

In writing [Series Essays like... The Spirit... She... The Spirit of Wisdom... Essays like... The Best of Us... Eve & Adam...](#) the book, [The Family Fortune](#)... I discussed what I saw as the matriarchal-type role of the Holy Spirit. Since then... I was starting to wonder if I was... *going off the tracks*... when relating “she” used to describe *wisdom* in Proverbs and *charity* in 1 Corinthians 13 (KJV) to the Holy Spirit.

God uses the pronoun... *she*... to describe the Church... the Body of Christ... who is made up of males and females—sometimes He describes his people, the House of Israel and the House of Judah, as a *daughter*... as a *wife*... as a *harlot*... as a *sister*... as *him*—a male ([Zephaniah 3:14; Jeremiah 3:1-8; Hosea 4:12; Jeremiah 31:10; Hosea 11:1](#)). Does God use a particular pronoun to teach us about a particular facet of His relationship with us... ⁹ *And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:* ¹⁰ *To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold* [multifaceted... [Strong's G4182... much variegated, marked with a great variety of colours... much varied...](#)] *wisdom of God,* ([Ephesians 3:9-10](#))?

To clarify—when discussing, I refer to the Holy Spirit as... Him... He. Why? Jesus Christ did in the New Testament—I follow Jesus Christ... so... I take His lead on this. The Apostles did. At the same time, I can't deny what Proverbs seems to say about familial context and how it relates to God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of Israel—the Father God... the only Begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ... the Holy Spirit.

The Familial is about the significance of the words... *Honour thy father and thy mother*... mainly in the context of Proverbs. When God made the Davidic Covenant... He called Solomon, King David's son, a son to Himself... ¹⁴ *I will be his father, and he shall be my son...* ([2 Samuel 7:14](#)). So... is it unreasonable to think King Solomon could also be speaking within this Familial context with God when speaking about... *thy father*... in Proverbs? I also draw from what I've “drilled down on” for the other writings and my experience with honoring my natural father and mother when they were alive.

The Familial has provided additional evidence for the possibility of the matriarchal-type role of the Holy Spirit. This only adds to my conviction that the family is legitimate—male and female created in God's image... the union of marriage between male and female... let no man separate... be fruitful and multiply—as God has described in His word, the Holy Bible. When I read Proverbs, I'm also seeing the natural family expressing the deeper Familial context between God and His people... those that revere Him as God... worship Him... remain faithful to Him... ¹⁹ *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God...*

¹⁴ *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,* ¹⁵ *Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named...*

⁶ *But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end...* ¹³ *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.* ¹⁴ *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;* ([Ephesians 2:18-20; 3:14-17; Hebrews 3:6, 13-19](#)).

Because of this Familial context, I have to reject... I can't explain away the sin of homosexuality... transgenderism... fornication... adultery—immorality.

The same applies for what the Catholics attribute to their “virgin mary”. Yes, I'm thankful for... look forward to meeting... Jesus' mother, Mary... but, she's not... my comforter... my intercessor... my redeemer—a co-

redemptrix with Jesus Christ... ⁸ *"I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, Nor My praise to graven images.* (NASB) ([Isaiah 42:8](#)) (also see [the Essay... Glory](#)). She's also not my "holy mother" or mother any more than the pope or a priest is my "holy father" or father... ⁸ *But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.* ⁹ *And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven* ([Matthew 23:8-9](#)). Mary was a sinner just like me—we've reached out to Jesus Christ for the saving of our souls... ⁴⁶ *And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,* ⁴⁷ *And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour* ([Luke 1:46-47](#))—we're brethren... ⁴⁷ *Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.* ⁴⁸ *But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?* ⁴⁹ *And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!* ([Matthew 12:47-49](#))... not "holy mother"/son. To call any human being... other than my natural parents (birth or adopted)... *my father and mother*... would that be a slight against God and my natural parents... dishonoring them?

To take the Catholic view... I'd have to rip out the creation account of Genesis... the book of Proverbs... and, any other scripture describing what the Father God provides for me through His Son, Jesus Christ. He has provided the Spirit of God... the Holy Spirit... who is my comforter... teacher... strength... my *light* to see who God is—He is my ability to fellowship with God.

The hideousness... destructiveness... wickedness... of *idolatry* which God equates to *adultery*... is further exposed. God hates both—they rip apart the relationship between God and us... and, the relationships between family members.

God told Moses how Israel was to worship Him under the Old Covenant with the first four Commandments—Jesus Christ, the Mediator of the New Covenant, referred to [Deuteronomy 6:4-6](#) to sum them up for the New Covenant... ³⁷ *Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.* ³⁸ *This is the first and great commandment.* ([Matthew 22:36-38](#)). Then, God gave Moses... *Honour thy father and thy mother*... followed with the rest of the Commandments on how to love one's neighbor—Jesus continues on for the New Covenant... ³⁹ *And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* ⁴⁰ *On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* ([Matthew 22:36-40](#)). If we don't *worship God in Spirit and Truth* ([John 4:23-24](#)), are we able to... *Honor our father and our mother*... and, if we don't have a heart that honors, can we really love our neighbor... ¹⁷ *The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh*...

⁸ *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.* ⁹ *For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* ¹⁰ *Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.* ([Proverbs 11:17-19; Romans 13:8-10](#))?

Today... we're not under the *Mosaic Law* which includes the 10 Commandments. We're under the *Law of the Spirit* of the New Covenant that Jesus Christ summed up with... *On these two commandments hang* [depend (NASB)] *all the law and the prophets*... also described as becoming *a slave to righteousness*... ¹⁴ *For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.* ¹⁵ *What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!* ¹⁶ *Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?* ¹⁷ *But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became*

*obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,*¹⁸ *and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.* (NASB) ([Romans 6:14-23](#)).

Jesus Christ gives the Saint power... through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us... to keep... *these two commandments* (the *Law of the Spirit*). The *Mosaic Law*, including the 10 Commandments, depend on the *Law of the Spirit*... so... the *Mosaic Law*... even though it's *holy, just, righteous, and good*... is inferior... inadequate... because of man's weakness—he's flesh... not God. Man can't keep God's Law without God's grace... God's Spirit... the Holy Spirit... because God is Spiritual... and, so is His Law ([John 4:24; Romans 7:14](#)).

In other words... the *fulfillment* of the *Mosaic Law* (which the Son of God... our Creator... came to do) is accomplished for us through Jesus Christ—we rest in Christ's work at the Cross and His ascension to the right hand of the Father God as our High Priest for the forgiveness of our sins... the newness and growth of His Life (the Holy Spirit... sanctification... the prospering of our soul) within us... a relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of Israel. Christ is our *Sabbath rest* fulfilling the 4th Commandment... *Keep the Sabbath Day Holy* ([Matthew 5:17; Romans 3:20-23; Romans 7; 8:1-3; 10:1-13; Acts 15:1-29; Colossians 2; Hebrews 4; Galatians 3](#)). If we rest in Christ, we can... *worship God... honor our father and mother... love our neighbor*.

The first section marked with the § symbol looks at... *honor our father and mother*... with its associated promise.

This is what I've come away with from writing... *The Familial*.

Below... the beginning of each *brown colored group of scripture verses* is designated by the ♦ symbol with the scripture link at the end. Within each group, there are... in brackets... commentary... *olive colored possible cross reference... co-text... what comes to mind scripture*... relating to the preceding word... phrase... or verses... with their link inside the end bracket.

Again, I'm still learning... subject to correction... checkout the scriptures in context to verify for yourself.

♦ ⁷ *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge* [¹³ *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.* ¹⁴ *Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.* ¹⁵ *By me kings reign, and princes decree justice...*

¹ *And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:* ² *And 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;* ³ *And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears...*

²⁶ *In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.* ²⁷ *The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death...*

²⁰ *Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?...* ²³ *God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.* ²⁴ *For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven...* ²⁸ *And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.* ([Proverbs 8:13-15; Isaiah 11:1-10; Proverbs 14:26-27; Job 28:12-28](#))... also see [the Series Essay... The Spirit of Wisdom](#): *but fools despise wisdom and instruction.* ⁸ *My son, hear the*

instruction of thy father [⁵ Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?... ¹² And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: ¹⁵ But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. ¹⁶ And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever...

¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man...

²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him ([2 Samuel 7:5-16](#); [Ecclesiastes 12:12-14](#); [John 14:20-21](#)), *and forsake not the law of thy mother* [³ For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. ⁴ He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live. ⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ⁶ Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. ⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. ⁸ Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her... ¹² When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. ¹³ Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life...

¹⁷ That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him...

⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit...

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come ([Proverbs 4:3-13](#); [Ephesians 1:17](#); [1 Corinthians 12:7-12](#); [John 16:13-14](#)). Remember... God is a Spirit and the Law is Spiritual... ²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth...

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin...

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ([John 4:24](#); [Romans 7:14](#); [8:1-4](#)): ⁹ *For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head* [⁸ Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. ⁹ She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee. ¹⁰ Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. ([Proverbs 4:8-10](#))], *and chains about thy neck.* [Proverbs 1:7-9](#)

♦ ²⁰ *My son, keep thy father's commandment* [¹³ *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man...*

²¹ *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him...*

¹ *For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.* ² *But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings* {Other places where wings are mentioned... ¹⁴ *And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent...* ³¹ *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* ([Revelation 12:13-15](#); [Isaiah 40:10-31](#)).}; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. ³ *And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.* ⁴ *Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.* ⁵ *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:* ⁶ *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse* {Does this sound similar to... *for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened...* [Matthew 24:21-22?](#)} ([Ecclesiastes 12:12-14](#); [John 14:20-21](#); [Malachi 4](#)), *and forsake not the law of thy mother* [⁶ *This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth...*

¹⁷ *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you...*

¹ *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* ² *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.* ³ *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light...*

³⁶ *While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light...*

⁵ *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.* ([1 John 5:6](#); [John 14:17](#); [Genesis 1:1-3](#); [John 12:35-37](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:4-6](#)): ²¹ *Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.* ²² *When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee* [¹⁹ *But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.* ²⁰ *For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you...*

³⁴ *For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him...*

⁶ *Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,* ⁷ *After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not* {did not permit (NASB)}...

4 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ([Matthew 10:19-20](#); [John 3:33-35](#); [Acts 16:6-7](#); [1 Timothy 4:1](#)). ²³ For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light [¹ Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD... ¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. ¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. ([Psalm 119:1,103-105](#))]; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life [The Father declared... Jesus Christ fulfills... the Holy Spirit teaches and empowers... ⁴⁹ For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak...

¹⁷ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled...

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth...

² And 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...

¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man...

⁹ And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me...

⁶ For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us...

⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. ([John 12:49-50](#); [Matthew 5:17-20](#); [Romans 10:4](#); [Isaiah 11:1-2](#); [Ephesians 3:16](#); [2 Corinthians 12:9](#); [2 Corinthians 4:6-7](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#)); also see the Essay... Hearing.]: ²⁴ To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman [see comment further on about false prophets and teachers]. [Proverbs 6:20-24](#)

♦ ¹ The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father [¹⁹ And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people...

¹⁷ The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing ([Isaiah 65:17-19](#); [Zephaniah 3:13-17](#)): but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother [²⁹ Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth {[Proverbs 18:6-8](#); [21:23-24](#)}, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. ³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice...

¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit. ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings. ²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil ([Ephesians 4:29-31](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:17-23](#))] ² Treasures of wickedness profit

nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death [¹ *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful* {[Proverbs 22:4-6](#)}. ² *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.* ³ *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.* ([Psalm 1:1-3](#))]. ³ *The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked* [⁵ Thus says the LORD, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD {[Proverbs 29:23-25](#)}. ⁶ “For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant. ⁷ “*Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD.* ⁸ “For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit. (NASB) ([Jeremiah 17:5-8](#))]. ⁴ *He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.* ⁵ *He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame* [Is this saying... work... make hay while the sun shines... get while the getting is good... ⁷ What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸ (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. ⁹ And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: ¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always...

¹¹ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: ¹² And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. ¹³ In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst...

²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. ²⁷ Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. ²⁸ Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent...

⁴ I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world...

⁹ Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him...

³⁵ Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. ³⁶ While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them...

⁴ Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. ⁵ Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. ⁶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: ⁷ Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, ⁸ Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. ⁹ How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? ¹⁰ Yet a little sleep,

a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: ¹¹ So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man. ¹² A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth...

⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. ⁸ But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ...

¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ¹⁸ I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. ([Romans 11:6-10](#); [Amos 8:8-14](#); [John 6:26-29](#); [9:1-5](#); [11:9-10](#); [12:34-36](#); [Proverbs 6:1-12](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:6-9](#); [Revelation 3:16-18](#))?].

⁶ Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. ⁷ The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot. ⁸ The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall. ⁹ He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. [Proverbs 10:1-9](#)

◇ ¹⁹ The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain. ²⁰ A wise son maketh a glad father [¹⁹ And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people...

¹⁷ The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing...

²¹ His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ([Isaiah 65:17-19](#); [Zephaniah 3:13-17](#); [Matthew 25:20-21](#)); also see the [Essay... The Blessed Hope... the Beloved](#)]: but a foolish man despiseth his mother [²⁴ Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; ²⁵ But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; ²⁷ When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. ²⁸ Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ²⁹ For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD...

³⁶ But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. ([Proverbs 1:23-33](#); [8:36](#)]. ²¹ Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly. [Proverbs 15:19-21](#)

§ With the scripture and possible co-references we've looked at so far, does... *honor your father and mother...* extend beyond our physical parents?

◇ ¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee [³² 'You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD. (NASB) ([Leviticus 19:32](#))] [Exodus 20:12](#)

◇ ¹⁶ Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee [¹ My son, forget

not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: ² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart...

¹⁰ Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many...

¹³ Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding... ¹⁶ Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. ([Proverbs 3:1-3; 4:10; 3:13-16](#))]. [Deuteronomy 5:16](#)

♦ ² Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; ³ That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth [Wisdom has length of days in her right hand. Jesus Christ... our High Priest... our Salvation... is seated at the right hand of the Father... ⁹ Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? ¹⁰ In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. ¹¹ Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat? ¹² With the ancient {aged men (NASB, ASV)} is wisdom; and in length of days understanding {Then... Job goes on to describe the wisdom and understanding of God in the remaining verses.}. ¹³ With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. ¹⁴ Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. ¹⁵ Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. ¹⁶ With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. ¹⁷ He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. ¹⁸ He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. ¹⁹ He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. ²⁰ He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. ²¹ He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. ²² He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. ²³ He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again...

⁹ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened {[Revelation 1:5-18](#)}... ¹³ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. ¹⁴ And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed... ²¹ I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; ²² Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom...

³¹ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³² Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom...

³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in...

³³ *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.* ³⁴ *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us...*

²³ *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord...*

¹⁴ *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.* ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life...*

¹ *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: ² As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. ³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent...*

² *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. ([Job 12:7-23](#); [Daniel 7:9-22](#); [Luke 12:31-33](#); [Matthew 25:33-35](#); [Romans 8:33-39](#); [6:22-23](#); [John 3:14-16](#); [17:1-3](#); [Hebrews 12:1-3](#))]. [Ephesians 6:2-3](#) §*

♦ ¹⁵ *My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.* ¹⁶ *Yea, my reins [heart (ASV)] shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things [¹³ "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate. (NASB)...*

²² *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. ²⁶ If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain...*

¹² *So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. (NASB) ([Proverbs8:13](#); [James 1:19-27](#); [Colossians 3:12-17](#))]. ¹⁷ *Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.* ¹⁸ *For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.* ¹⁹ *Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.* ²⁰ *Be not among winebibbers [¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ([Ephesians 5:18-19](#))]; among riotous eaters of flesh: ²¹ *For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.* ²² Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. ²³ *Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding [³ Yea,***

if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; ⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; ⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God...

¹⁰ Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. ¹¹ For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it...

⁴⁴ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: ⁴⁶ Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it...

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost...

²⁴ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. ²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ([Proverbs 2:3-5; 8:10-11; Matthew 13:43-46; Romans 14:17; Matthew 16:24-26](#)). ²⁴ *The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him* [¹⁷ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. ¹⁸ But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹ And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying...

⁶ Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. ⁷ I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and will rebuild them as they were at first. ⁸ I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me. ⁹ It will be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory before all the nations of the earth which will hear of all the good that I do for them, and they will fear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it. (NASB) ([Isaiah 65:17-19; Jeremiah 33:6-9](#)). ²⁵ *Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice* [²⁸ When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: ²⁹ When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: ³⁰ Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; ³¹ Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. ³² Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways...

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul...

²² And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever...

¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. ¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. ([Proverbs 8:20-35; Genesis 2:7; 3:22; Proverbs 3:17-19](#)). ²⁶ *My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways* [²⁰ My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear

unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²² For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. ²³ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. ²⁴ Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee...

⁷ For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. ⁸ All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. ⁹ They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge... ¹³ The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate...

²⁹ Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. ³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice...

²² What is desirable in a man is his kindness, And it is better to be a poor man than a liar. (NASB)...

¹⁶ These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. ²⁰ My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ([Proverbs 4:20-24; 8:7-14; Ephesians 4:29-31; Proverbs 19:22; 6:16-20](#))... also, see [the Essay... The Best of Us](#). ²⁷ For a whore is a deep ditch; and a strange woman is a narrow pit [see comment further on about false prophets and teachers]. ²⁸ She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors [faithless (NASB)] among men. [Proverbs 23:15-28](#)

It's one thing to speak kind words... but, do we speak from the Truth—Jesus Christ—His Life—His Spirit—the heart of flesh of the New Covenant... His righteousness? If we do, they're truly healing to us and those around... they're words that endure (also see [the Essay... The Holy Kiss](#)).

◇ ²³ He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue [⁹ Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; ¹⁰ And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? ¹¹ Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD...

¹⁷ And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves...

¹² And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, ¹³ And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. ([Jeremiah 7:6-11; Mark 11:17; Matthew 21:12-13](#)). ²⁴ Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression [⁹ He was also saying to them, "You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH'; ¹¹ but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God),' ¹² you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; ¹³ thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and

you do many things such as that.” (NASB) ([Mark 7:9-13](#)); *the same is the companion of a destroyer.* ²⁵ *He that is of a proud heart* [¹³ *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. (Proverbs 8:13)*] *stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat. Proverbs 28:23-25*

♦ ²⁵ *Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.* ²⁶ *He that wasteth [doeth violence to (ASV)] his father* [³⁸ *Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him...*

¹¹ *Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?...*

¹⁰ *Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.* ¹¹ *So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)* ¹² *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God...* ¹⁷ *But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?* ¹⁸ *And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? ([Hebrews 10:38-39; Ezekiel 33:11; Hebrews 3:10-18](#))*, *and chaseth away his mother* [²³ *Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.* ²⁴ *Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;* ²⁵ *But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:* ²⁶ *I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;* ²⁷ *When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.* ²⁸ *Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:* ²⁹ *For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:* ³⁰ *They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.* ³¹ *Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices...*

²⁹ *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.* ³⁰ *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.* ³¹ *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice...*

¹⁹ *Quench not the Spirit.* ²⁰ *Despise not prophesyings.* ²¹ *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.* ²² *Abstain from all appearance of evil.* ²³ *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ([Proverbs 1:23-31; Ephesians 4:29-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-23](#))*, *is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach* [³² *For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.* ³³ *But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil...*

¹¹ *Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:* ¹² *To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;* ¹³ *Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;* ¹⁴ *Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;* ¹⁵ *Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:* ¹⁶ *To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;* ¹⁷ *Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.* ¹⁸ *For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.* ¹⁹ *None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. ([Proverbs 1:32-33; 2:11-19](#))*. ²⁷ *Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge. Proverbs 19:25-27*

◇ ¹⁴ *The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever* [¹ And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: ² And 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; ³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴ But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins...

¹⁴ *Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.* ¹⁵ *By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.* ([Isaiah 11:1-5,9-10](#); [Proverbs 8:14-15](#)]). ¹⁵ *The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame* [¹³ *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate...*

¹ *A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.* ² *When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.* ³ *The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them...*

⁵ *A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame.* ⁶ *Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner...* ¹⁷ *A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.* ¹⁸ *Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction:* but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured. ¹⁹ *The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil...*

²⁴ *Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;* ²⁵ *But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:* ²⁶ *I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;* ²⁷ *When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.* ²⁸ *Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:* ²⁹ *For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: ([Proverbs 8:13](#); [11:1-3](#); [13:5-6](#), [17-19](#); [1:24-29](#))).* ¹⁶ *When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall* [³⁶ *But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.* ([Proverbs 8:36](#))]. [Proverbs 29:14-16](#)

◇ ¹¹ *There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.* ¹² *There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness* [¹⁷ *Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?...*

⁴ *Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;* ⁵ *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away...*

¹⁹ *The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble...*

¹⁷ *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ([Malachi 2:17](#); [2 Timothy 3:4-7](#); [Proverbs 4:18-19](#); [Revelation 3:17](#))).* ¹³ *There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up.*

¹⁴ *There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men* [⁴ *Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,* ⁵ *Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?*

⁶ *That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?*

⁷ *The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. ([Amos 8:4-7](#)).*

¹⁵ *The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: ¹⁶ The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. ¹⁷ The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it [²⁰ *Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp [{Psalm 119:105}](#) shall be put out in obscure darkness...**

¹¹ *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: ¹² *And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it...**

¹⁷ *And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. ¹⁸ *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land...**

⁷ *The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. ⁸ *But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies...**

²² *The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³ *But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!* ²⁴ *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon...**

¹⁴ *Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch...*

²⁴ *Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. ²⁵ *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess...**

⁴ *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ⁵ *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶ *And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷ *And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. ⁸ *For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ *But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins...******

¹⁷ *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ¹⁸ *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in**

the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see...

² That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. ³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God... ⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. ([Proverbs 20:20; Amos 8:8-14; Zephaniah 1:14-18; Nahum 1:6-9; Matthew 6:22-24; 15:13-14; 23:23-26; 2 Peter 1:3-11; Revelation 3:16-18](#) and [2 Thessalonians 2:2-12](#)). [Proverbs 30:11-17](#)

♦ ²⁵ A foolish son is a grief to his father [⁵ And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. ⁷ And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. ([Genesis 6:5-7](#))], and bitterness [[Strong's H4470... to grieve; sorrow:—bitterness](#)] to her [²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh... ²⁸ Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: ⁹ For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD...

¹⁷ Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? ¹⁸ And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods...

⁴ Then they will cry out to the LORD, But He will not answer them. Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time Because they have practiced evil deeds. (NASB)...

²³ And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. ([Proverbs 1:26-29; Deuteronomy 31:17-18; Micah 3:4; Ezekiel 39:23](#))] that bare him. [Proverbs 17:25](#)

♦ ¹ My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. ² Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. ³ Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. ⁴ Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: ⁵ That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words... ¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. ¹⁹ For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: ²⁰ He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed [The strange woman sounds like the false prophets and teachers... the pseudo bride—the harlot church abusing God's sheep... leading His people astray today... ²⁴ The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly. ²⁵ A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies...

³ Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. ⁴ The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. ⁵ And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered...

⁹ Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; ¹⁰ Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. ¹¹ For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out...

¹⁶ I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick {[Luke 4:17-19](#); [Isaiah 61:1-3](#)}; but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. ¹⁷ And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats...

²⁰ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

²¹ Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; ²² Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle. ²³ And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it. ²⁵ And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods...

³⁰ Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. ³¹ And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD...

³² And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: ³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren {Are... my brethren... all people in the world... or, only those calling on the Lord... seeking Him... [Matthew 12:47-49](#)... including... the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God... ?}, ye have done it unto me...

¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed...

³⁴ For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. ³⁵ Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: ³⁶ Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say unProverbs 14:24-25 to you I say unto all, Watch...

⁴⁵ But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; ⁴⁶ The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers...

⁹ Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. ¹⁰ And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty...

³ A man who loves wisdom makes his father glad, But he who keeps company with harlots wastes his wealth. (NASB) ([Proverbs 14:24-25; Ezekiel 34; Matthew 24-25; Genesis 12:1-3; Mark 13:33-37; Luke 12:45-46; 20:9-17; Proverbs 29:3](#))]. [Proverbs 7:1-20](#)

§ We honor our father and mother so we'll have a shot at life... a Life in Christ... that our children and children's children will, also. God seems to be also concerned about the future generations.

◇ ¹⁰ Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: ¹¹ That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. ¹² For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream [⁹ And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;... ²⁴ And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it...

¹ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations...

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. ([Revelation 21; 22:1-2; Romans 14:17](#)): then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. ¹³ As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem [¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;... ²⁶ But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you...

¹ Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? ² She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. ³ She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. ⁴ Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. ⁵ O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. ⁶ Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be

right things... ³³ Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. ³⁴ Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. ³⁵ For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD..

²² And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: ²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life..

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..

¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do..

²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. ²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life..

¹⁴ Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. ¹⁶ I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. ¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. ([John 14:16, 26](#); [Proverbs 8:1-6, 33-35](#); [Genesis 3:22-24](#); [Ephesians 6:17](#); [Hebrews 4:12-13](#); [Revelation 21:25-27](#); [22:14-17](#)). Today, for the Saints... what does this look like—how do we let the Holy Spirit guard our hearts... protect the Life of Christ in the heart of flesh of the New Covenant... so we can bear and experience the Fruit of this Life... ¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: ² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; ⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope: ⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. ⁶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. ¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. ¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement..

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. ¹⁴ And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. ([Romans 5:1-11](#); [Philippians 4:6-8](#); [Colossians 3:12-17](#))?. ¹⁴ And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. ¹⁵ For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶ For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead [execute judgment (NASB)] with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many [[Revelation 19:11-21](#)]. ¹⁷ They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse [¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you...

⁵ For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God...

⁷ For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. ⁸ He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit...

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen...

¹⁴ But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. ([2 Corinthians 6:16-18](#); [Ephesians 5:4-6](#) ; [1 Thessalonians 4:6-8](#); [1 John 5:20-21](#); [Revelation 2:14](#)), shall be consumed together, saith the LORD. [Isaiah 66:10-17](#)

In this context, could... ²¹ Adversity pursues sinners, But the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity. ²² A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. (NASB) ([Proverbs 13:21-22](#))... be saying what [Psalm 37; 73](#) does... it starts out well for the wicked but ends well for the righteous—we'll see reward when... Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her... be delighted with the abundance of her glory... ? §

Fear the Lord... receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Redeemer... love His righteousness and hate evil... become anointed with the oil of gladness... remain faithful—it'll go well for us.

⁶ Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. ⁷ Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows...

⁸ But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. ⁹ Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. ¹⁰ And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: ¹¹ They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; ¹² And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. ¹³ But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? [Psalm 45:6-7; Hebrews 1:8-13](#); also see [the Essay... Fill er' Up](#)

²² He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. ²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. [Matthew 25:22-23](#)

As a young boy, I remember the desire to please my parents. As a young man, I remember being moved... because I loved them... to step forward and help them with their struggles. As a husband, I remember helping my wife do the same for her elderly mother. Not always without conflict or failure... but, the desire to honor.

As Saints, we're kings and priests who will serve the Lord for eternity. When Christ Jesus returns, He will reign as King of kings... the King of the Jews... over the House of Israel and the House of Judah... *the household of God*... in the Millennium... and, the Saints will reign with Him. In the New Jerusalem... there will be no sun—Christ Jesus will shine as the Light for His Wife and... *the nations of them which are saved*—the Saints will serve Him ([Isaiah 11:9-10; Jeremiah 3:14-19; Micah 4:1-5; Isaiah 65:17-25; Joel 3:16-21](#) and [2 Timothy 2:11-12; Revelation 5:9-10; 20:4; Revelation 21; 22:1-5; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 3:13](#)).

So...

Someone's actions that oppose... *Honour thy father and thy mother*... will they be allowed to serve God's people in His Kingdom? The person that's okay with *the pursuit of other gods... idolatry*... will they be entrusted to lead and help, as kings and priests, God's people ([1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#))? People... who the Lord wants to learn His ways ([Ezekiel 36:24-28; Jeremiah 31:32-34; 32:39-41](#))—just like the Saints are doing, today, through the Holy Spirit... in the same Covenant... the New Covenant ([Romans 11](#)).

King David... *a man after God's own heart* [[1 Samuel 13:13-14; Acts 13:22](#)]... said... ¹ *I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.* ² *I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.* ³ *I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.* ⁴ *A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.* ⁵ *Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.* ⁶ *Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.* ⁷ *He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.* ⁸ *I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.* ([Psalm 101](#)).

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