**OUR POWER SOURCE & WEAPONRY FOR AN OVERCOMING LIFE**

**(Our 8 Fold New Covenant Inheritance Through The Cross)**

In the natural Jesus’ death on the Cross seemed like a horrible defeat. However, in the Spirit realm it brought the greatest victory to humanity in the history of the world. This is abundantly illustrated through the 8 Fold Blessing that God’s children inherit through the victory of His Cross. This divine inheritance opens up access to unlimited supernatural power and blessings that enable us to overcome every obstacle and to obey God’s Word (Hallelujah!). This supernatural inheritance provides the unlimited power sources and weapons needed to enable us to walk victoriously in the Lord’s 11 Divine Directives for overcomers in this endtime generation (these Directives we will be addressing later in this discipleship process). By His grace we will fulfill these Directives which will transform us into “Rapture Ready Champions” of righteousness, purity, power and love who will bring in the greatest harvest of precious souls in history (Revelation 7:9-10). Our 8 Fold Inheritance as God’s *“Born Again”* children include:

1. **The Redeeming, Cleansing & Liberating Power of His Grace:**

When we sincerely repent of our sin, put our trust in Jesus, God the Son’s sacrificial payment for our sin and surrender to His Lordship by asking Him to come into our lives as Lord, we will be born again into the family of God. As God’s child we receive an 8 fold inheritance of power and blessings starting with the transforming power of His grace. God’s grace through Jesus’ blood is not just His undeserved divine favour and forgiveness before God, it is power that brings divine change and imparts gifting. Jesus’ shed blood on the Cross released the power of His grace to:

1. Paid The Penalty For & Cleanses Away Our Every Sin**:**

***12****giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled us to be partakers in the inheritance of the saints in light.****13****He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of His dear Son,****14****in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.* Colossians 1:12-14 MEV

*… To Him* (Jesus) *who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.* Revelation 1:5b MEV

***7****But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.* I John 1:7 MEV

1. Ongoing Forgiveness & Liberation From Our Sinful Nature:

Our precious Lord not only liberated us from the penalty of our sin, He also liberated us from the bondage & power of the sin nature. Consequently, we have freedom and grace to overcome our sinful habits and attitudes with the Holy Spirit’s assistance (see Romans 8:5-14 below). However, it is not automatic, we are workers together with God and need to enforce the victory by His power and grace. And we also need to choose to take the promised way of escape when necessary (I Corinthians 10:13). Also, whenever we unintentionally stumble into sin, we receive ongoing forgiveness through repentance.

***9****If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 MEV*

*6knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him, so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we should no longer be slaves to sin.****7****For the one who has died is freed from sin …* ***18****and having been freed from sin, you became the slaves of righteousness.* Romans 6:6-7, 18 MEV

***13****No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, and He will not permit you to be tempted above what you can endure, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.* I Corinthians 10:13 MEV

1. Choose the Way of Righteousness & Obedience to God’s Word & Ways**:**

***11****For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,****12****teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, righteously, and in godliness in this present world.* Titus 2:11-12 MEV

***17****Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things have passed away. Look, all things have become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17 MEV

1. Receive of the Lord’s 7 Gifts of Grace as He Desires**:**

These 7 gifts of grace recorded in Romans 12 are not the same as the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit recorded in I Corinthians chapter 12. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are fully directed, distributed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The gifts of grace which include: i) **Prophecy** ii) **Serving** iii) **Teaching** iv) **Exhorting**

v) **Giving** vi) **Leading** (Ruling) & vii) **Mercy;** seem to be activated and operate in our lives according to His Grace. It is revealed in I Peter 5:5-6 that the Lord gives grace to the humble and that He exalts the humble. Therefore it would seem that the greater the humility in our lives the stronger will be the manifestation of such gifts.

***6****We have diverse gifts according to the grace that is given to us: if prophecy, according to the proportion of faith;****7****if service, in serving; he who teaches, in teaching;****8****he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with generosity; he who rules, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.* Rom. 12:6-8 MEV

1. **Prophecy** is speaking a message or an expression from God’s heart in a moment to a situation that can be personal or for a group to bring edification and encouragement.
2. **Serving** is a God given desire and ability to lend practical assistance to members or leaders in the Church to fulfill their responsibilities in service to the Lord and to His Church Body in its functions, activities and ministries.
3. **Teaching** is the God given desire and ability to study God’s Word and to help others better understand and apply it in order to grow and develop Christ like character as disciples in the local church.
4. **Exhorting** is the God given desire and ability to bring out the best in Believers by inspiring them to be diligent and to excel in demonstrating their giftings and abilities for the glory of God. It may also involve the sharing of God’s Word in such a way that it inspires greater faith and devotion to God in the hearts of those who hear it.
5. **Giving** is the God given grace and ability to give generously to the needs of others and to support God’s work. It appears that those gifted in “Giving” also tend to practice hospitality.
6. **Leading (Ruling)** is the God given desire and ability to give leadership, guidance, and oversight over activities in the local church for the spiritual benefit of all. For example, in organizing and leading administrative activities and the financial management of the Church functions and facilities. Leading and organizing ministry and care for groups in the Church like the elderly, widows or orphans. As well as leading or organizing prayer meetings or Bible Study groups. Church Deacons and Small Group Leaders often function with this gifting (Acts 6:1-5; I Timothy 3:8-13).
7. **Mercy** is the God given desire and ability to effectively help and comfort those in need or distress with great compassion and empathy both practically and emotionally.

Now Beloved, your responsibility is to discover, develop and demonstrate His gifts of grace in you to bless your Church family and others for His glory in Jesus’ Precious Name. Amen!

(Note: We would like to acknowledge the help of our Fire Bible Commentary on Romans chapter 12 in the compiling of this explanation on the gifts of grace. 😊

1. **The Confidence of Being Clothed in His Righteousness:**

***21****God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* 2 Corinthians 5:21 MEV

The cleansing of Jesus’ precious blood enables every “work in progress” child of God to be clothed in His Righteousness. Consequently, we don’t lose our salvation when we slip, trip or fall into an unintentional sin, because we’re clothed in His perfect Righteousness not our imperfect one (PTL!). And as we confess our sin He is just and right to forgive & cleanse it.

1. **The Regenerating Power, Gifts, Fruit & Ministries of the Holy Spirit:**

Jesus told the respected Jewish religious leader Nicodemus that in order to enter God’s Kingdom we must be *“born again,”* through Holy Spirit regeneration. *“Jesus answered him,” Truly, truly I say to you, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God … Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.”* (John 3:3 &7 MEV). However, due to man’s sin problem no man could be indwelt by the Holy Spirit until Jesus’ cleansing blood sacrifice at Calvary. When we repent, believe and receive Jesus as Lord, His precious blood cleanses away our sin, thus removing the sin barrier which prevented our being indwelt by the Spirit of God. Consequently, upon repentance and faith the Holy Spirit enters our hearts and lives and causes us to be supernaturally regenerated and “born again” into God’s family. Even Jesus’ disciples needed to experience this regenerative new birth after Jesus’ death and resurrection because until His blood sacrifice no one could receive the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Their new birth experience is recorded in John 20:21-22.

***21****So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As My Father has sent Me, even so I send you.”****22****When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.*

When you are *“born again”* by the Holy Spirit Beloved, you are no longer only human, you become a supernaturally empowered human by His grace and by His Holy Spirit dwelling within. Now the same all powerful Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells inside you giving you access to unlimited supernatural power to overcome anything. This includes every sinful habit and attitude and every lustful temptation of this demonically controlled world system.

***5****For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.****6****To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace,****7****for the carnal mind is hostile toward God, for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can it be,****8****and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.* ***9****You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. Now if any man does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.****10****And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is alive because of righteousness.****11****But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that lives in you.* ***12****Therefore, brothers, we are debtors not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.****13****For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if through the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.* ***14****For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.* Romans 8:5-14 MEV

Not only does the Holy Spirit empower us to enforce the Lord’s blood bought victory over our sinful flesh. He also gives us the power to walk in the supernatural fruit and gifts of the Spirit.

***22****But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith,****23****meekness, and self-control; against such there is no law.* Galatians 5:22-23 MEV

***7****But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for the common good.****8****To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit,****9****to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,****10****to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.****11****But that one and very same Spirit works all these, dividing to each one individually as He will.* I Corinthians 12:7-11 MEV

Allowing the Holy Spirit to flow through us in manifestation of His fruit, gifts and functions reveals God’s power through us to a lost and dying world. Such demonstrations of His love and power through us confirms the reality of His existence and causes people to desire to know Him and to be part of His loving eternal family.

The Holy Spirit ministry functions that each member of the Body of Christ receives is to enable us to serve, edify and equip others in the Church and to help win the lost (I Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 4:11-13). Each Believer needs to diligently seek the Lord to discover, develop and demonstrate their ministry gifts and ministry callings for the benefit of all, both in the Church and in the marketplace.

***27****Now you are the body of Christ and members individually.****28****God has put these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, and various tongues.****29****Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?****30****Do all have the gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?****31****But earnestly covet the greater gifts.* *Yet I show you a more excellent way.* I Corinthians 12:27-31 MEV

Finally, one thing to realize is that our Holy Spirit power needs to be renewed regularly because as we labour for the Lord and battle daily, we need to be refilled (Acts 4:29-31). Jesus, instructed us to diligently ask our Heavenly Father for the Holy Spirit and that He will grant our request.

***13****If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?* Luke 11:13 KJVER

Lord willing, we will learn about the vital importance of how to receive the Baptism and refilling of the Holy Spirit during the teaching on Divine Directive #6) Be Filled (Baptized) With The Holy Spirit & Refilling Daily: Our Power & Love.

1. **Authority as God’s Child to Use Jesus’ Name In Prayer & Declaration:**

As God’s *“born again”* children we have the tremendous priviledge and authority to use Jesus’ powerful name in prayer and declaration over ourselves and others. God’s Word states in: Romans 10:13 KJVER *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

This applies not only for our salvation from sin, but also to other areas of need as well. For example, when my Dad was lying in a Chatham hospital bed given only hours left to live due to a massive heart attack and the fact that his kidneys had stopped functioning. In that moment, I called upon the name of Jesus. Instantly, the immense power of God swept into the intensive care unit and hit my Dad. Who in his critical condition was so terrified by what he was experiencing as he saw flames of fire licking at the bottom of his bed because he was not ready to meet the Lord. Consequently, he was literally wrestling with my brother David at his bedside thinking that if he could get out of the hospital, he could escape the horror of what he was experiencing. When the wave of God’s power hit my Dad *“he melted”* under the overwhelming peace that enveloped him. He laid back into his bed and immediately his kidneys began to function and his heart was healed. The doctors had no explanation, they said it was a miracle and it was! (Hallelujah!) another example relates to the pornographic images that filled my mind from past immoral indulgences. At times the enemy would flood my mind with these, pornographic scenes and I would call upon Jesus’ name and they would be dispelled from my mind (Thank you Lord!). when in faith we call upon that name above every name miraculous things happen. Whether it’s the need for salvation, healing, deliverance in your thought life, a financial crisis or to drive out a demon from someone’s life, His name rules (Hallelujah!) In Mark chapter 16 verse 17 and 18 Jesus states:

***17****These signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;****18****they will take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* Mark 16:17-18 MEV

All manner of supernatural happenings and victories including those mentioned above are manifested through God’s children who pray and declare His matchless, all powerful name in faith led by the Holy Spirit. As God’s children we have this all powerful name to help us as well as others to overcome every obstacle, spiritual attack or whatever we may face in our daily lives. This is another reason why God’s Word declares: *But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* I Corinthians 15:57 KJVER and *“Now thanks be to God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ …”* 2 Corinthians 1:14b. Beloved, overcoming is as close as the mention of His name in many situations we face each day, so let us enforce the victory in Jesus’ Name! Amen.

John 14:13-14 MEV ***13****I will do whatever you ask in My name, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.****14****If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

John 15:7 MEV ***7****If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

John 16:23-24 MEV ***23****On that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you.****24****Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

I John 5:14-15 MEV ***14****This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.****15****So if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have whatever we asked of Him.*

Genesis 15:1 MEV ***15****After this the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not fear, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+15%3A1+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-362a)*]”*

1. **Privilege & Authority to Weaponize & Feed Upon God’s Word:**

God’s Word the Holy Scriptures is given to us as vital spiritual nourishment that feeds and sustains our spiritual life. As His children we are instructed to hunger for His Word and consume it as the *“Bread of Life.”* Jesus is the living Word which was God and became flesh (a human) and dwelt among us (John 1:1, 14). Figuratively Jesus instructed us as children of God to eat His flesh and drink His blood in order to receive eternal life in John 6:47-69. Thankfully, Jesus was speaking figuratively of His being the Word of God our spiritual Bread of Life, not cannibalism. He explains that He was not talking about His literal flesh and blood, but of His Words which we consume by the studying and obeying of Scripture (John 1:63-68; James 1:21-23). When we faithfully do this and believe we figuratively consume Him and He becomes part of us. Therefore because we repent, believe and receive Him as Lord as His Word reveals, we receive eternal life by grace through faith in Him (Ephesians 2:8-9). Then we maintain our spiritual life through continuing in faith and obedience to His Word (I John 5:2-3).

John 10:10 MEV***10****The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

2 Timothy 2:15 MEV ***15****Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 3:16 MEV***16****All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness,*

Matthew 4:4 MEV ***4****But He answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”*

I Peter 2:2 MEV ***2****As newborn babies, desire the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow,*

I Peter 1:23 MEV ***23****for you have been born again, not from perishable seed, but imperishable, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*

John 1:1-3, 14 MEV ***1****In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.****2****He was in the beginning with God.****3****All things were created through Him, and without Him nothing was created that was created …* ***14****The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 6:47-48, 51,54,58,60-63,67-68 MEV ***47****Truly, truly I say to you, whoever believes in Me has eternal life.****48****I am the bread of life …* ***51****I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. The bread which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh …* ***54****Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life. And I will raise him up on the last day …* ***58****This is the bread which came down from heaven, not as your fathers ate manna and died. He who eats this bread will live forever …* ***60****When they heard this, many of His disciples said, “This is a hard saying. Who can listen to it?”* ***61****Knowing in Himself that His disciples murmured about it, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you?****62****Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before?****63****It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit and are life …* ***67****So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”* ***68****Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

James 1:21-22 MEV***21****Therefore lay aside all filthiness and remaining wickedness and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.* ***22****Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

Hebrews 5:11-14 MEV ***11****Concerning this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become hard of hearing.****12****For though by now you should be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God and have come to need milk rather than solid food.****13****Everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby.****14****But solid food belongs to those who are mature, for those who through practice have powers of discernment that are trained to distinguish good from evil.*

John 8:31-32 MEV ***31****Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you remain in My word, then you are truly My disciples.****32****You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.”*

**Weaponizing God’s Word To Defeat Satanic Lies**

In the same manner that Jesus defeated Satan with the truth of God’s Word in Matthew 4:1-11. We as God’s children have authority to battle and overcome demonic warfare over our minds and spirits by using the power of God’s Word to dispel lies and accusations that satanic powers endeavour to infiltrate our minds with. We need to cleanse and renew our minds with the Truth of who the Lord says we are in His Word. To demolish the lies and accusations of evil powers or by people being used by demonic spirits to discourage or condemn us with words of death. This also may be true regarding strongholds of evil declarations that have been made against us in times past even as a child, especially parental and other authorities in our lives. You are a new creation in Christ and all negative and hurtful words spoken over you must be demolished and aligned with your new victorious identity in Christ. You are loved as God’s child, you are blessed, you are an overcomer in Jesus who can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13).

***3****For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.****4****For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds,****5****casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,****6****and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is complete.* 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 MEV

**God’s Word Is Spiritual Armour**

We also can help other Believers by sharing the truth of God’s Word which can liberate them from lies and accusations they may be battling with. In Ephesians 6:10-17 we learn details of this spiritual warfare with evil principalities and how to put on the whole armour of God to overcome these attacks. As you study this passage you will discover that putting on this spiritual armour is related to knowing (studying), obeying, meditating upon, memorizing, hearing, sharing, declaring and praying God’s Word. We deal with this topic more extensively in our discussion of Divine Directive #5 “Daily Nurture (Study) & Obedience to God’s Word.” Take Heed: Not knowing the power of Jesus’ Name and His Word and the need to hide God’s Word in our hearts (memorize it) leaves us defenseless and vulnerable to the enemy’s attacks to deceive us as well as infiltrate and defile our minds.

Being strong in the Word gives us the ability to discern good from evil (Hebrews 5:13-14. Also, knowing, obeying, meditating upon and memorizing God’s Word is key to our prosperity and success as it was for Joshua of old.

***7****Only be you strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded you: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.****8****This book of the law* (the Word) *shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.* Joshua 1:7-8 KJVER

**Declaration of God’s Word Activates Angelic Protection**

Another very important way to weaponize God’s Word in our lives and others is by praying or declaring it over ourselves or those we love. The declaration of the Word of God is supernaturally powerful in its own right as the scriptures reveal. In fact, in Psalm 138:2 the scripture infers that God’s Word is at least as powerful as His name (PTL!)

Psalm 138:2 MEV *I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and for Your truth; for You have exalted Your word above all Your name.*

However, what is also greatly encouraging for us as His children is that in the process of declaring the Word of God in faith led by the Holy Spirit, we activate ministering angels on our behalf to help and protect us.

Psalm 103:20 MEV ***20****Bless the Lord, you His angels, who are mighty, and do His commands, and obey the voice of His word.*

Hebrews 1:14 MEV ***14****Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to minister to those who will inherit salvation?*

Consequently, two scriptures with tremendous promises that we love to regularly declare over ourselves and over our Oasis Family is Psalm 91 and Psalm 103. We encourage you to prayerfully begin to use this powerful weapon of God’s Word in your life and in the lives of your loved ones.

**Overcoming Is Not An Option!**

This particular message is one of the most challenging and important messages we have ever shared. It includes some of the hardest sayings found in God’s Word that will help us to understand that overcoming sin, demons and worldly influences are not optional but imperative. Please pray before you read the following scriptures that the Lord will give you ears to hear, obey and the grace to pursue overcoming victory in every area of your life. That He will anoint you with His love and with the fear of the Lord to obey Him and to depart from every evil attitude and behaviour that He reveals in your life in Jesus’ precious Name, Amen!

Matthew 5:27-30 MEV 27“*You have heard that it was said by the ancients, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A27-30+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-23262a)*] 28 But I say to you that whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away. For it is profitable that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body be thrown into hell.*

Matthew 7:13-14 MEV **13**“*Enter at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who are going through it, 14 because small is the gate and narrow is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

Matthew 7:21-23 MEV **21**“*Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonderful works in Your name?’ 23 But then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who practice evil.’* (sin & iniquity)

Hebrews 10:26-31 MEV *26 For if we willfully continue to sin after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation, which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who despised Moses’ law died without mercy in the presence of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severe a punishment do you suppose he deserves, who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded the blood of the covenant that sanctified him to be a common thing, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine,” says the Lord, “I will repay.”[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+10%3A26-31+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-30164a)*] And again He says, “The Lord will judge His people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Hebrews 6:4-8 MEV *4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to be renewed once more to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and subject Him to public shame. 7 For land that drinks in the rain that often falls upon it and bears a crop useful to those for whom it is cultivated receives a blessing from God. 8 But land that bears thorns and thistles is rejected and near to being cursed. Its destiny is to be burned.*

I John 3:4-10 MEV ***4****Whoever practices sin breaks the law, for sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that He was revealed to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whoever remains in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has not seen Him and does not know Him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who does righteousness is righteous, just as Christ is righteous. 8 Whoever practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever has been born of God does not practice sin, for His seed remains in him. And he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are revealed: Whoever does not live in righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.*

Revelation 21:6-8 MEV *6He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the spring of the water of life to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly,* (fearful) *the unbelieving, the abominable, the murderers, the sexually immoral, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars shall have their portion in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone. This is the second death.”*

Proverbs 16:6 MEV *6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.*

Proverbs 8:13 MEV *13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.*

Isaiah 11:2 MEV 2*The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.*

Proverbs 3:5-8 MEV Trust *in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;* ***6****in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.* ***7****Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil.* ***8****It will be health to your body, and strength to your bones.*

**Getting Victory Over Our Failures to Overcome**

John 8:31-32 MEV ***31****Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you remain in My word, then you are truly My disciples.****32****You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.”*

John 14:21, 23-24 MEV ***21****He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father. And I will love him and will reveal Myself to him ...”* ***23****Jesus answered him, “If a man loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our home with him.****24****He who does not love Me does not keep My words. The word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.*

Romans 5:5 MEV ***5****And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Luke 11:13 MEV ***13****If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”*

I John 2:15-17 MEV ***15****Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.****16****For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father, but is of the world.****17****The world and its desires are passing away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever.*

Colossians 3:1-2 MEV ***3****If you then were raised with Christ, desire those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God.****2****Set your affection on things above, not on things on earth.*

James 4:4 MEV ***4****You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 MEV ***17****Therefore, “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+6%3A17-18+&version=MEV#fen-MEV-28916a)*]* ***18****“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”*

James 4:8-10 MEV ***8****Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.****9****Grieve and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to dejection.****10****Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*

Matthew 11:12 MEV ***12****From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has forcefully advanced, and the strong take it by force.*