Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,

Psalm 66:18

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.

Psalm 51:6

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.

Psalm 51:17

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 139:23

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;

Psalm 51:2

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:15

15 O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Psalm 41:13

13 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

Job 33:14-18

14 For God may speak in one way, or in another,
 Yet man does not perceive it.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
 When deep sleep falls upon men,
 While slumbering on their beds,

16 Then He opens the ears of men,
 And seals their instruction.

17 In order to turn man *from his* deed,
 And conceal pride from man,

18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit,
 And his life from perishing by the sword.

Proverbs 25:2

2 *It is* the glory of God to conceal a matter,
 But the glory of kings *is* to search out a matter.

Psalms 22:12-13

12 Many bulls have surrounded Me;
 Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me.

13 They gape at Me *with* their mouths,
 Like a raging and roaring lion.

Psalms 22:20-21

20 Deliver Me from the sword,
 My precious *life* from the power of the dog.

21 Save Me from the lion's mouth
 And from the horns of the wild oxen!

 You have answered Me.

James 5:16

16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

2 Thessalonians 2:11

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

Genesis 20:3

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, “Indeed you *are* a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she *is* a man’s wife.”

Genesis 20:6

6 And God said to him in a dream, “Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

Genesis 31:10-11

10 “And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks *were* streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted. 11 Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, ‘Jacob.’ And I said, ‘Here I am.’

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Genesis 37:5-10

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told *it* to his brothers; and they hated him even more. 6 So he said to them, “Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: 7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.”

8 And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

10 So he told *it* to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”

Genesis 40

Joseph & the dreams of the butler & the baker

Genesis 41 Pharaoh's dreams/Joseph's interpretations

Gen 41:1 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh had a dream; and behold, he stood by the river.

Gen 41:2 Suddenly there came up out of the river seven cows, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow.

Gen 41:3 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ugly and gaunt, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the river.

Gen 41:4 And the ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven fine looking and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.

Gen 41:5 He slept and dreamed a second time; and suddenly seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, plump and good.

Gen 41:6 Then behold, seven thin heads, blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them.

Gen 41:7 And the seven thin heads devoured the seven plump and full heads. So Pharaoh awoke, and indeed, it was a dream.

Gen 41:8 Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.

Gen 41:9 Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying: "I remember my faults this day.

Gen 41:10 "When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, both me and the chief baker,

Gen 41:11 "we each had a dream in one night, he and I. Each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his own dream.

Gen 41:12 "Now there was a young Hebrew man with us there, a servant of the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; to each man he interpreted according to his own dream.

Gen 41:13 "And it came to pass, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him."

Gen 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.

Gen 41:15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

Gen 41:16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

Gen 41:17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph: "Behold, in my dream I stood on the bank of the river.

Gen 41:18 "Suddenly seven cows came up out of the river, fine looking and fat; and they fed in the meadow.

Gen 41:19 "Then behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such ugliness as I have never seen in all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:20 "And the gaunt and ugly cows ate up the first seven, the fat cows.

Gen 41:21 "When they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were just as ugly as at the beginning. So I awoke.

Gen 41:22 "Also I saw in my dream, and suddenly seven heads came up on one stalk, full and good.

Gen 41:23 "Then behold, seven heads, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprang up after them.

Gen 41:24 "And the thin heads devoured the seven good heads. So I told this to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."

Gen 41:25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:

Gen 41:26 "The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads are seven years; the dreams are one.

Gen 41:27 "And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty heads blighted by the east wind are seven years of famine.

Gen 41:28 "This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.

Gen 41:29 "Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt;

Gen 41:30 "but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land.

Gen 41:31 "So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe.

Gen 41:32 “And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

Gen 41:33 “Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:34 “Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

Gen 41:35 “And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

Gen 41:36 “Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.”

Gen 41:37 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.

Gen 41:38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?”

Gen 41:39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

Gen 41:40 “You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.”

Gen 41:41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

Gen 41:42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

Gen 41:43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”

Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:46 Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:47 Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly.

Gen 41:48 So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them.

Gen 41:49 Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable.

Gen 41:50 And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him.

Gen 41:51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh:[fn] "For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house."

Gen 41:52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim:[fn] "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Gen 41:53 Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended,

Gen 41:54 and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

Gen 41:55 So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do."

Gen 41:56 The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses[fn] and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:57 So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands. Pharaoh's dreams/Joseph's interpretations

Genesis 42:9

9 Then he remembered his dreams about them and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see where our land is unprotected."

Numbers 12:6

6 he said, "Listen to my words:

"When a prophet of the LORD is among you,

I reveal myself to him in visions,

I speak to him in dreams.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

1 If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, 2 and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and

he says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," 3 you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him. 5 That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he preached rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery; he has tried to turn you from the way the LORD your God commanded you to follow. You must purge the evil from among you.

Judges 7:13-15

13 Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed."

14 His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."

15 When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped God. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands."

1 Samuel 28:15

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

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

1 Kings 3:5-15

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

6 Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

7 "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life." 15 Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord's covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. ^[a] Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Job 7:14

14 even then you frighten me with dreams
and terrify me with visions,

Daniel 1:17

17 To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

Daniel 2, 4, 7—Many references to dreams

Joel 2:28

28 "And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

Zechariah 4:8-13

8 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

10 "Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

"(These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range throughout the earth.)"

11 Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?"

12 Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?"

13 He replied, "Do you not know what these are?"

"No, my lord," I said.

Matthew 1:20

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 2:12-13

12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Escape to Egypt

13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Matthew 2:19

The Return to Nazareth

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

Matthew 2:22

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,

Matthew 27:19

19 While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

Acts 2:17

17 *' And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,*

*Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.*

Proverbs 27:6

6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

2 Samuel 16:11-13

11 And David said to Abishai and all his servants, “See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now *may this* Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him. 12 It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction,^[a] and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day.” 13 And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him and kicked up dust.

Titus 1:15

15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

8 The LORD shall judge the peoples;
Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,
And according to my integrity within me.

9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end,
But establish the just;
For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.

Psalm 7:8-9

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Romans 14:4

4 Who are you to judge another’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Lamentations 3:38

38 *Is it* not from the mouth of the Most High
That woe and well-being proceed?

Exodus 20:5-6

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Matthew 12:43-45

An Unclean Spirit Returns

43 “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

Ephesians 6:1-9

Ephesians 6

Children and Parents

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “*Honor your father and mother,*” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “*that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.*”^[a]

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Bondservants and Masters

5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also^[b] is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Acts 10:36

36 The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same^[a] Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Psalm 51

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin *is* always before me.
- 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done *this* evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak,^[a]
And blameless when You judge.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,

And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.

13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.

14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
The God of my salvation,
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*;
You do not delight in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.

18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar. **Psalm 51**

Matthew 3:11

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto 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.¹

Psalm 32:1

A Psalm of David. A Contemplation.^[a]

1 Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven,
Whose sin *is* covered.

Exodus 20:5

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

Exodus 34:7

7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.”

Ephesians 5:27

27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Deuteronomy 7:26

26 Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it *is* an accursed thing.

Isaiah 2:18-19

18 But the idols He shall utterly abolish.

19 They shall go into the holes of the rocks,
And into the caves of the earth,
From the terror of the LORD
And the glory of His majesty,
When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Acts 19:16

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered^[a] them, and prevailed against them,^[b] so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

1 John 1:7

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,^[a] against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 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.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Luke 11:24-26

24 “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ 25 And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order. 26 Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.”

Luke 11:28

28 But He said, “More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

James 4:2

2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet^[a] you do not have because you do not ask.

2 Peter 3:8

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Revelation 21:2

2 Then I, John,^[a] saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:9

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me^[a] and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”

Ephesians 5:22-23

Marriage—Christ and the Church

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

John 8:32

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Numbers 30

Regulation of vows

Num 30:1

Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, “This is the thing which the LORD has commanded:

Num 30:2

“If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Num 30:3

“Or if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by some agreement while in her father’s house in her youth,

Num 30:4

“and her father hears her vow and the agreement by which she has bound herself, and her father holds his peace, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement with which she has bound herself shall stand.

Num 30:5

“But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will release her, because her father overruled her.

Num 30:6

“If indeed she takes a husband, while bound by her vows or by a rash utterance from her lips by which she bound herself,

Num 30:7

“and her husband hears it, and makes no response to her on the day that he hears, then her vows shall stand, and her agreements by which she bound herself shall stand.

Num 30:8

“But if her husband overrules her on the day that he hears it, he shall make void her vow which she took and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and the LORD will release her.

Num 30:9

“Also any vow of a widow or a divorced woman, by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

Num 30:10

“If she vowed in her husband’s house, or bound herself by an agreement with an oath,

Num 30:11

“and her husband heard it, and made no response to her and did not overrule her, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement by which she bound herself shall stand.

Num 30:12

“But if her husband truly made them void on the day he heard them, then whatever proceeded from her lips concerning her vows or concerning the agreement binding her, it shall not stand; her husband has made them void, and the LORD will release her.

Num 30:13

“Every vow and every binding oath to afflict her soul, her husband may confirm it, or her husband may make it void.

Num 30:14

“Now if her husband makes no response whatever to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all the agreements that bind her; he confirms them, because he made no response to her on the day that he heard them.

Num 30:15

“But if he does make them void after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt.”

Num 30:16

These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father’s house.

Matthew 16:19

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed^[a] in heaven.”

Isaiah 58

Godly fasting

Isa 58:1

“Cry aloud, spare not;

Lift up your voice like a trumpet;

Tell My people their transgression,

And the house of Jacob their sins.

Isa 58:2

Yet they seek Me daily,

And delight to know My ways,

As a nation that did righteousness,

And did not forsake the ordinance of their God.

They ask of Me the ordinances of justice;

They take delight in approaching God.

Isa 58:3

‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and You have not seen?
Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?’

“In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure,
And exploit all your laborers.

Isa 58:4

Indeed you fast for strife and debate,
And to strike with the fist of wickedness.
You will not fast as you do this day,
To make your voice heard on high.

Isa 58:5

Is it a fast that I have chosen,
A day for a man to afflict his soul?
Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush,
And to spread out sackcloth and ashes?
Would you call this a fast,
And an acceptable day to the LORD?

Isa 58:6

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the heavy burdens,
To let the oppressed go free,
And that you break every yoke?

Isa 58:7

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him,
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

Isa 58:8

Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Isa 58:9

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

“If you take away the yoke from your midst,
The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

Isa 58:10

If you extend your soul to the hungry
And satisfy the afflicted soul,
Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,
And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

Isa 58:11

The LORD will guide you continually,
And satisfy your soul in drought,

And strengthen your bones;
You shall be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Isa 58:12

Those from among you
Shall build the old waste places;
You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,
The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

Isa 58:13

“If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath,
From doing your pleasure on My holy day,
And call the Sabbath a delight,
The holy day of the LORD honorable,
And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways,
Nor finding your own pleasure,
Nor speaking your own words,

Isa 58:14

Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD;
And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth,
And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father.
The mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Matthew 17:14-21

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic^[a] and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

17 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

20 So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief;^[b] for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”^[c]

Mark 2:19

19 And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.