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God Revealed through His Word

The bible instructs us to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15. God presents Himself clearly in His word and encourages us to seek and understand Him.

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, as we open Your word, we recognize that we don't have the spiritual minds needed to fully comprehend. We ask that You guide and direct us through this study, that You might be revealed to us in a life-changing way. We humble ourselves that we may be taught of You. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What characteristic of God is found in each of these verses?

1. *Deuteronomy 6:4* "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is _ _ _ Lord."
2. *John 17:3* "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only _ _ _ _ God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent."
3. *1 Corinthians 8:6* "But to us there is but _ _ _ God, the _ _ _ _ _ _, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."
4. *Ephesians 4:4-6* "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One _ _ _ and Father of _ _ _, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."
5. *1 Timothy 2:5* "For there is _ _ _ God, and _ _ _ mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."
6. *2 Peter 1:16-17* "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ _ honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved _ _ _, in whom I am well pleased."
7. *John 3:16* "For God so _ _ _ _ _, the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
8. *2 Corinthians 1:3* Blessed be God, even the _ _ _ _ _ _ of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;"
9. *John 4:23-24* "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father _ _ _ _ _ _ _ such to worship him. God is a _ _ _ _ _ _ and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

10. Genesis 1:1 "In the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ God _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the heaven and the earth."

11. Malachi 2:10 "Have we not all one father? hath not one God _ _ _ _ _ _ _ us? "

12. Ephesians 3:9 "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 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ all things by Jesus Christ."

13. Psalms 62:11 "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that _ _ _ _ _ belongeth unto God."

14. Psalms 90:1-2 "... Lord, thou has been our dwelling place in all generations. _ _ _ _ _ _ the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to everlasting, thou art God."

15. Matthew 10:29-30 "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not _ _ _ _ on the ground without your _ _ _ _ _ _. But the very _ _ _ _ _ of your head are all numbered."

16. 1 John 3:20 "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ all things."

17. Romans 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

18. Exodus 34:6 "And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and abundant in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _."

19. Psalms 138:8 "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me ; thy _ _ _ _ _, O Lord, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands."

20. *James 1:17* "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, neither shadow of _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

21. Turn to Psalms 139:1-12 and read these verses.

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That there is _ _ _ God, the _ _ _ _ _ _, *a personal and* _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ *being, the* _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of all things, all-_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, *all-*_ _ _ _ _ _ _ *and* _ _ _ _ _ _ _, *infinite in* _ _ _ _ _ _, *holiness, goodness,* _ _ _ _ _ *and* _ _ _ _ _, *unchangeable and everywhere* _ _ _ _ _ _ _ *by His representative, the Holy Spirit.*

truth | Father | mercy | one | wisdom | knowing | present | eternal | creator | spiritual | powerful

Closing prayer: Dear God, we are thankful to know the truth of who You are. We realize there is so much more to learn. As we are faced with life's challenges, bring our minds back to ponder these truths, knowing we can depend fully on You. You are worthy to be praised! In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Further study: Mark 12:28-34; Romans 3:30; James 2:19; Matthew 3:17; Matthew 17:5; Job 13:7-8; Matthew 16:16-17; Luke 24:39; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 22:23,29; Revelation 19:4-7; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Hebrews 4:13; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Leviticus 19:2; Psalms 52:1; John 14:9

Answers: 1. one 2. true 3. one, Father 4. God, all 5. one, one 6. God, Father, son 7. loved 8. Father 9. seeketh, Spirit 10. beginning, created 11. created 12. created 13. power 14. Before, everlasting 15. fall, Father, hairs 16. knoweth 17. wisdom, knowledge 18. merciful, gracious, longsuffering, goodness, truth 19. mercy 20. variableness, turning

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The Son of God in the Scriptures

Just as our Heavenly Father desires us to know Him, so does his Son. "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" John 5:39.

Opening prayer: Father in Heaven, thank You for Your words of truth. Thank You for Your great love for us, that You would have us know You and Your Son. Open our hearts to Your scripture that we might understand our relationship with You and Your Son, which You so freely gave. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What message about the Son of God is being given in each verse?

1. *1 Corinthians 8:6* "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and _ _ _ Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

2. *Ephesians 4:4-6* "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One _ _ _ _, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

3. *John 5:18* "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his _ _ _ _ _ _, making himself equal with God."

4. *1 John 5:11, 13* "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this _ _ _ _ is in his _ _ _ . *13* These things have I written unto you that believe on the _ _ _ _ of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

5. *Hebrews 1:1-2* "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed _ _ _ _ of all things, by whom also he _ _ _ _ the worlds;"

6. *Colossians 1:17* "And he is before _ _ _ things, and by him all things _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

7. *Hebrews 2:14-18* "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took _ _ _ on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the _ _ _ _ of Abraham. Wheretofore in all things it behoved him to be made _ _ _ _ unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

8. *John 1:1, 14, 17* "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. *14* And the Word was made _ _ _ _ _, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _. *17* For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

9. *John 13:15* "For I have given you an _ _ _ _ _ _ _, that ye should do as I have done to you."

10. *1 Peter 2:21-25* "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did _ _ sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who is own self bare our _ _ _ _ in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were _ _ _ _ _ _. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

11. *Romans 4:23-25* "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for our offences, and was raised again for our _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

12. *Psalm 68:18* "Thou has _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ on high, thou has led captivity captive: thou has received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them."

13. *Ephesians 4:8, 10* "Wherefore he saith, When he _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. *10* (He that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"

14. *1 Timothy 2:5* "For there is one God, and _ _ _ mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"

15. *Hebrews 8:1-5* "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle , which the Lord pitched, and not man."

16. *Matthew 26:28* "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of sins."

17. *Ephesians 1:6-7* "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the beloved. In whom we have _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"

18. *Hebrews 4:14-16* "Seeing then that we have a great _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain _ _ _ _ _, and find grace to help in time of need."

19. *Leviticus 16:16* "And he shall make an _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That there is _ _ _ Lord Jesus Christ, the _ _ _ of the eternal Father, the one by whom he _ _ _ _ _ _ _ all things and by whom they do consist; that he took on him the nature of the seed of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for the redemption of our fallen race; that he _ _ _ _ _ among men, full of grace and truth, lived our _ _ _ _ _ _ _, died our sacrifice, was _ _ _ _ _ _ for our _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, ascended on high to be our _ _ _ _ mediator in the sanctuary in heaven, where through the merits of his shed blood, he secures the pardon and forgiveness of the _ _ _ _ of all those who penitently come to him; and as the closing portion of his work as _ _ _ _ _ _, before he takes his throne as king, he will make the great _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for the sins of all such, and their sins will then be blotted out and borne away from the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, as shown in the service of the Levitical priesthood, which foreshadowed and prefigured the ministry of our Lord in Heaven.

Abraham | raised | sins | example | dwelt | Son | created | one | priest | justification | only | atonement | sanctuary

Closing prayer: Our Father and Jesus Christ, Your Son…we are amazed and grateful for the acts of love You show us in this plan for our salvation. We can never be deserving, but humbly accept it as who You are and to what length you would have us redeemed. May this knowledge affect our daily lives in the manner in which You would desire. In the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, amen.

Further Study: Hebrews 9:23-24; Psalms 102:19-22; Revelation 15:5; Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 7:26; Matthew 19:28; Matthew 25:31

Answers: 1. one 2. Lord 3. Father 4. life, son, name 5. heir, made 6. all, consist 7. not, seed, like 8. flesh, grace, truth 9. example 10. no, sins, healed 11. delivered, justification 12. ascended 13. ascended, descended 14. one 15. high priest 16. Remission 17. accepted, redemption 18. high priest, mercy 19. atonement

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Origin and Validity of the Bible

The Bible is the world's oldest book, has been translated into 532 languages and over 100 million copies are sold each year. But beyond this, what does God say about His word? Has He protected it? Is it sure and is it clearly stated and to be taken as stated? What does He want us to use it for? Let's investigate, keeping these questions in mind.

Opening prayer: Loving Father, we approach You today in need of spiritual discernment regarding Your word. We don't want to take popular opinion but rather what You would have us believe about it. Please guide and direct our understanding as we open the Bible to study. Help us to hear Your voice. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does each verse say about His word?

1. *Psalms 138:2* "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy _ _ _ _ above all thy name."

2. *Romans 1:1-2* "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (which he promised afore by his _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the holy scriptures,)"

3. *2 Timothy 3:15* "And that from a child thou has known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee _ _ _ _ unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

4. *2 Peter 1:21* "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were _ _ _ _ _ by the Holy Ghost."

5. *Isaiah 55:10-11 "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ that which I please, and it shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the thing whereto I sent it."*

6. Psalms 12:6 "The words of the Lord are _ _ _ _ words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them O Lord, thou shalt _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ them from this generation for ever."

7. *Psalms 119:140* "Thy word is very _ _ _ _: therefore thy servant loveth it."

8. *Proverbs 30: 5-6* "Every word of God is pure: he is a _ _ _ _ _ _ unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he _ _ _ _ _ _ _ thee, and thou be found a liar."

9. *Luke 24:24-27* "And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the things concerning himself."

10. *2 Timothy 3:16* "All scripture is given by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God, and is profitable for _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, for _ _ _ _ _ _ _, for _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, for _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

11. *1 Peter 1:10-11* "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

12. *Deuteronomy 29:29* "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."

13. *Isaiah 46:9-10* "_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall _ _ _ _ _, and I will do all my pleasure."

14. *John 14:29* "And now I have told you _ _ _ _ _ _ it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

15. *Isaiah 40:8* "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

16. *1 Peter 1:25* "But the word of the Lord _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

17. *Matthew 4:4* "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by _ _ _ _ _ word that proceedeth from the mouth of God."

18. *Romans 10:17* "So then _ _ _ _ _ cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

19. *Psalms 119:105* "Thy word is a _ _ _ _ unto my feet, and a _ _ _ _ _ unto my path."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God, contain a _ _ _ _ revelation of his _ _ _ _ to man, and are the only _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ rule of faith and practice.

will | full | infallible | inspiration

Closing prayer: Dearest Father, thank You for the clarity of Your word to us. We live in a world were there is only grey area, lies and deceit. We long for a sure word, unchangeable and dependable. Your words contain love, mercy, instruction, reproof, and encouragement; yet we know they also contain judgment. Keep our minds set on Your words that they might guide our decisions and actions. In our obedience to them, make us a blessing to You O Lord. In the blessed name of Jesus, amen.

Further Study: Job 6:10; Job 33:4; Psalms 33:6; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 5:39; Psalms 18:30; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Hebrews 10:38

Answers: 1. word 2. prophets 3. Wise 4. moved 5. accomplish, prosper 6. pure, preserve 7. pure 8. shield, reprove 9. believe, scriptures 10. inspiration, doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction 11. Spirit of Christ 12. revealed 13. Remember, stand 14. before, believe 15. forever 16. endureth 17. every 18. Faith 19. lamp, light

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A Biblical Definition of Baptism

Today's Baptismal ordinances are performed in a diversity of ways or not at all, depending on the denomination. To determine God's view of Baptism, we must turn to His word and discover what His plan for Baptism really is.

Opening prayer: Holy Father, we are searching for Your plan of baptism, why you instituted it, what it signifies and the proper manner in fulfilling this rite. Thank You that we have a sure word in which to turn, finding the answer to these questions. We want Your holy ways O Lord, not ways of popular devising. Please instruct us now, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. Identify what each verse tells us about baptism.

1. *Matthew 3:11* "I indeed baptize you with water unto _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

2. *Matthew 3:16* "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

3. *Matthew 28:18-20* "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. _ _ ye therefore, and teach all nations, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:"

4. *Mark 1:4-5* "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ their sins."

5. *Mark 10:38-40* "But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the _ _ _ that I drink of; and with the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized. "

6. *Mark 16:16* "He that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

7. *Acts 2:37-38* "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, _ _ _ _ _ _ and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the gift of the Holy Ghost."

8. *Romans 6:2-6* "… How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are _ _ _ _ _ _ with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of life."

9. *Galatians 3:27-29* "For as many of you as have been baptized into _ _ _ _ _ _ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female: for ye are all _ _ _ in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and _ _ _ _ _ according to the promise."

10. *Colossians 2:10-12* "And ye are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being _ _ _ _ in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ you all trespasses;"

11. *John 5:28-29* "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of _ _ _ _; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

12. *John 3:23* "And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ there: and they came, and were baptized."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That baptism is an ordinance of the Christian church, to _ _ _ _ _ _ faith and repentance, —an ordinance by which we _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the resurrection of Christ, as by this act we show our faith in his _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and through that, in the resurrection of all the saints at the last day; and that _ _ other mode more fitly represents these facts than that which the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ prescribe, namely, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

burial | immersion | commemorate | no | follow | resurrection | Scriptures

Closing prayer: Our Father in heaven, again we are amazed at the clarity of Your word on these issues. Forgive us Lord for our ignorance and allow us a true baptism, following faith and repentance, fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we might serve You in completeness. We, too, desire to be a part of the one body, the eternal family of Yours. We long to be called from the grave because You have called us your own. All praise to the Father and Son, in the precious name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Further Study: Luke 7:29; John 1:33; John 4:2; Acts 1:5; Acts 8:12-22; Acts 8:26-28; Acts 9:17-20; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 11:15-18; Acts 19:6; Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 1:13-18; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 4:4-6; Hebrews 6:1-2; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Luke 3:3; John 11:15

Answers: 1. repentance 2. out of the water 3. Go, baptizing 4. remission, confessing 5. cup, baptism 6. Believeth 7. Repent, receive 8. death, newness 9. Christ, one, heirs 10. complete, dead, forgiven 11. life, damnation 12. much water

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The New Birth

Have you ever wondered what Christians mean when they say "I am a born-again Christian"? The Bible has a lot to say about this phenomenon. It is clearly a vital element of the Gospel message. Can you receive eternal life without it?

Opening prayer: Gracious Heavenly Father, we are learning so much from the scriptures, Your holy word. Guide us into an understanding of the new birth that You desire us to have. Soften our hearts to hear this exciting message. Thank You, in the name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is the new birth, what is the part of the Divine and what part do we play? What is the result?

1. *John 3:3-6* "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of _ _ _ _ _ and of the _ _ _ _ _ _, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

2. *1 Peter 1:22-23* "Seeing ye have purified your souls in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye _ _ _ _ one another with a _ _ _ _ heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the _ _ _ _ of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

3. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18* "Therefore if any man be _ _ _ _ _ _ _, he is a _ _ _ creature: _ _ _ things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of _ _ _, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

4. *Ezekiel 36:24-28* "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be _ _ _ _ _: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A _ _ _ heart also will I give you, and a new _ _ _ _ _ _ will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put _ _ spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statues, and ye shall _ _ _ _ my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be _ _ people, and I will be your God."

5. *Ephesians 5:26-27* "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of water by the _ _ _ _, that he might present it to himself a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be _ _ _ _ and without _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

6. *Revelation 22:14* "_ _ _ _ _ _ _ are they that _ _ his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may _ _ _ _ _ in through the gates into the city."

7. *1 Corinthians 6:9-11* "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall _ _ _ inherit the kingdom of God? Be not _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And _ _ _ _ were some of you: but ye are _ _ _ _ _ _, but ye are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, but ye are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the name of Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

8. *1 John 3:2-3* "Beloved, now are we the _ _ _ _ of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be _ _ _ _ him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this _ _ _ _ in him purifieth himself, even as he is _ _ _ _."

9. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* "But I would not have you to be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye _ _ _ _ _ _ not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which _ _ _ _ _ in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the _ _ _ _ of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the _ _ _ _ himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the _ _ _ _ in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are _ _ _ _ _ and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we _ _ _ _ be with the Lord. Wherefore _ _ _ _ _ _ _ one another with these words."

10. *1 Corinthians 15:50-53* "Now this I say, brethren, that _ _ _ _ _ and blood _ _ _ _ _ _ inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption _ _ _ _ _ _ _ incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be _ _ _ _ _ _ _, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible _ _ _ _ put on incorruption, and this mortal _ _ _ _ put on immortality."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the _ _ _ birth comprises the entire change necessary to _ _ _ us for the kingdom of God, and consists of _ _ _ parts: First, a moral change wrought by conversion and a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, second, a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ change at the second coming of Christ, whereby, if dead, we are _ _ _ _ _ _ incorruptible, and if _ _ _ _ _ _, are changed to immortality in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

two | raised | living | fit | Christian life | physical | new

Closing prayer: Our kind Heavenly Father, we so want this new birth experience in our lives! We want to put away that which is offensive to You and Your kingdom, and receive a new heart. One that rejoices in doing Your will and following Your good ways. The promises of this study are exciting and we believe that You can wash us and make us clean, leaving old ways behind. Prepare us for Your kingdom, O God, through the grace and power found in the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, in His name we pray, amen.

Further Study: Daniel 12:13; John 5:28-29

Answers: 1. born again, water, Spirit 2. obeying, love, pure, word 3. in Christ, new, old, God 4. clean, new, spirit, my, keep, my 5. washing, word, glorious, holy, blemish 6. Blessed, do, enter 7. Not, deceived, such, washed, sanctified, justified 8. sons, like, hope, pure 9. ignorant, sorrow, sleep, word, Lord, dead, alive, ever, comfort 10. flesh, cannot, inherit, changed, must, must

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Exploring God's Revelation

Professed biblical prophecy has always been a part of certain denominations, but how can they be contrary in their ideas and interpretations? What purpose does prophecy serve and is there true prophecy as well as false?

Opening prayer: Our gracious God, this study of prophecy is challenging. O Father, we seek to discover the truth, not error. Keep us in Your understanding we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. Does God use prophecy? For what purpose? Are we to study it?

1. *John 14:29* "And now I have told you _ _ _ _ _ _ it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye might _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

2. *1 Corinthians 12:7-11* "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to _ _ _ _ _ _ withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame _ _ _ _ _ _, dividing to every man severally as he will."

3. *2 Timothy 3:16-17* "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ unto all good works."

4. *Deuteronomy 29:29* "The _ _ _ _ _ _ things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."

5. *Matthew 10:27* "What I tell you in darkness, that _ _ _ _ _ ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that _ _ _ _ _ _ ye upon the housetops."

6. *Psalms 119:105* "Thy _ _ _ _ is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my _ _ _ _."

7. *2 Peter 1:16-21* "For we have not followed cunningly devised _ _ _ _ _ _, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

We have also a more _ _ _ _ word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take _ _ _ _, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. Knowing this first, that _ _ prophecy of the scripture is of any _ _ _ _ _ _ _ interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man but _ _ _ _ men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

8. *1 Peter 1:10-11* "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

9. *Revelation 1:1-3* "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to _ _ _ _; and he sent and signified it by his _ _ _ _ _ unto his servant John: Who bare _ _ _ _ _ _ of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is he that readeth, and they that _ _ _ _ the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the _ _ _ _ is at hand."

10. *Daniel 2;7* "They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the _ _ _ _ _, and we will shew the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of it."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is a part of God's revelation to _ _ _; that it is included in that Scripture which is profitable for instruction; that it is designed for us and our _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; that so far from being enshrouded in impenetrable _ _ _ _ _ _ _, it is that which especially constitutes the word of God a _ _ _ _ to our feet and a light to our _ _ _ _; that a blessing is pronounced upon those who _ _ _ _ _ it; and that, consequently, it is to be understood by the people of God sufficiently to show them their _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the word's history and the special _ _ _ _ _ _ required at their hands.

duties | *mystery* | *prophecy* | *path* | *lamp* | *man* | *study* | *children* | *position*

Closing prayer: Loving Father, thank You for not being a secretive God, but one who desires us to know and profit from such knowledge, as You in Your wisdom see fit to show us. Help us to have ears to hear and be prepared to perform those duties You set before us. In turn, let us not keep those things learned to ourselves, that others might be caught unawares. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, amen.

Answers: 1. before, believe 2. profit, prophecy, Spirit 3. profitable, furnished 4. secret, revealed 5. speak, preach 6. word, path 7. fables, sure, heed, no, private, holy 8. prophesied, testified 9. pass, angel, record, Blessed, hear, time 10. dream, interpretation

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The World History

The Bible has accurately prophesied the succession of empires, past and present. Jesus revealed the course of his life and death to his disciples, saying; "And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe" John 14:29. And 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that the holy scriptures "are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Prophecy is meant for instruction, correction, reproof and doctrine. This study will explore one biblical prophecy of many.

Opening prayer: Wise and Holy Father, reveal to us through Your word, those things that were foretold in Daniel's day and through the prophets of old. We ask for spiritual minds to understand and believe Your words to us, Your people. You are not a secretive God; and bring us always what we need for wisdom and faith. We pray in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What had God foretold and revealed to his servants?

1. *Daniel 2:1-3* "And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed _ _ _ _ _ _ wherewith his spirit was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to _ _ _ _ the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king."

Reading on (Daniel 2: 4-49) we see that the king's men were unable to interpret the dream. The king decreed that the wise men should be slain. Daniel, a believer in God, was a captive in the king's service at the time. When he learned of the decree, he asked to assist the king by interpreting the dream. When Nebuchadnezzar agreed, Daniel requested a little time. Daniel and his friends spent time in prayer, asking God to reveal to them the meaning of the dream.

2. *Daniel 2:28* "But there is a _ _ _ in heaven that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the _ _ _ _ _ _ days."

3. *Daniel 2:31* "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great _ _ _ _ _. This great image, whose brightness was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, stood before thee; and the form thereof was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

Daniel repeated the dream to the King, Daniel 2:32-35. Then he proceeded to interpret the dream to the king as God had revealed it to him, Daniel 2:36-45

4. *Daniel 2:32-35* "This image's head was of fine _ _ _ _ , his breast and his arms of _ _ _ _ _ _, his belly and his thighs of _ _ _ _ _, His legs of _ _ _ _, his feet _ _ _ _ of iron and part of _ _ _ _. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out _ _ _ _ _ _ _ hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and _ _ _ _ _ them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the _ _ _ _ _ of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place

was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and filled the whole earth."

5. *Daniel 2:38* "Thou art this head of _ _ _ _."

6. *Daniel 2:39* "And after thee shall arise another kingdom _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to thee, and another _ _ _ _ _ kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' _ _ _ _, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ _; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ strong, and partly _ _ _ _ _ _. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not _ _ _ _ _ _ one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."

History defines these kingdoms: Babylon, head of gold, 612-539 B.C. | Medo-Persia, breast and thighs of silver, 539-331 B.C. | Greece, belly and thighs of brass, 331-168 B.C. | Rome, legs of iron, 168 B.C. – A.D. 476. The Divided Empire, feet of iron and clay, no single power has ruled since AD 476.

7. *Daniel 2:44 -45* "And in the days of these kings shall the _ _ _ of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall _ _ _ _ _ be destroyed and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ all these kingdoms, and it shall _ _ _ _ _ for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without _ _ _ _ _, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made _ _ _ _ _ to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and the interpretation thereof sure."

The final universal kingdom will be the kingdom of heaven, set up by God himself.

8. *Matthew 25:31-34* "When the _ _ _ of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the _ _ _ _ _ _ of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _: and he shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ them one from another, as a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ divideth his sheep from the goats:"

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the world's _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from specified dates in the _ _ _ _, the rise and fall of _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and the chronological succession of _ _ _ _ _ _ down to the setting up of God's everlasting _ _ _ _ _ _ _, are outlined in numerous great chains of prophecy; and that these prophecies are now _ _ _ fulfilled except the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ scenes.

closing | history | past | empires | kingdom | events | all

Closing prayer: Wise and loving Father, we see Your hand through history. Using prophecy to grow our faith, to instruct and reprove, to protect us. Thank You for opening our eyes to a larger picture, the longsuffering that you have endured for us. We want to grow in the knowledge and wisdom You provide. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the messages You have had for us down through the ages. Your prophets are as relevant now as they were then. Thank You, gracious Father, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, amen.

Answers: 1. dreams, troubled, shew 2. God, revealeth, latter 3. image, excellent, Terrible 4. gold, silver, brass, iron, part, clay, without, brake, chaff, mountain 5. gold 6. inferior, third, strong, clay, divided, partly, broken, cleave 7. God, never, consume, stand, hands, known, certain 8. Son, throne, nations separate, shepherd

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Exploring God's Revelation

There are diverse theories as to end-time events that precede the second coming of Christ. One prevailing theory purports a world conversion and temporal millennium. Can this be supported biblically in the clear word of God? We have learned that God is not a secretive God. Let's explore what God has to say about final day events.

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, as You have in the past studies, we ask for guidance and comprehension. Help us to see clearly what You have revealed through Your word, putting aside previously accepted ideas or popular themes. Please let us hear only Your voice. We ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is God revealing about final day events?

1. *Romans 9:27* "Easias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ shall be saved: For he will _ _ _ _ _ _ the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

2. *Matthew 22:14* "For _ _ _ _ are called, but _ _ _ are chosen."

3. *Matthew 24:37-43* "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, _ _ _ _ _ the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew _ _ _ until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left. _ _ _ _ _ therefore: for ye know _ _ _ what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the _ _ _ _ _ would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up."

4. *2 Timothy 3:1-7* "This know also, that in the _ _ _ _ days perilous times shall come. For men shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ more than lovers of God; Having a _ _ _ _ of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and _ _ _ _ _ able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

5. *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6* "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the _ _ _ of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, _ _ _ _ _ and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, that the day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all children of the _ _ _ _ _, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not _ _ _ _ _, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

6. *2 Peter 3:9-10* "The Lord is not slack concerning his _ _ _ _ _ _ _, as some men count slackness; but is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to us-ward, _ _ _ willing that any should perish, but that _ _ _ should come to repentance."

7. *Revelation 16:15* "Behold, I come as a thief. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is he that watcheth, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

8. *2 Thessalonians 1:6-10* "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."

9. *Revelation 19:11* "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

10. *Revelation 20:3* "And _ _ _ _ him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

11. *2 Thessalonians 2:7-8* "For the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be _ _ _ _ _ out of the way. And then shall that _ _ _ _ _ _ be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his _ _ _ _ _ _:"

12. *Matthew 13:29-30* "But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together _ _ _ _ _ the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but _ _ _ _ _ _ the wheat into my barn."

13. *Matthew 13:39-43* "The enemy that _ _ _ _ _ them is the devil; the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is the end of the world; and the reapers are the _ _ _ _ _ _. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall _ _ _ _ _ _ out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to _ _ _ _, let him hear."

14. *2 Timothy 3:13-14* "But _ _ _ _ men and seducers shall wax _ _ _ _ _ and worse, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the doctrine of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ conversion and a temporal millennium is a fable of these last days, calculated to lull men into a state of carnal _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and cause them to be overtaken by the great day of the Lord as by a _ _ _ _ _ in the night; that the second coming of Christ is to _ _ _ _ _ _ _, not follow, the millennium; for until the Lord appears, the papal power, with all its abominations, is to continue, the _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ grow together and evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, as the _ _ _ _ of God declares.

precede | tares | security | world's | wheat | thief | word

Closing prayer: Thank You, Father, for Your faithfulness in presenting a clear answer in Your word. Your word tells us that it is unchanging; therefore we rest solidly on the truth, not man's interpretations. We pray that You will find us ready, in Jesus name, amen.

Answers: 1. remnant, finish 2. Many, few 3. coming, until, not, watch, not, thief 4. last, lovers, without, pleasures, form, never 5. day, Peace, darkness, light, sleep 6. promise, longsuffering, not, all 7. Blessed, keepeth 8. recompense, revealed, vengeance, believe 9. Faithful, True 10. cast, thousand 11. mystery, taken, Wicked, coming 12. together, first, gather 13. sowed, harvest, angels, gather, hear 14. evil, worse, deceiving

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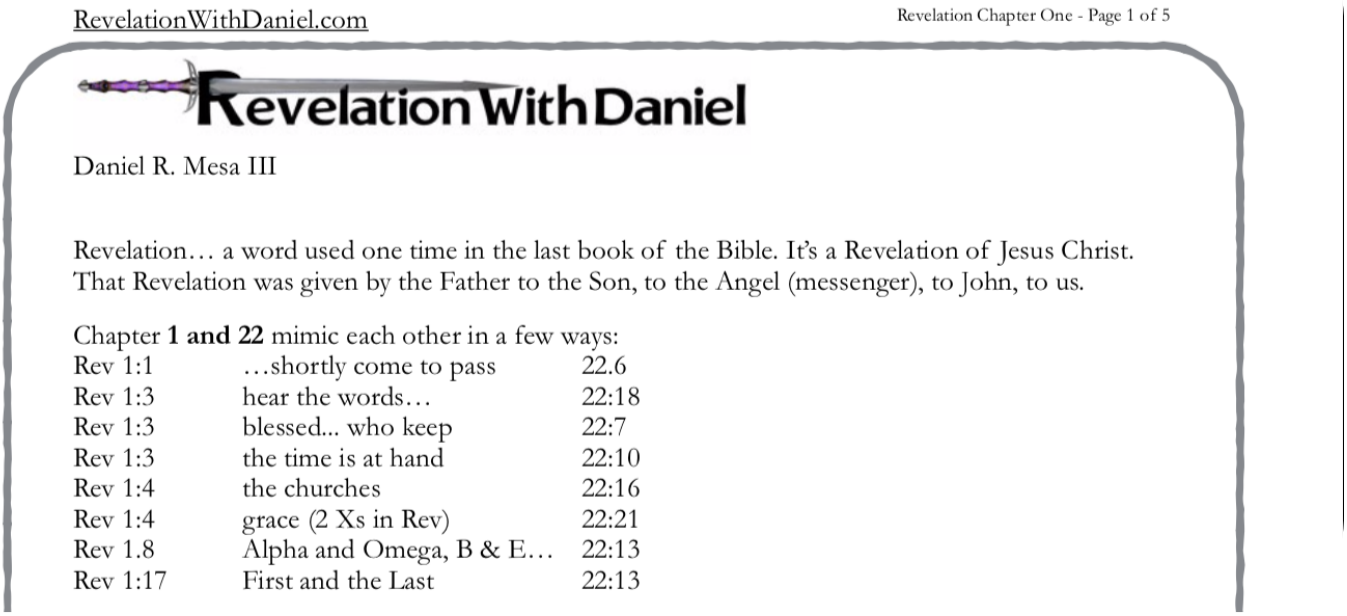

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Revelation With Daniel

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Revelation… a word used one time in the last book of the Bible. It's a Revelation of Jesus Christ. That Revelation was given by the Father to the Son, to the Angel (messenger), to John, to us.

Chapter **1 and 22** mimic each other in a few ways:

Rev 1:1	…shortly come to pass	22.6
Rev 1:3	hear the words…	22:18
Rev 1:3	blessed... who keep	22:7
Rev 1:3	the time is at hand	22:10
Rev 1:4	the churches	22:16
Rev 1:4	grace (2 Xs in Rev)	22:21
Rev 1.8	Alpha and Omega, B & E…	22:13
Rev 1:17	First and the Last	22:13

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The Longest Time Prophecy

This study explores the 2300 day prophecy of Daniel 8:14. The sure word of God will detail important events within that time period, culminating in a very important event. That event occurred not too long ago in history and should cause us to awaken from our slumber. Jesus said, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself." *John 14:3*. Are we nearing that time?

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, prove Your word to us today. Give us spiritual minds to discern this faith-building prophecy. Make us able, Lord, to understand what You have revealed to Your children beforehand, now as prophecy fulfilled. We ask in the precious name of Jesus Christ, Your only begotten Son, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What great event does the 2300 day prophecy end upon?

Begin by reading *Daniel 8:3-14*. **This is an account of a dream given to Daniel by God. It will be explained as we proceed.**

Continue reading *Daniel 8:19-26.* **These scriptures are the interpretation of verses 3-14. During the time of Babylon, Medo-Persia, as a ram, will come to take the north, east, south and west, for his territory. A goat, or Greece, will come to overtake Medo-Persia. The notable horn on the goat was a prominent king. Out of one of the territories, or** "winds " **came** "a little horn, which waxed exceeding great" **with the earth and heavens as its focus (political and religious interest). The greatest evil of this exceeding great horn was its attack on the ministry of Christ.**

1. *Daniel 8:27* " I Daniel _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ at the vision, but _ _ _ _ understood it." **Daniel relates that he did not understand the vision. Although most of it was explained, there was still a part of the vision that Daniel did not hear from the angel because he had fainted. What was *not* explained was the 14th verse saying,** "Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." **Being burdened about understanding of this prophecy, Daniel was constantly studying the words of the prophets to find answers.**

2. Daniel 9:2 **"**I understood by books the _ _ _ _ _ _ of the years, whereof the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish _ _ _ _ _ _ _ years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to _ _ _ _ by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." **(See** *Jeremiah 29:10***) The next several verses,** *Daniel 9:4-19***, are a beautiful prayer that Daniel prayed for himself and for the sins of the people.**

3. Daniel 9:21-22 "Yea, whiles I was speaking in _ _ _ _ _ _, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the _ _ _ _ _ _ at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ me, and talked with me, and said, O, Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the vision"

4. Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ upon thy people and upon the holy city, to _ _ _ _ _ _ the transgression, and to make an end of _ _ _ _, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ righteousness, and to _ _ _ _ up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." **According to Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:1-6, a day equals a year in bible prophecy. Therefore, seventy weeks would equal 490 years.**

5. *Daniel 9:*25-26 "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and to build Jerusalem unto the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the city and the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." **The definition of score is 20, so threescore is 60 weeks. Adding up the prophetic weeks then it would equal 69 weeks or 483 days (69 x 7) until the coming of the Messiah from the time the command was given to restore Jerusalem.**

6. *Ezra 6:14* "And the elders of the Jews _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia."

7. *Ezra 7:7* "And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, in the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ year of Artaxerxes the king." **The bible predicted that, at the command of Artaxerxes, which was in the year 457 B.C. (the seventh year of his reign), Jerusalem would begin being rebuilt. From that time, there would be a 483 year period of time until the coming of the Messiah. Adding 483 years to the date 457 B.C. we come to the date A.D. 27. Remember when adding between B.C. and A.D. there is no 0 year, for example; 3BC 2 BC 1 BC 1AD 2AD 3AD.**

8. *Luke 3: 21-22* "Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and praying, the heaven was opened ,"**Returning to the significance of the date A.D. 27, this was when Jesus was baptized, or anointed, and began his ministry. The arrival of the Messiah was A.D. 27.** *Acts 10:38* **states that** "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost." **The word anointed is the literal translation of the word, Messiah: "God with us."**

9. *Mark 1:14-15* "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." **Reading prior to verse 14, in the same chapter of Mark, we see that after Jesus was baptized, he went to the wilderness where he was tempted by Satan. And it was after this experience, that he began preaching the gospel. The 69 weeks or 483 year prophecy of Daniel 9 was fulfilled.**

10. *Daniel 9:26* "The people of the prince that shall come shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the city and the sanctuary."**Jerusalem was destroyed in A. D. 70. We find this referred to in** *Matthew 24:15-20* **and** *Luke 21:20-24.*

11. *Daniel 9:27* "And he shall confirm the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with many for _ _ _ week: and in the _ _ _ _ _ of the week he shall cause the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." **This is a reference to the death of our Saviour in A.D. 31. The sacrificial system was divinely abolished. The curtain which separated the holy from the Most Holy was ripped from top to bottom, signifying the fulfillment of the promises. The sacrificial system of the Jews, which was a shadow, or type, of things to come, was done away in Christ. Reference is made to this in** *Matthew 27:50-51.* **Jesus was crucified in the midst of the week allotted to the Jews. His ministry was for 3 ½ years, half of the seven years allotted. At the end of the 7 years, A.D. 34, Stephen was stoned and the gospel message went to the Gentiles.**

12. *Daniel 8:14* "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ be cleansed."*Daniel 9:24* **indicates that the 490 year or 70 week time period is "***determined"* **or cut off from the 2300 year prophecy. That leaves 1810 years. From the end of the 490 years which ended in A.D. 34, add the remainder of the years, and that brings us to the year 1844.**

The earthly Day of Atonement should be diligently looked at in Leviticus 16. It was a type (shadow) of the literal Day of Atonement we are now in. Christ, our high priest, is in the literal Most Holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary. He is judging everyone according to his works, first the dead and then the living. We will be studying more about this in the lessons to come, with scripture to support this.

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the mistake of Adventism in 1844 pertained to the _ _ _ _ _ _ of the event then to transpire, not to the _ _ _ _; that no prophetic period is given to reach to the _ _ _ _ _ _ advent, but that the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ one, the two thousand and three hundred days of Daniel 8:14, terminated in _ _ _ _, and brought us to an event called the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the sanctuary.

longest | second | time | 1844 | cleansing | nature

The mistake of a body of believers, that arose out of many other denominations, occurred during a time of great revival, and is referred to above. Religious history confirms that this group, now called Seventh Day Adventists, after much bible study, prayer and fasting, believed that the "cleansing of the sanctuary" meant the second coming of Christ. In fact, the bible describes the cleansing in Leviticus 16, as a time of judgment. This investigative judgment in heaven, occurs prior to Jesus return. He serves as our high priest, as supported by scripture. We can learn of the Day of Atonement from the shadow, or earthly sanctuary given by God to prepare his people.

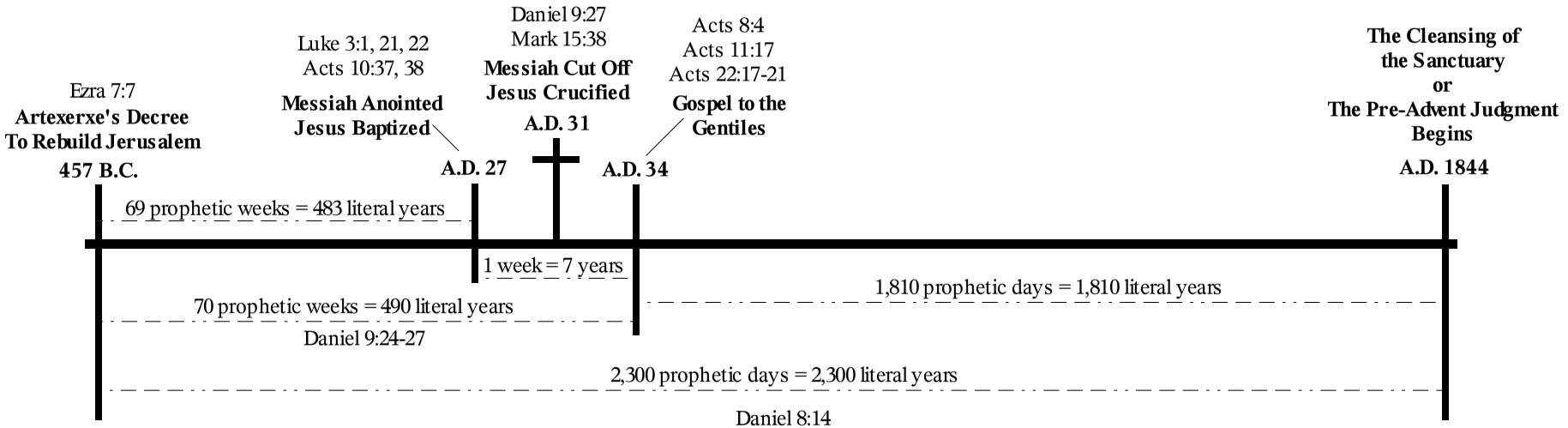
Closing prayer: Our Father in heaven, You have given us so much in order that we might believe and be saved. May Your word be our only foundation. We have learned that we are in the final days of earth's history. Help us Lord, to live the urgency of this message. We have so much more to learn; sustain us we pray, in Jesus holy name, amen.

Further Study: Romans 15:8; Matthew 26:28; Matthew 23:37-38; Matthew 3:16-17; Revelation 22:11-12

Answers: 1. fainted, astonished, none 2. number, seventy, seek 3. prayer, vision, informed, skill, understanding, consider 4. determined, finish, sins, everlasting, seal 5. restore, Messiah, destroy, sanctuary 6. builded, finished 7. Jerusalem, seventh 8. baptized 9. preaching, fulfilled 10. destroy 11. covenant, one, midst, sacrifice 12. sanctuary

The Longest Time Prophecy
The 2,300 Days

Daniel 8:13-14; 9:24-27



"Seventy weeks are determined for your people . . . ." Daniel 9:24
The word **"determined"** means "cut off", "separated", or "allotted".
490 years were given to the Jews as a final probation, as a nation, to fulfill God's plan for them and for the advent of the Messiah. After this, at A.D. 34, the gospel was taken to the "Gentiles" or the rest of the world. The "Covenant", that is the New Covenant established upon Christ, was carried to the Jews, by Christ until His crucifixion on A.D. 31, and then by the apostles until the stoning of Stephen in A.D. 34. At this time and afterward the gospel was then taken to the Gentiles.

Day for a year: Numbers 14:34
Ezekiel 4:6

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The Heavenly Sanctuary

The Old Testament contains plans for an earthly sanctuary, which was built to God's exact specifications. A heavenly sanctuary is mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments. What is their significance? Why was God so exacting in his specifications; why was it needed on earth; and does it really exist in heaven? Is the message still relevant today?

Opening prayer: Lord of All, thank You for Your clear word. As we delve into this topic, show us its significance; connect the message there to our lives and our eternal salvation. You do nothing that is trivial, that is not for our better good. Bring us understanding through this study so we see the bigger picture of Your plan and how you are striving to save us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does each verse tell us of God and his Gospel message?

1. *Hebrews 12:24-25* "And to Jesus the mediator of the _ _ _ covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh _ _ _ _ _ _ things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh."

2. *Psalms 102:19* "For he hath looked down from the height of his _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; from _ _ _ _ _ _ did the Lord behold the earth;"

3. *Hebrews 8:1-5* "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the sanctuary, and of the _ _ _ _ tabernacle, which the _ _ _ _ pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and shadow of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, which was established upon better _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

4. *Hebrews 9:22-23* "And almost all things are by the law purged with _ _ _ _ _; and without shedding of blood is no _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

5. *Daniel 8:14* "And he said unto me, Unto _ _ _ thousand and _ _ _ _ _ hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

6. *Acts 3:19-21* "_ _ _ _ _ _ ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall _ _ _ _ Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

7. *Revelation 15:5-8* "And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the testimony in heaven was _ _ _ _ _ _: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials _ _ _ _ of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the _ _ _ _ _ of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

To understand the process of the earthly sanctuary, read Leviticus, chapter 16. The service was a type or shadow of the plan of salvation prior to Jesus' incarnation, death and resurrection. There is much more that could be said about the sanctuary service as it has deep meaning and deserves a lesson of its own.

Revelation 16 depicts the finishing work just prior to the advent of Christ. It requires deeper study to apply the symbols and acquire a deeper understanding. Reading it now would provide an overview, create a curiosity for God's word and acknowledgement of the continuity of language throughout the Bible.

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

Terms to remember: Type is the shadow of the antitype, which is the original. Therefore the sanctuary in heaven is the antitype (original). The earthly sanctuary is the type (shadow).

That the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the new covenant is the tabernacle of God in _ _ _ _ _ _, of which Paul speaks in Hebrews 8 and onward, and of which our Lord, as great high priest, is minister; that this sanctuary is the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Mosaic tabernacle, and that the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ work of our Lord, connect therewith, is the antitype of the work of the Jewish priests of the former dispensation (Hebrews 8:1-5); that this, and not the _ _ _ _ _, is the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the two thousand and three hundred days, what is termed its cleansing being in this case, as in the _ _ _ _, simply the entrance of the high priest into the most holy place, to finish the round of service connected therewith, by making the atonement and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from the sanctuary the sins which had been transferred to it by means of the ministration in the first apartment (Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9:22-23); and that this work in the antitype, beginning in _ _ _ _, consists in actually _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ out the sins of believers, and occupies a brief but indefinite space of time, at the conclusion of which the work of mercy for the world will be finished, and the _ _ _ _ _ _ advent of Christ will take place. (Revelation 16)

antitype | Sanctuary | 1844 | second | earth | priestly | heaven | type | removing | blotting

Closing prayer: Our heavenly Father and His Son, our High Priest, we are in awe at the length and breadth of Your plan for our salvation. You have presented it through the sanctuary, through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, through the portrayal of final events. May it have a faith building and heart restoring affect in our lives. May it direct our path today and tomorrow, as we choose to follow and obey. We pray in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Saviour, High Priest and King, amen.

Answers: 1. new, better 2. sanctuary, heaven 3. minister, true, Lord, example, heavenly, covenant, promises 4. blood, remission 5. two, three, cleansed 6. Repent, blotted, send, restitution 7. tabernacle, opened, full, glory, fulfilled

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The Ten Commandments

The Ten commandments are called by several names in the Bible; the law, the testament and ark of the covenant. There is much controversy about the same law in our country today. Some controversy takes place in the courts; can they be displayed in public settings/ government buildings. Other controversy exists in churches themselves: are they still valid and part of the new covenant? Many years ago the Catholic Church changed their wording, eliminating and adding to their words. This study will explore what God's intent was and if he still gives them value.

Opening prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we value Your word and as we search today for answers regarding the law You gave us many years ago, please help us to see Your intent with clarity. Give us spiritual eye salve to see and hear You. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, we pray, amen.

1. *Psalms 119:43-44* "And take not the word of _ _ _ _ _ utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. So shall I keep the law _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for ever and ever."

2. *Ecclesiastes 12:13* "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and _ _ _ _ his commandments: for this is the whole _ _ _ _ of man."

3. *Isaiah 24:5* "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the ordinance, broken the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ covenant."

4. *Romans 16:26* "But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of faith:"

5. *Exodus 20:1-17* "And God _ _ _ _ _ all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing _ _ _ _ _ unto thousands of them that _ _ _ _ me, and _ _ _ _ my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. Honour thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's."

6. *Deuteronomy 5:1-22* "And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statues and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may _ _ _ _ _ them, and _ _ _ _, and _ _ them. The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. The Lord talked with you _ _ _ _ to _ _ _ _ in the mount out of the midst of the fire," **The ten commandments are repeated as in Exodus.**

7. *Exodus 31:18* "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the _ _ _ _ _ _ of God."

8. *Exodus 32:16* "And the tables were the _ _ _ _ of God, and the writing was the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God, graven upon the tables."

9. *Exodus 40:20-21* "And he took and put the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the Lord _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Moses."

10. *Numbers 10:33* "And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days' journey: and the _ _ _ of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them."

11. *Hebrews 9:3-4* "And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the _ _ _ of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the _ _ _ _ _ _ of the covenant;"

12. *Luke 16:17* "And it is _ _ _ _ _ _ for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to _ _ _ _."

13. *Revelation 11:19* "And the temple of God was opened in _ _ _ _ _ _, and there was seen in his temple the _ _ _ of his _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

14. *Revelation 15:5* "And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in heaven was opened."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That God's moral _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ are the _ _ _ _ upon all men in all dispensations; that these are summarily contained in the commandments spoken by Jehovah from Sinai, engraven on the _ _ _ _ _ _ of stone, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the ark, which was in consequence called the "ark of the covenant," or testament (Numbers 10:33, Hebrews 9:4); that this law is immutable and perpetual, being a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the tables deposited in the ark in the true sanctuary on _ _ _ _, which is also, for the same reason, called the ark of God's testament; for under the sounding of the seventh trumpet we are told that "the temple of _ _ _ was opened in _ _ _ _ _ _, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament."

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Closing prayer: O Mighty God, Your words are as sure and unchanging as is Your law. Thank You for preserving the law of Your eternal kingdom. Knowing that, today, they are found in the heavenly sanctuary assures us that we are to follow that same law here on earth. Enable us, O God, to follow You in obedience, for Your glory and our benefit. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

Further study: Hebrews 9:1-11

Answers: 1. truth, continually 2. keep, duty 3. changed, everlasting 4. commandment, obedience 5. spake, mercy, love, keep 6. learn, keep, do, face, face 7. finger 8. work, writing 9. testimony, commanded 10. ark, covenant 11. ark, covenant, tables 12. easier, fail 13. heaven, ark, testament 14. tabernacle, testimony

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The Sabbath Commandment

The fourth commandment of the law is practiced with such diversity; Saturday, Sunday, everyday is God's day and so on. It is even called by differing names; Sabbath, Christian Sabbath, Jewish Sabbath. What do the scriptures tell us about the fourth commandment?

Opening prayer: Gracious Father, with so many opinions abounding, may we truly hear Your voice in this matter. We know that the law is for us to keep, that it will be kept into eternity. Please direct our path, with Your light, Your word, as to the Sabbath day. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What are the scriptures telling us about the fourth commandment?

1. *Exodus 20:8-11* "_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the sabbath day, to keep it _ _ _ _. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the sabbath day, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ it."

2. *Isaiah 58:13* "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my _ _ _ _ day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt _ _ _ _ _ _ him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou _ _ _ _ _ _ _ thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath _ _ _ _ _ _ it."

3. *Luke 4:16* "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his _ _ _ _ _ _ was, he went into the synagogue on the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ day, and stood up to read."

4. *Genesis 2:1-3* "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he _ _ _ _ _ _ on the seventh day from all his _ _ _ _ which he had made. And God _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

5. *Isaiah 66:22-23* "For as the _ _ _ heavens and the _ _ _ earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall _ _ _ _ to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall _ _ _ flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord."

6. *Mark 2:27-28* "And he said unto them, the sabbath was made for _ _ _ and _ _ _ man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is _ _ _ _ also of the sabbath."

7. *Acts 1:12* "Then returned _ _ _ _ unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ day's journey."

8. *Acts 13:44* "And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to _ _ _ _ the word of God."

9. *Acts 17:2* "And _ _ _ _, as his _ _ _ _ _ _ was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,"

10. *Revelation 1:10* "I was in the Spirit on the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing word in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the fourth commandment of this law requires that we _ _ _ _ _ _ the seventh day of each week, commonly called _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, to abstinence from our labor, and to the performance of sacred and religious duties; that this is the _ _ _ _ weekly Sabbath known to the Bible, being the day that was set apart _ _ _ _ _ _ Paradise was lost, and which will be observed in Paradise _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; that the facts upon which the Sabbath institution is based _ _ _ _ _ _ _ it to the seventh day, as they are not true of any other day; and that the terms Jewish Sabbath, as applied to the seventh day, and Christian Sabbath, as applied to the first day of the week, are names of human invention, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in fact, and _ _ _ _ _ in meaning.

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Closing prayer: Holy Father, we have come to understand that the Sabbath day, that You hallowed, has not been abolished. Forgive us of our ignorance. Give us the courage to stand for Your holy day. Guide us in all our activities of that sanctified day that we too may be sanctified as well, becoming a blessing and delight to You. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

Further study: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Acts 13:14; Acts 13:27; Acts 13:42; Acts 15:21; Acts 16:13; Acts 18:4

Answers: 1. Remember, holy, seventh, blessed, hallowed 2. holy, honour, delight, spoken 3. custom, Sabbath 4. rested, work, blessed 5. new, new, come, all 6. man, not, Lord 7. they, sabbath 8. hear 9. Paul, manner 10. Lord's, day

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The Man of Sin

The Bible identifies a "man of sin." Who or what is the "man of sin," what are his characteristics, and what part in the world does he play? What is the outcome of this power as outlined in the prophetic word? We have learned that the word of God is pure and it is a shield to those who trust in him, Proverbs 30:5. Let's open His word to discover what God would reveal to us.

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the surety of Your word. You have provided and protected it through the ages for our benefit. Guide us now as we learn who the "man of sin" is that we might use Your word as our shield against darkness. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What are you learning from each verse about the "man of sin."

1. *2 Thessalonians 2:1-4* "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 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 day of Christ is at hand. Let no man _ _ _ _ _ _ _ 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; Who opposeth and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." **The Bible gives us 9 identifying characteristics of the "man of sin" or antichrist. Horns in these prophetic passages signify kingdoms. The ten kingdoms or horns are the same as the toes mentioned in Daniel 2:42, Nebuchadnezzar's dream interpreted by Daniel.**

2. *Daniel 7:7-8* "After this I saw in the night _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and behold a **fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with feet of it: and it was **diverse** from all the beasts that were _ _ _ _ _ _ it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and behold, there **came up among** them _ _ _ _ _ _ _ little horn, before whom there were _ _ _ _ _ of the first horns **plucked up** by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the **eyes of man**, and **a mouth speaking** _ _ _ _ _ things."

3. *Daniel 7:25* "And he shall **speak great words against** the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to **change _ _ _ _ _ and** _ _ _ _: and they shall be given into his hand until a **time and times and the dividing of time."**

4. *Revelation 13:5* "And there was _ _ _ _ _unto him a **mouth speaking great things and blasphemies**; and _ _ _ _ _ **was given unto him to continue forty and two months."**

5. *Daniel 7:21* "I beheld, and the _ _ _ _ horn **made war** with the _ _ _ _ _ _, and prevailed **against** them."

6. *Revelation 13:3* "And I saw one of his heads as it were _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to **death**; and his **deadly wound** was _ _ _ _ _ _: and **all the world wondered** after the beast. And they _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the dragon which gave power unto the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

For many centuries, Protestant denominations have identified the Papacy as the antichrist, man of perdition, man of sin. Do these characteristics given in the scripture agree with this interpretation?

1. The papal power rose in Western Europe; Rome, Italy. It was one of the ten horns.
2. The papacy has a man at its head that speaks for it, the pope.
3. There were three Arian kingdoms at the time of its rise that were plucked out because they did not support the papacy. This is an historical fact.
4. Because the papacy was a religious as well as civil power, that made it very different from any other kingdom.
5. Affirmed by the Catholic Church's own sources; "That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind." W.E.H. Lecky, *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe,* Volume 2, 40.
6. The papacy emerged from the kingdom of iron, the pagan Roman Empire."The mighty Catholic Church was little more than the Roman Empire baptized." Alexander Clarence Flick, *The Rise of the Mediaeval Church*,148,149
7. The persecution lasted a time (year), times(2 years) and ½ time (half a year). One prophetic day equals one literal year. (Ezekial 4:6, Numbers 14:34) Three and one half years equals 42 months or 1260 days. This time period began at the rule of the papacy AD 538 and continued its rule through 1798, when the pope was taken captive by Napoleon's General Berthier. This was a deadly wound to the papacy that has continued to heal since that event.
8. The blasphemies of the papacy include: claiming the ability to forgive sins, *(Luke 5:21* "And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasephemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?") and claiming to be God . (*John 10:33* "The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makes thyself God.")
9. As we read in Daniel 7:25, it will "think to change times and laws." The papacy has sought to change the Lord's day, Sabbath, from Saturday to Sunday. It also changed the reading of the ten commandments by eliminating the 2nd commandment. It divided the 10th commandment into two commandments to keep the original number. This is easily verified in its own sources and catechism.

7. *Isaiah 56:1-2* "Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing evil."

8. *1 Peter 1:5* "Who are _ _ _ _ by the _ _ _ _ _ of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

9. *Revelation 14:12* "Here is the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the saints: here are they that _ _ _ _ the commandments of God, and the _ _ _ _ _ of Jesus."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That as the man of sin, the _ _ _ _ _ _, has thought to change _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ (the law of God, Daniel 7:25), and has _ _ _ _ _ _ almost all Christendom in regard to the _ _ _ _ _ _ commandment, we find a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of a reform in this respect to be wrought among believers _ _ _ _ before the coming of Christ.

just | prophecy | papacy | laws | fourth | times | misled

Closing prayer: Merciful Father, thank You for revealing the deceptions that have infiltrated and subverted the gospel message. Give us Your power to be one of the patient saints that keep the commandments in truth and have the faith of Jesus. We pray for those that are deceived, that Your ministering angels will bring this revelation to them as well, before it is too late. Help us to spread this truth in love to our brothers and sisters. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

Further Study: Daniel chapters 2, 7, 8 and Revelation 13 and 17

Answers: 1. deceive, exalteth, sitteth 2. visions, before, another, three, great 3. times, laws 4. given, power 5. same, saints 6. wounded, healed, worshipped 7. Blessed, keepeth, Sabbath 8. kept, power 9. patience, keep, faith

It's Jewish! *(author unknown)*

When we present God's holy law, and arguments from scripture draw,Objectors say, to pick a flaw, **"It's Jewish."**
Though at the first Jehovah blessed and sanctified His day of rest,The same belief is still expressed, **"It's Jewish."**
Though with the world this rest began, and thence through all Scriptures ran, and Jesus said 'twas made for man - **"It's Jewish."**
Though not with Jewish rites, which passed, but with the moral law 'twas classed, which must exist while time shall last, **"It's Jewish."**
If from the Bible we present the Sabbath's meaning and intent, this answers every argument - **"It's Jewish."**
Though the disciples, Luke and Paul, continue still this rest to call the "Sabbath day," this answers all, **"It's Jewish."**
The gospel teacher's plain expression, that "Sin is of the law transgression," seems not to make the least impression - **"It's Jewish."**
They love the rest of man's invention, but if Jehovah's day we mention, this puts an end to all contention, **"It's Jewish."**
O ye who thus God's day abuse, simply because 'twas kept by Jews, the Saviour, too, you must refuse, **"He's Jewish."**
The Scriptures, then, we may expect for the same reason you'll reject; for if you will but recollect, **"They're Jewish."**
Thus the apostles, too, must fall; for Andrew, Peter, James, and Paul, Thomas, Matthew, John, and all **"Were Jewish."**
So to your helpless state resign yourself in wretchedness to pine; salvation, surely you'll decline, **"It's Jewish."**

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The Christian Lifestyle

The Bible identifies followers of Christ as "peculiar people." What does that mean? How will the world respond?

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, we want only to do Thy will. What does it mean to be peculiar and how does this serve You? Guide us through this study. Open our eyes to see how this applies to our daily lives. Use the scriptures for reproof, O God, if necessary. We ask in the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What do we find that sets us apart?

1. *Romans 12:1-2* "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a _ _ _ _ _ _ sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, _ _ _ _ of God."

2. *2 Timothy 3:1-7* "This know also, that in the last days _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own _ _ _ _ _ _, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are _ _ _ _. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and _ _ _ _ _ able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

3. *Titus 2:11-15* "For the grace of God, that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ungoldliness and wordly lusts, we should _ _ _ _ soberly, righteously, and godly, in this _ _ _ _ _ _ _ world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from _ _ _ iniquity, and purify unto himself a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, zealous of good works."

4. *1 Peter 2:9-10* "But ye are a _ _ _ _ _ _ generation, a _ _ _ _ _ priesthood, an _ _ _ _ nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous _ _ _ _ _: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now _ _ _ _ obtained mercy."

5. *Matthew 6:24* "No man can serve _ _ _ masters: for either he will _ _ _ _ the one, and love the other; or else he will _ _ _ _ to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot _ _ _ _ _ God and mammon."

6. *James 4:4* "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the world is _ _ _ _ _ _ with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

7. *1 Corinthians 10:31* "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ye do, do _ _ _ to the glory of God."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the followers of Christ should be a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ people, not following the maxims, nor _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to the ways of the world, _ _ _ loving its pleasures nor countenancing its _ _ _ _ _ _ _; inasmuch as the apostle says that "whosoever therefore will be" in this sense, "a _ _ _ _ _ _ of the world, is the _ _ _ _ _ of God" (James 4:4) and Christ says that we cannot have _ _ _ masters or, at the same time, serve _ _ _ and mammon.

friend | follies | two | conforming | peculiar | God | not | enemy

Closing prayer: Faithful Father, thank You for this strong and clear message. We need Your power in our lives to make this a reality for us. Make us Your peculiar people, loving and serving You in obedience. Show us those things that we must put away; that we might not sin against You or compromise our loyalty to You. Give us love for others, as You show Your love to us. Loving the people, not the world or its ways. Only You can accomplish this work in us. We ask in the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, amen.

Answers: 1. living, reasonable, transformed, will 2. perilous, selves, good, denying, never 3. denying, live, present, all, peculiar people 4. chosen, royal, holy, light, have 5. two, hate, hold, serve 6. friendship, enmity 7. whatsoever, all

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The Christian Lifestyle Continued

The Bible says much about the condition of our hearts and characters. Psalms 51:10 states "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Does the Bible instruct us on other aspects of our lifestyle, such as our outward appearance? Is there anything to be learned from the Bible about these issues?

Opening prayer: Gracious Father, we are searching Your word for guidance regarding our outward appearances. Guide us and give us Your good counsel. We want to represent You fully that You might be glorified, and allowing nothing to get in the way. Please use Your scriptures for inspiration and correction. We ask these things in the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is his word telling us; does a clean heart affect our outward appearance?

1. *Genesis 3:6-7* "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were _ _ _ _ _ _, and they knew that they were _ _ _ _ _; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves _ _ _ _ _ _."

2. *Genesis 3:21* "Unto Adam also and his wife did the Lord God make _ _ _ _ _ of skins, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ them."

3. *Mark 16:5* "And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in a _ _ _ _ white garment; and they were affrighted."

4. *Isaiah 3:16-24* "Moreover the Lord saith, Because the daughters of Zion are _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will discover their secret parts. In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, The chains and the bracelets, and the muffler, The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, The _ _ _ _ _, and nose jewels, The _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ suits of apparel and the mantles, and the wimples and the crisping pins, The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails. And it shall come to pass, that instead of _ _ _ _ _ smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ instead of beauty."

5. *Revelation 1:13* "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the _ _ _ of man, clothed with a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ down to the _ _ _ _, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle."

6. *1 Timothy 2:9-10* "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in _ _ _ _ _ _ apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or _ _ _ _ _ _ array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

7. *1 Peter 3:1-7* "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be _ _ _ by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your _ _ _ _ _ _ conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of a _ _ _ _ and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of _ _ _ _ _ price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving _ _ _ _ _ _ unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the Scriptures insist upon _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and modesty of attire as a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ mark of discipleship in those who profess to be the followers of Him who was, "_ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ in heart," that the wearing of gold, pearls, and _ _ _ _ _ _ array, or anything designed merely to _ _ _ _ _ the person and foster the pride of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ heart, is to be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, according to such scriptures as 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4.

natural | prominent | discarded | lowly | plainness | meek | adorn | costly

Closing prayer: Loving Father, Your wise words are clear. Help us to put them into action. Search our hearts, O Lord, give us Your wisdom in all we do, including dress and outward appearance. Keep us from pride, doing nothing to hold ourselves up, but only in You. Again, may Your word be our shield against evildoing. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

Answers: 1. opened, naked, aprons 2. coats, clothed 3. clothed, long 4. haughty, ornaments, rings, changeable, sweet, burning 5. Son, garment, foot 6. modest, costly 7. won, chaste, outward, ornament, meek, great, honour

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. ***Malachi 3:16-17***

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Tithe and Offering

Tithing is a doctrine of most denominations but subject to personal variance and levels of obedience. Many Christians choose where and to whom they will give. God instituted the tithing system. Let's search the scriptures for his reasoning and purposes.

Opening prayer: Our Father in heaven, we are in search of Your design for tithing. Guide us through Your word, that we might have a clear picture of Your purposes and our part in it. We know that You do nothing that is not for our better good. Grow our faith, that we might step out, trusting Your plan for us. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. Do you see God's plan for tithes and offerings?

1. *1 Timothy 5:17-18* "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, expecially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is _ _ _ _ _ _ of his reward."

2. 1 *Corinthians 9:6* "Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ a vineyard, and eateth _ _ _ of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"

3. *2 Timothy 3:4-5* "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ more than lovers of _ _ _; Having a _ _ _ _ of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

4. *Matthew 23:23* "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay _ _ _ _ _ of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and _ _ _ to leave the other undone."

5. *1 Corinthians 9:13-14* "Do ye not know that they which _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ about holy things _ _ _ _ of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which _ _ _ _ _ _ the gospel should _ _ _ _ of the gospel."

6. *Malachi 3:8-10* "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and _ _ _ _ _ me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

7. *2 Corinthians 9:6-10* "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him _ _ _ _; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)"

8. *Hebrews 7:1-4* "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a _ _ _ _ _ part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the son of God; abideth a priest continually."

9. *Leviticus 27:30* "And all the _ _ _ _ _ of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is _ _ _ _ unto the Lord."

10. *Galatians 3:29* "And if ye be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, then are ye _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ seed, and _ _ _ _ _ according to the promise."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That means for the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of evangelical work among men should be contributed from _ _ _ _ to God and love of souls, not _ _ _ _ _ _ by church lotteries, or occasions designed to contribute to the fun-loving, appetite-indulging propensities of the sinner, such as fairs, festivals, oyster suppers, tea, broom, donkey and crazy socials, etc. which are a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to the professed church of Christ; that the proportion of one's income required in former dispensation can be _ _ less under the gospel; that it is the same _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (whose children we are, if we are Christ's) paid to Melchisedec (type of Christ) when he gave him a _ _ _ _ _ of all; the tithe is the Lord's; and this tenth of one's income is also to be supplemented by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from those who are able, for the support of the gospel.

disgrace | raised | support | no | Abraham | love | tenth | offerings

Closing prayer: Almighty Father, all we have has been been provided by Thee. We want to follow Your perfect plan of returning a tenth of our increase to support the gospel workers. Guide in our offerings as well that we might be used of You. Give us the faith to act upon Your direction; that You will open your storehouse of blessing to us in good measure in accordance with our needs. Thank You for all You provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

Further study: Deuteronomy 25:4; 1 Corinthians 9:9

Answers: 1. Labourer, worthy 2. forbear, planteth, not 3. pleasures, God, form 4. tithe, not 5. minister, live, preach, live 6. tithes, offerings, prove, blessing 7. give, cheerful, sufficiency 8. tenth 9. tithe, holy 10. Christ's, Abraham's, heirs

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Radical Transformation

What is this radical transformation that God longs for us to receive? Is this a part of the salvation message? Jesus died for our sins; took our just reward. What then of his victorious life; was it also for our sake? Can we partake of it?

Opening prayer: Merciful Father, we long for the truth about the radical transformation that comes from conversion. Please speak to us through Your sure word. Give us spiritual minds to hear what You are saying to Your people. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our King, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is God telling us about transformation?

1. *1 Corinthians 2:12-14* "Now we have received, not the spirit of the _ _ _ _ _, but the spirit which is of _ _ _; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which _ _ _ _ _ wisdom teacheth, but which the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

2. *James 1:23-25* "For if any be a hearer of the word, and _ _ _ a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso _ _ _ _ _ _ _ into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being _ _ _ a forgetful hearer, but a _ _ _ _ of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

3. *Genesis 3:15* "And I will put _ _ _ _ _ _ between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall _ _ _ _ _ _ thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

4. *Romans 8:1-7* "There is therefore now no _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the _ _ _ _ _, but after the _ _ _ _ _ _. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me _ _ _ _ from the law of sin and death. For what the law could _ _ _ do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own _ _ _ in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ minded is death; but to be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ minded is life and peace."

5. *1 John 3:4-7* "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for _ _ _ is the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the _ _ _. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is not sin. Whosoever _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little Children, let no man _ _ _ _ _ _ _ you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."

6. *Matthew 19:27-30* "Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken _ _ _, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and shall inherit _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

7. *Romans 12:1-2* "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God, that ye present your bodies a _ _ _ _ _ _ sacrifice, _ _ _ _, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be _ _ _ conformed to this world: but be ye _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

8. *Leviticus 10:9-12* "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ your generations: And that ye may put _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ between _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _, and between unclean and clean; And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses."

9. *Leviticus 22:31-32* "Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and _ _ them: I am the Lord. Neither shall ye _ _ _ _ _ _ _ my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the Lord which _ _ _ _ _ _ you, That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord."

10. *Ezekiel 22:8* "Thou hast despised mine _ _ _ _ things, and hast profaned my _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

11. *Ezekiel 44:23* "And they shall teach my people the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ between the holy and profane, and cause them to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ between unclean and the clean."

12. *Acts 2:38* "Then Peter said unto them, _ _ _ _ _ _, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

13. *Titus 3:3-7* "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which _ _ have done, but according to _ _ _ mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ by his grace, we should be made _ _ _ _ _ according to the hope of eternal life."

14. *Galatians 6:7-8* Be not deceived; God is not _ _ _ _ _ _: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also _ _ _ _. For he that soweth to his _ _ _ _ _ shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the _ _ _ _ _ _ shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That as the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ or carnal heart is at _ _ _ _ _ _ with God and his law, this enmity can be subdued only by a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ transformation of the affections, the exchange of unholy for _ _ _ _ principles; that this transformation follows _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _, is the special work of the Holy Spirit, and constitutes regeneration, or _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

conversion | faith | radical | enmity | repentance | holy | natural

Closing prayer: Merciful Father, You are the author of holiness. You have said that we, too, can partake of a holy character through the work of Your Holy Spirit. Make us able, Lord, to discern between the profane and the holy. We repent of our past unholiness and, through faith and obedience, would partake of Your promises of transformation. Help us to die to the natural man and live a life of regeneration in You, amen.

Further study: Romans 8:8-14; 1 John 3:8-10; Galatians 6:7-8

Answers: 1. word, God, man's, Holy Ghost 2. not, himself, looketh, not, doer 3. enmity, bruise 4. condemnation, flesh, Spirit, free, not, Son, righteousness, carnally, spiritually 5. sin, transgression, law, abideth, deceive 6. all, followed, hundredfold, everlasting 7. mercies, living, holy, not, transformed 8. throughout, difference, holy, unholy 9. keep, do, profane, hallow 10. holy, sabbaths 11. difference, discern 12. Repent, remission 13. kindness, we, his, renewing, justified, heirs 14. mocked, reap, flesh, Spirit

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Obedience

Establishment of a law is for the sole purpose of obedience; in order to preserve safety and order. God's government also has a law to preserve a holy nation. After the fall of man, we became unable to keep the law of our own accord. Romans 8:3 explains this as "for what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh." Was God's law abolished then? Are we no longer under the law?

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, we seek to know the answers to these questions. Guide us into the knowledge we seek, to know and serve You better. In the name of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is God telling us about the law and obedience?

1. *Romans 3:23* "For _ _ _ have sinned, and come _ _ _ _ _ of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"

2. *Psalm 32:5* "I acknowledged my _ _ _ unto thee, and mine _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."

3. *Revelation 12:9* "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

4. *Isaiah 64:6* "But we are all as an _ _ _ _ _ _ _ thing, and all our _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

5. *Jeremiah 13:23* "Can the Ethiopian _ _ _ _ _ _ his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do _ _ _ _, that are accustomed to do _ _ _ _."

6. *John 15:5* "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in me, and I in him, the same _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ forth much fruit: for _ _ _ _ _ _ _ me ye can do nothing."

7. *Colossians 2:9-10* "For in him dwelleth all the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Godhead bodily. And ye are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in him, which is the head of all principality and power:"

8. *Philippians 4:13* "I can do _ _ _ things _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Christ which strengtheneth me."

9. *2 Corinthians 12:9* "And he said unto me, My _ _ _ _ _ is sufficient for thee: for my _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is made perfect in weakness."

10. *Romans 3:24-26* "Being _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are _ _ _ _, through the forbearance of God;"

11. *James 2:14-26* "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath _ _ _ _ _, and have not _ _ _ _ _? can faith _ _ _ _ him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being _ _ _ _ _. Yea a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works and I will shew thee my _ _ _ _ _ by my _ _ _ _ _. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know O vain man, that faith without works is _ _ _ _? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect: And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see how that by works a man is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and not by faith only."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That _ _ _ have violated the law of God, and cannot of themselves _ _ _ _ _ _ obedience to his _ _ _ _ requirements, we are dependent on _ _ _ _ _ _, first, for justification from our _ _ _ _ offenses, and secondly, for _ _ _ _ _ whereby to render acceptable _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to his holy law in time to come."

Christ | obedience | render | grace | just | past | all

Closing prayer: Holy Father, You have clearly provided a way through Your Son, Jesus Christ. And this not only for the remission of sins in our past but also for the fulfillment of the law in our lives currently. Obedience is made possible through the power of Jesus Christ. Guide us in each thought, word, decision, and action to obey, submitting our will to Yours. Bring us spiritual discernment to make right choices. In the name of our precious Saviour, Jesus Christ, amen.

Answers: 1. all, short 2. sin, iniquity 3. deceiveth, whole 4. unclean, righteousnesses 5. change, good, evil 6. abideth, bringeth, without 7. fullness, complete 8. all, through 9. grace, strength 10. justified, propitiation, past 11. faith, works, save, alone, faith, works, dead, offered, justified

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Spiritual Gifts

God longs to bestow His Spirit through spiritual gifts to each of His followers. What are these gifts? How are they helpful in God's work of heart and life transformation?

Opening prayer: Gracious Father, open our hearts and minds to gain an understanding of the gifts of the Spirit. We desire to utilize every advantage You have provided for our regeneration and renewal. Guide through Your sure word, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is God telling us about the gifts of the Spirit?

1. *Romans 12:4-8* "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have _ _ _ the same office: So we, being many, are _ _ _ body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ according to the grace that is given to us, whether _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, let us wait on our ministering: or he that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, on teaching; Or he that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that _ _ _ _ _ _, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

2. *1 Corinthians 12:27-31* "Now ye are the _ _ _ _ of Christ, and members in particular. And _ _ _ hath _ _ _ some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gift of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

3. *Ephesians 4:11-13* "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; For the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the _ _ _ _ _ of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of Christ:"

4. *Psalm 119:105-106* "Thy _ _ _ _ is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my _ _ _ _. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ judgments."

5. *2 Timothy 3:15-17* "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee _ _ _ _ unto salvation through _ _ _ _ _ which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be _ _ _ _ _ _ _, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

6. *1 Corinthinians 1:4-9* "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in everything ye are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no _ _ _ _; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also _ _ _ _ _ _ _ you unto the end, that ye may be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

7. *Matthew 28:20* "_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the _ _ _ of the world. Amen."

8. *1 Peter 1:10-11* "Of which salvation the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ have enquired and searched diligently, who _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did _ _ _ _ _ _ _, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the _ _ _ _ _ that should follow."

9. *2 Peter 1:21* "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of _ _ _: but holy men of God _ _ _ _ _ as they were moved by the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

10. *John 16:13-15* "Howbeit when he, the _ _ _ _ _ _ of truth, is come, he will _ _ _ _ _ you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will _ _ _ _ you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of mine, and shall shew it unto _ _ _. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you."

11. *Revelation 1:1* "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which _ _ _ gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly _ _ _ _ to pass; and he sent and signified it by his _ _ _ _ _ unto his servant John:"

12. *Revelation 19:10* "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the _ _ _ _ _ _ of prophecy."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the _ _ _ _ _ _ of God was promised to manifest itself in the church through certain _ _ _ _ _, enumerated especially in 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4; that these gifts are not designed to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, or take the place of, the Bible, which is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to make us wise unto salvation, any more than the Bible can take the place of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; that, in specifying the various channels of its operation, that Spirit has simply made provision for its own existence and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with the people of God to the end of time, to lead to an _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of that word which it had inspired, to convince of sin, and to work a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in the heart and life; and that those who _ _ _ _ to the Spirit its place and operation, do plainly deny that part of the Bible which assigns to it this work and position.

sufficient | supersede | deny | Holy Spirit | gifts | presence | understanding | Spirit | transformation

Closing prayer: Generous and loving Father, You have surely made all provision for us to know, understand and experience Your message of love and renewed life. We ask for the spiritual gifts that You would bestow upon us. We ask for a transformed heart and mind to respond to the gifts that You present to us for our edification. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, our greatest teacher, amen.

Further Study: 1 Corinthians 12:14-26; Ephesians 4:14-16; John 16:13-15; Revelation 22:8-9

Answers: 1. not, one, differing, prophecy, ministry, teacheth, exhorteth, ruleth 2. body, God, set, earnestly 3. perfecting, edifying, unity, fullness 4. word, path, righteous 5. wise, faith, inspiration, perfect 6. enriched, gift, confirm, blameless 7. Teaching, end 8. prophets, prophesied, signify, glory 9. man, spake, Holy Ghost 10. Spirit, guide, shew, receive, you 11. God, come, angel 12. testimony, spirit

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Three Angels Messages

Revelation, the last book of the Bible, is a letter to the seven churches, God's people. It reveals the three angels' message; a message of hope for the persecuted followers of Christ. The second advent of Christ is preceded by the three angels' message. It's a message of hope, entreaty and truth to a dying world.

Opening prayer: Wise and merciful Father, You have chosen to give us warning as to the deceit in the world. A choice is to be made; each making that choice in his or her own lifetime. Give us a spiritual understanding of Your message to the churches. We ask for this gift from the Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does each verse tell us of this choice?

1. *2 Chronicles 19:7* "Wherefore now let the _ _ _ _ of the Lord be upon you; take _ _ _ _ and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, _ _ _ respect of persons, nor taking of gifts."

2. *Acts 10:34-35* "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of persons: But in every nation he that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ him, and worketh righteousness, is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with him."

3. *Romans 2:11* "For there is _ _ respect of persons with God."

4. *Ephesians 6:9* "And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your _ _ _ _ _ _ also is in heaven; neither is there _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of persons with him."

5. *1 Peter 1:16-17* "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who _ _ _ _ _ _ _ respect of persons judgeth according to every man's _ _ _ _, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:"

6. *Matthew 25:1-13* "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were _ _ _ _, and five were _ _ _ _ _ _ _. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took _ _ oil with them: But the wise _ _ _ _ oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go _ _ out to meet him. Then _ _ _ those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone _ _ _. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were _ _ _ _ _ went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said Verily I say unto you, I know you _ _ _. _ _ _ _ _ therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

7. *Luke 21:28* "And when these things begin to come to _ _ _ _, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ draweth nigh."

8. *Revelation 14:6-12* "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting _ _ _ _ _ _ to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the _ _ _ _ of his judgment is come: and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. And there followed _ _ _ _ _ _ _ angel, saying Babylon is fallen, is _ _ _ _ _ _, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the _ _ _ _ _ angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his _ _ _ _ in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the _ _ _ _ _ and his image, and whosever received the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that _ _ _ _ the commandments of God, and the _ _ _ _ _ of Jesus."

9. *Psalm 119:126* "It is _ _ _ _ for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made _ _ _ _ thy law."

10. *Malachi 3:1-3* "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly _ _ _ _ to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But _ _ _ may abide the day of his coming? and who shall _ _ _ _ _ when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

11. *Titus 2:11-15* "For the grace of God that bringeth _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that _ _ _ _ _ _ _ hope, and the glorious _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might _ _ _ _ _ _ us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ people zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

12. *Titus 3:4-7* "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his _ _ _ _ _ he saved us, by the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his _ _ _ _ _, we should be made _ _ _ _ _ according to the hope of eternal life."

13. *Revelation 22:14* "Blessed are they that _ _ his commandments, that they may have _ _ _ _ _ to the tree of life, and may _ _ _ _ _ in through the gates into the city."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That God, in accordance with his _ _ _ _ _ _ _ dealings with the race, sends forth a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the approach of the second _ _ _ _ _ _ of Christ; and that this work is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ by the three messages of Revelation 14, the _ _ _ _ one brought to view the work of reform on the _ _ _ of God, that his people may acquire a complete _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for that event.

last | law | readiness | proclamation | advent | proclaimed | uniform

Closing prayer: Our Mighty God, You are a just and constant God, faithful to Your word. We are blessed by the warnings that enable us to awaken and seek You. Let us not be found without Your Spirit, Your word in our minds and Your law written on our hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

Answers: 1. fear, heed, nor 2. respecter, feareth, accepted 3. No 4. Master, respect 5. without, work 6. wise, foolish, no, took, ye, all, out, ready, not, Watch 7. pass, redemption 8. gospel, hour, worship, another, fallen, third, mark, beast, keep, faith 9. time, void 10. prepare, come, who, stand, righteousness 11. salvation, blessed, appearing, redeem, peculiar 12. mercy, washing, through, grace, heirs 13. do, right, enter

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Judgment of the Dead and Living

The bible is clear that God is as much a God of mercy as He is a God of judgment. What can we learn about this judgment from His holy word?

Opening prayer: Our God and Father, lead us as we study the subject of judgment. We have learned that our Saviour Jesus Christ is serving now as our High Priest in Your heavenly sanctuary, as of 1844. Time is short and we ask for Your Spirit to guide us into understanding. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Saviour, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does the sure word tell us of the judgment taking place now and in the future?

1. *Daniel 8:4* "And he said unto me, Unto _ _ _ thousand and _ _ _ _ _ hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

2. *Revelation 14:9-12* "And the third angel followed them, saying with a _ _ _ _ voice, If any man _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the beast and his image, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the _ _ _ _ _ of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

3. *Ecclesiastes 3:17* "I said in mine heart, God shall _ _ _ _ _ the righteous and the wicked: for there is a _ _ _ _ there for every purpose and for every work."

4. *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14* "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: _ _ _ _ God, and _ _ _ _ his commandments: for this is the whole _ _ _ _ of man. For God shall bring every work into _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

5. *2 Corinthians 5:10* "For we must all _ _ _ _ _ _ before the judgment seat of Christ; that _ _ _ _ _ one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

6. *1 Peter 1:17* "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons _ _ _ _ _ _ _ according to every _ _ _ _ _ work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear."

7. *Revelation 20:12-13* "And I saw the _ _ _ _, small and great, stand _ _ _ _ _ _ God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were _ _ _ _ _ _ out of those

things which were written in the book, according to their _ _ _ _ _, And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

8. *Acts 10:42* "And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of God to be the _ _ _ _ _ of quick and dead."

9. *2 Timothy 4:1* "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the _ _ _ _ _ and the _ _ _ _ at his appearing and his kingdom."

10. *Job 19:25-26* "For I know that my redeemer _ _ _ _ _ _, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms _ _ _ _ _ _ _ this body, yet in my _ _ _ _ _ shall I see God:"

11. *Daniel 12:2* "And many of them that _ _ _ _ _ in the dust of the earth shall _ _ _ _ _, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

12. *John 5:25* "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The _ _ _ _ is coming, and now is, when the _ _ _ _ shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall _ _ _ _."

13. *1 Thessalonians 4:15-18* "For this we say unto you by the _ _ _ _ of the Lord, that we which are _ _ _ _ _ and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the _ _ _ _ in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore _ _ _ _ _ _ _ one another with these words."

14. *Revelation 22:11-12* "And, behold, I come quickly; and my _ _ _ _ _ _ is with me, to give every man _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the time of the cleansing of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (See Study 10), synchronizing with the time of the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the third message (Revelation 14:9-10), is a time of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ judgment, first, with reference to the _ _ _ _, and secondly, at the close of probation, with reference to the _ _ _ _ _ _, to determine who of the myriads now sleeping in the dust of the earth are _ _ _ _ _ _ of a part in the _ _ _ _ _ resurrection, and who of its living multitudes are worthy of translation, points which must be determined _ _ _ _ _ _ the Lord appears.

dead | investigative | proclamation | worthy | living | first | sanctuary | before

Closing prayer: Merciful Judge, Father, Your justice stands forever. Thank You for this clear message as to how the judgment will take place. May we be found filled with Your Spirit and worthy to be heirs of eternal life. We pray in the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Answers: 1. two, three, cleansed 2. loud, worship, receive, wrath, indignation 3. judge, time 4. Fear, keep, duty, judgment 5. appear, every 6. judgeth, man's 7. dead, before, judged, works 8. ordained, Judge 9. quick, dead 10. liveth, destroy, flesh 11. sleep, awake 12. hour, dead, live 13. word, alive, descend, dead, together, comfort 14. reward, according

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The Bible and the Grave

The Bible has much to tell about the grave. In Hebrew the word used for the grave is sheol and the Greek word is hades. Again, the understanding of the grave differs greatly from denomination to denomination. Searching the scriptures will bring a true understanding of the grave.

Opening prayer: Holy Father, we are in search of the truth about the grave. Guide us in this study, putting aside preconceived ideas and hearing only Your word. We ask for Your Spirit to lead. We bring this prayer to You, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is the Bible telling us about the grave?

1. *Genesis 37:34-35* "And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the _ _ _ _ _ unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him."

2. *1 Samuel 2:6* "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the _ _ _ _ _ and bringeth up."

3. *Job 7:9* "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the _ _ _ _ _ shall come up no more."

4. *Psalm 6:5* "For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the _ _ _ _ _ who shall give thee thanks?"
In these verses, sheol is translated grave.

5. *Numbers 16:33* "They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the _ _ _, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation." **In this verse, sheol is translated pit.**

6. *2 Samuel 22:6* "The sorrows of _ _ _ _ compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;"
In this verse, sheol is translated hell.

7. *Ecclesiastes 9:4-10* "For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their _ _ _ _, and their hatred, and their envy, is now _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun. Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God _ _ _ accepteth thy works.

Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no _ _ _ _, nor device, nor _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, nor wisdom, in the _ _ _ _ _, whither thou goest."

8. *Isaiah 38:18-19* "For the grave cannot _ _ _ _ _ _ thee, _ _ _ _ _ can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the _ _ _ cannot hope for thy truth. The _ _ _ _ _ _, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth."

9. *Matthew 16:18* "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of _ _ _ _ shall not prevail against it."

10. *Acts 2:25-27* "For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in _ _ _ _, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." **In these verses (#9 & 10), hades is translated as hell.**

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the _ _ _ _ _, whether we all tend, expressed by the Hebrew word sheol and the Greek word _ _ _ _ _, is a _ _ _ _ _, or condition, in which there is no work, device, _ _ _ _ _ _, nor knowledge. Eclesiastes 9:10.

hades | grave | wisdom | place

Closing prayer: Our Father, thank You for your clear word. Guide us in the studies to come, to more fully understand the state of the dead. The world boldly teaches against Your truth; grow our faith in Your word as we embrace it. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

Further study: Revelation 1:18; Revelation 20:11-15

Answers: 1. grave 2. grave 3. grave 4. grave 5. pit 6. hell 7. love, perished, now, work, knowledge, grave 8. praise, death, pit, living 9. Hell 10. hell

These things said [Jesus]: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
John 11:11-14

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The State of the Dead

We have seen that what the world tells us about death is not in concert with God's word. Further exploration is needed to uncover this deception.

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, guide our hearts and minds through this study. Reveal to us, through Your Spirit, the true condition of the dead. Release us from the bondage of error. We pray in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is the condition of the dead as revealed in the Bible?

1. *Psalm 115:17* "The _ _ _ _ praise _ _ _ the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."

2. *Psalm 146:4* "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ perish."

3. *John 11:11-14* "These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; but I go, that I may awake him out of _ _ _ _ _. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his _ _ _ _ _ : but they thought he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is _ _ _ _."

4. *Ecclesiastes 9:5-6* "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead _ _ _ _ not any thing, neither have they any more a _ _ _ _ _ _; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their _ _ _ _ , and their hatred, and their envy, is now _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun."

5. *Daniel 12:2* "And many of them that _ _ _ _ _ in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That the _ _ _ _ _ to which we are reduced by _ _ _ _ _ is one of _ _ _ _ _ _ _, inactivity, and _ _ _ _ _ _ unconsciousness. Psalms 146:4; Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; Daniel 12:2

entire | silence | death | state

Closing prayer: Wise Father, thank You for the merciful truth about the condition of the dead. It dispels the worldly view that brings confusion and spiritualism. Protect us from the error that the world so enticingly invites us to believe. In the name of Jesus, we pray, amen.

Answers: 1. dead, not 2. thoughts 3. sleepeth, sleep, death, dead 4. know, reward, love, perished 5. sleep

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The Two Resurrections

All that have died prior to the return of Jesus Christ at His second advent, are asleep in the grave. Christ has finished the investigative judgment. What is the next event to occur regarding the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked?

Opening prayer: Merciful Father, lead us through Your word to an understanding of the resurrection of the wicked and righteous. Fill our minds with Your Spirit of Truth, we ask in the name of Jesus, our King and Saviour, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is it telling us about the resurrection of the dead?

1. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18* "But I would not have you to be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, brethren, concerning them which are _ _ _ _ _ _, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which _ _ _ _ _ in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the _ _ _ _ in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

2. *Revelation 20:4-6* "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived _ _ _ again until the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That out of this prison-house of the grave, mankind are to be brought by a _ _ _ _ _ _ resurrection; the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ having part in the first resurrection which takes place at the _ _ _ _ _ _ coming of Christ; the _ _ _ _ _ _, in the second resurrection, which takes place in a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ years thereafter Revelation 20:4-6.

thousand | bodily | second | righteous | wicked

Closing prayer: All-knowing God, You have answered our prayer for understanding. It is such a blessing to see how line upon line, precept upon precept, Your word leaves no room for individual interpretation. That it is sure and unchanged, as You are. Our faith grows with each additional piece of information. We ask that You complete Your work in us, the renewal that is necessary to escape the second death. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

Answers: 1. ignorant, asleep, sleep, dead 2. worshipped, not, thousand

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The Living Righteous

At the second advent of Jesus Christ, the righteous in Christ are raised from their sleep (death). What does the Bible say about the righteous that are alive at his coming?

Opening prayer: Precious Father, what is Your plan for the righteous that are alive at Jesus' return? We ask for understanding as we study this event. Help us to hear Your voice, not leaning on man's folly, but Your wisdom. In Jesus name, we pray, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What do we learn from these verses about the righteous living?

1. *1 Thessalonians 4:16-17* "For the Lord himself shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the _ _ _ _ in Christ shall rise _ _ _ _ _: Then we which are _ _ _ _ _ and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to _ _ _ _ the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

2. *1 Corinthians 15:51-52* "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall _ _ _ all _ _ _ _ _, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That at the last trump, the _ _ _ _ _ _ righteous are to be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and with the _ _ _ _ _ righteous are to be caught up to _ _ _ _ the Lord in the air, so _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.

forever | risen | meet | living

Closing prayer: Loving Father, thank You for not being a secretive God. Thank You for arming us with faith-building knowledge of things to come. We have Your word for our shield. Guide us to full submission to Your perfect will. We want to be counted among the righteous, through the grace You have provided. Change our hearts to reflect Your perfect character. We pray in Jesus name, amen.

Answers: 1. descend, dead, first, alive, meet 2. not, sleep

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The Millennium

The Bible speaks of a thousand year period of time. The world has many views of the placement of this time period and what occurs during that time. Searching the scriptures will enlighten us as to the truth of the matter.

Opening prayer: Loving Father, as we continue to seek the truth of end time events, we ask for Your Spirit to guide and direct us through Your word. We ask that we hear only Your voice on the matter. Give us Your wisdom to see. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your son, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What is the scripture telling us about the millennium?

1. *1 Corinthians 15:51-53* "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

2. *John 14:1-3* "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many _ _ _ _ _ _ _: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will _ _ _ _ again, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

3. *Revelation 20:1-6* "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and _ _ _ _ _ him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the _ _ _ _ lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death; hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

4. *1 Corinthians 6:2-3* "Do ye not know that the _ _ _ _ _ _ shall _ _ _ _ _ the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matter? Know ye not that we shall judge _ _ _ _ _ _? how much more things that pertain to this life."

5. *Jeremiah 4:23-27* "I beheld the _ _ _ _ _, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and they had no light. I beheld the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no _ _ _, and all the birds of the heavens were _ _ _ _, I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, and all the _ _ _ _ _ _ thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger."

6. *Revelation 20:10* "And the _ _ _ _ _ that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the _ _ _ _ _ and the _ _ _ _ _ prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

7. *Malachi 4:1* "For, behold, the _ _ _ cometh, that shall _ _ _ _ as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, 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."

8. *Revelation 20:14-15* "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the _ _ _ _ _ _ death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of _ _ _ _ was cast into the lake of fire."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That these immortalized ones are then taken to _ _ _ _ _ _, to the _ _ _ Jerusalem, the Father's house, in which there are many _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (John 14:1-3), where they reign with Christ a thousand years, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the world and fallen angels, that is, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the punishment to be executed upon them at the close of the one thousand years (Revelation 20:4, 1 Corinthians 6:1-3) that during this time the earth lies in a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and chaotic condition (Jeremiah 4:23-27) described as in the beginning, by the Greek term abussos, "bottomless pit"(Septuagint of Genesis 1:2); and that here Satan is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ during the thousand years (Revelation 20:1,2), and here he is finally destroyed (Revelation 20:10, Malachi 4:1); the theater of the ruin he has wrought in the universe being appropriately made, for a _ _ _ _, his gloomy prison-house, and then the place of his _ _ _ _ _ execution.

time | judging | apportioning | heaven | New | desolate | confined | final | mansions

Closing prayer: Merciful Father, Your ways and judgments are just and true. Forgive us for leaning on our own understanding and that of others. Guide us always to Your word for the answers. Make us worthy of Your mercy through the blood and life of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, amen.

Answers: 1. corruptible, immortality 2. mansions, prepare, come, receive 3. bound, thousand, judgment, dead 4. saints, judge, angels 5. earth, heavens, mountains, man, fled, wilderness, cities 6. devil, beast, false 7. day, burn, wickedly 8. second, life

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Everlasting Destruction

After the apportioned punishment is reviewed during the thousand year period (millennium), what will be the next event to take place? The Bible gives us a clear accounting. Is the punishment a hell-fire that burns eternally?

Opening prayer: Heavenly Father, guide us through Your Spirit to a biblical understanding of everlasting destruction of the wicked. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Using the King James Bible, read each verse, filling in the missing words. What does the scripture tell us about everlasting destruction.

1. *Revelation 21:1-2* "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the _ _ _ _ city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of _ _ _ _ _ _, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

2. *Revelation 20:7-9* "And when the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ years are expired, Satan shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ out of his prison, And shall go out to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to _ _ _ _ _ _: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the _ _ _ _ _ _ about, and the beloved city: and _ _ _ _ came down from God out of heaven, and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ them."

3. *Malachi 4:1* "For, behold the day cometh, that shall _ _ _ _ as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ _: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave neither root nor branch."

4. *Obadiah 1:15-16* "For the day of the Lord is near upon all the _ _ _ _ _ _ _: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: Thy _ _ _ _ _ _ shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

5. *2 Thessalonians 1:7-10* "And to you who are _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ destruction from the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When shall he come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."

6. *Matthew 25:46* "And these shall go away into _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ punishment: but the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ into life eternal."

7. *Romans 6:23* "For the _ _ _ _ _ of sin is _ _ _ _ _; but the gift of God is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

8. *Revelation 20:14-15* "And _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ were cast into the lake of _ _ _ _. This is the second _ _ _ _ _. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

9. *2 Peter 3:7-13* "But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and perdition of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his _ _ _ _ _ _ _, as some men count slackness; but is _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to usward, not willing that _ _ _ should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ up. Seeing then that all these things shall be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on _ _ _ _ shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent _ _ _ _? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for _ _ _ heavens and a _ _ _ earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That at the _ _ _ of the thousand years the Lord descends with _ _ _ people and the New _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, the wicked dead are _ _ _ _ _ _, and come up on the surface of the yet unrenewed earth, and gather about the city, the camp of the _ _ _ _ _ _ (Revelation 20:9), and fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. They are then _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, root and branch (Malachi 4:1,3), becoming as though they _ _ _ _ _ _ been. Obadiah 1:15-16. In this everlasting destruction from the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:9), the wicked meet the "everlasting punishment", threatened against them (Matthew 25:46), which is everlasting death. Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:14-15. This is perdition of _ _ _ _ _ _ _ men, the fire which consumes them being the fire for which the "heavens and earth, which are now,…are kept in store," which shall _ _ _ _ even the elements with its intensity, and _ _ _ _ _ the earth from the deepest stains of the curse of sin. 2 Peter 3:7-13.

His | end | Jerusalem | raised | saints | consumed | had | not | presence | ungodly | melt | purge

Closing prayer: Loving Father, Your character is above reproach. Your desire that none should perish is evident by Your sacrifice and longsuffering. You are merciful in that You did not provide an eternal burning hellfire, but a swift destruction of the wicked. Thank You for revealing this to us that we might love You more. In the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, amen.

Answers: 1. holy, heaven 2. thousand, loosed, deceive, battle, saints, fire, devoured 3. burn, stubble 4. heathen, reward, had not been 5. troubled, everlasting, presence 6. everlasting, righteous 7. wages, death, eternal 8. death, hell, fire, death 9. judgment, ungodly, promise, longsuffering, any, burned, dissolved, fire, heat, new, new

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New Heavens and Earth

A new heavens and new earth is promised in the Bible. Is this part of the inheritance of the saints?

Opening prayer: Gracious, Heavenly Father, as we pursue the scriptures further, delving into this topic, show us by Your Spirit that which You would have us know and understand. We ask in the name and sacrifice of Your loving Son, Jesus Christ, amen.

1. *Revelation 21:1-2* "And I saw a _ _ _ heaven and _ _ _ earth: for the _ _ _ _ _ heaven and the first earth were _ _ _ _ _ _ away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

2. *Psalm 37:11* "But the meek shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

3. *Matthew 5:5* "_ _ _ _ _ _ _ are the meek: for they shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the earth."

4. *Revelation 21:10-11* "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the _ _ _ _ Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from _ _ _, Having the _ _ _ _ _ of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;" **The city is described through verse 27.**

5. *Isaiah 65:25* "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and _ _ _ _ shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not _ _ _ _ nor _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord."

6. *2 Peter 3:13* "Nevertheless we, according to his _ _ _ _ _ _ _, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye _ _ _ _ for such things, be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

7. *Psalm 37:29* "The _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the land, and _ _ _ _ _ therein for ever."

From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?

That new heavens and a new earth shall spring by the _ _ _ _ _ of God from the ashes of the _ _ _, and this _ _ _ _ _ _ _ earth, with the New Jerusalem for its metropolis and capital, shall be the eternal _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the _ _ _ _ _ _, the place where the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ shall _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ dwell. 2 Peter 3:13; Psalm 37:11, 29; Matthew 5:5.

evermore | saints | old | inheritance | power | righteous | renewed

Closing prayer: All-powerful God, we long to be named among the righteous. We know this is only possible through total submission to Your perfect will, allowing Your Spirit to govern us, as this is our reasonable service to a perfect God. You have provided the way through the life, sacrifice and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us this life of Christ, granting us the grace to overcome temptation as He did. We want our lives to reflect the love and loyalty we have gained through this study of Your pure word. May we continue to seek You daily in prayer, supplication and study of Your scriptures. Thank You Jesus, we pray in Your holy name, amen.

Answers: 1. new, new, first, passed 2. inherit, earth 3. blessed, inherit 4. holy, God, glory 5. dust, hurt, destroy 6. promise, dwelleth, look, diligent 7. righteous, inherit, dwell

Closing verses:

"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. 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. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Revelation 22:16-21