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Matthew 23:11-12 – "The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



Fear Not

By Michelle Anderson

I was inspired to write this article because of a message taught by my Pastor Mark Earle at Living Word Scottsdale. His message was titled *Fear Not*. It got me thinking about my own life and how fear is not something that I have ever struggled with, but I realize it is a natural emotion because we live in a fearful world. At this time of year more than ever you should be comforted to know that Jesus was born so that He bore your fears, if you allow Him. We are not meant to live with a spirit of fear but of a sound mind.

I live a life WITHOUT fear and I have been that way my whole life.

- When I had my daughter at 15, I was not afraid to raise her and be a mother at a young age.
- When Wade was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis and it was a serious, debilitating disease, I was not afraid of the outcome, even though a doctor told he would probably not make.
- When Wade was diagnosed with cancer, I was not afraid of the outcome.
- I have been cliff diving, ocean kayaking, zip lining, sling shot into the air, and many other adventures and even though I had a nervous anxiousness going into the adventures, I always say, "I can do this, I am not afraid."
- When COVID-19 hit and people were afraid to live their lives, I was not afraid, I have travelled to and through 20 states this year, eaten at restaurants, gone to church and gone shopping in person.

I know that God has covered me, every moment of my life and I walk in that confidence. I believe that God made me this way so that I could encourage others that you can live without fear, it's possible. It is doable if you focus on the Lord and His Word and not your fear.

God wants you to not be afraid, He mentions fear over 150 times in the Bible. That is a lot so it must be an important thing to God. He speaks on not being afraid of enemies, people, food, finances, travels or your future. Believe God's Word and find peace in His Words to you.

Below are some of my favorite Scriptures where God, Jesus or God's messengers say, "Do not be afraid ..." Plus a list of more "Do not be afraid" Scriptures that you can look up. The reason I am listing all these Scriptures is so you say them out loud and they become written on your heart. For those of you who do not have a Bible, you now have no excuse to confess the Word of God!!

1. **Genesis 15:1** - *"After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'"*
2. **Genesis 21:17** - *"God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her 'What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there.'"*
3. **Genesis 26:24** - *"That night the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham.'"*
4. **Genesis 46:3** - *"'I am God, the God of your father,' He said. 'Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.'"*
5. **Numbers 21:34** - *"The Lord said to Moses, 'Do not be afraid of him, for I have delivered him into your hands, along with his whole army and his land.'"*
6. **Deuteronomy 3:2** - *"The Lord said to me 'Do not be afraid of him, for I have delivered him into your hands, along with his whole army and his land.'"*
7. **Joshua 8:1** - *"Then the Lord said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Take the whole army with you, and go up and attack Ai. For I have delivered into your hands the king of Ai, his people, his city and his land.'"*
8. **Joshua 10:8** - *"The Lord said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.'"*
9. **Joshua 11:6** - *"The Lord said to Joshua, 'Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them, slain, over to Israel.'"*
10. **Judges 6:23** - *"But the Lord said to him, 'Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.'"*
11. **II Kings 1:15** - *"The angel of the Lord said to Elijah, 'Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.' So Elijah got up and went down with him to the king."'*
12. **II Chronicles 20:15** - *"He said: 'Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.'"*
13. **Isaiah 10:24** - *"Therefore this is what the Lord, the Lord Almighty, says: 'My people who live in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrians, who beat you with a rod and lift up a club against you, as Egypt did.'"*

14. *Isaiah 37:6* - "Isaiah said to them, 'Tell your master, "This is what the Lord says: do not be afraid of what you have heard - those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me."'
15. *Isaiah 41:10* - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."
16. *Isaiah 41:14* - "'Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob, little Israel, do not fear, for I myself will help you' declares the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel."
17. *Isaiah 43:1* - "But now, this is what the Lord says – He who created you, Jacob, He who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.'"
18. *Isaiah 43:5* - "Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west."
19. *Isaiah 44:2* - "This is what the Lord says – He who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: do not be afraid, Jacob, My servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen."
20. *Isaiah 44:8* - "Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides Me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."
21. *Jeremiah 1:8* - "'Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,' declares the Lord."
22. *Jeremiah 30:10* - "So do not be afraid, Jacob, My servant; do not be dismayed, Israel," declares the Lord. "I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid."
23. *Jeremiah 42:11* - "Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you now fear. Do not be afraid of him, declares the Lord, for I am with you and will save you and deliver you from his hands."
24. *Jeremiah 46:28* - "Do not be afraid, Jacob My servant, for I am with you; declares the Lord. 'Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only in due measure; I will not let you go entirely unpunished.'"
25. *Daniel 10:12* - "Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words."
26. *Daniel 10:19* - "'Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,' he said. 'Peace! Be strong now; be strong; When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, 'Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.'"
27. *Malachi 3:5* - "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear Me', says the Lord Almighty."
28. *Matthew 1:20* - "But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'"
29. *Matthew 14:27* - "But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'"
30. *Matthew 17:7* - "But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.'"
31. *Matthew 28:5* - "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.'"
32. *Matthew 28:10* - "Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go Galilee; there they will see Me.'"
33. *Mark 5:36* - "Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'"
34. *Mark 6:50* - "Because they all saw Him and were terrified. Immediately He spoke to them and said, 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'"
35. *Luke 1:13* - "But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.'"
36. *Luke 1:30* - "But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God.'"
37. *Luke 2:10* - "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'"
38. *Luke 5:10* - "And so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.'"
39. *Luke 12:32* - "'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.'"
40. *John 6:20* - "But He said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.'"
41. *John 14:27* - "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
42. *John 16:33* - "'I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'"
43. *Acts 18:9* - "One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: 'Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.'"

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THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US - WHATEVER WE ASK - WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED OF HIM. 1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NIV)

Prayer Requests

I'm asking for all the *Overcomers for Christ* family to please pray for all of us incarcerated, 5 of us on this yard have contracted the COVID-19. Pray for continued strength and healing. Also pray for our families continued safety, strength and healing ... **S.M.**

I'm requesting this prayer petition: That God would raise up strong and courageous men and women in America. We need strong godly men and women with values to step up to be leaders and protectors ... **A.J.**

Lord God we ask, in Jesus' name, for help to come from all directions with food for the people in the world who are hungry. Lord God we ask, in Jesus' name, for a spiritual awakening in America that will spread to the rest of the world. Agree with me decreeing and declaring that M.L.'s circumstances and situations be completely turned around so he can go home to his family. Lord God we stand on **Jeremiah 33:3** that You will do great and mighty things which we do not know concerning these prayer requests. Lord, we thank You for being You, for answering prayer and Your faithfulness in fighting our battles. We boldly declare Your supernatural favor is flooding not only those of us incarcerated but those still searching for You, the Truth! Lord God, we speak life, health, strength, wellness, joy and Your peace into our lives ... **M.L.**

Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord!! I'm asking that you all pray for my mother, Patty. She just had a stroke and is very much in need of prayer. She is a very loving and caring woman, who would do anything for anyone. I would also like you to pray that I will be able to spend some more time with her. I pray I don't lose my mother while I'm locked up in here. I know there is power in prayer, so please brothers and sisters, pray for me these two things. I would also like you all to pray that I get back in my daughter's life. She is my only child and I just want to show her what a great father I really am. I want to pray for God to watch over everyone of you there at *Overcomers for Christ* that you all are protected by the blood of Christ, our Lord. I also pray for every man and woman behind bars that they stay safe of everything going on right now. Our Lord is more powerful than all this going on right now. May our Father in Heaven put us all under His arms and protect us from harm ... **R.C.**

If you remember, I've been battling cancer since 2010. Well, I'm losing the battle and could use all the prayer support I can get. Also, I turned my life over to our Lord in March of 2011 ... **H.M.**

I need all the brothers & sisters in the *OC&C* family to pray for me. I feel like I have lost my faith in the Lord Christ Jesus. I am back to my old ways, and don't care who I hurt ... **A.M.**

Praise Reports

On a good note. The new director of prisons wants all yards to have programs. We all know this is long needed and overdue. I resigned at my HCI job to become a "Peer Support facilitator". I want to be a part of this change. As well, I am going to college for the same, "Substance Abuse counselor". And, my lady is now under 2 years, 8 months behind me. I want to be the man she deserves and it starts here and now ... **R.H.**

Chuck and I lead a Bible study of about 15 - 20 men every other day out on the recreation field. The Lord is moving in here brother. I'm so blessed to see men's lives being transformed by the Holy Spirit before my very eyes. So called 'hard convicts' circled up hand in hand in prayer out on a level 4 facility yard. AMAZING ... **M.D.**

They moved me to this new place that is an AC unit, or what they call a 'cold-bed facility' due to my high blood pressure. They say that I will be housed at a place like this for the duration of my sentence. It is like day and night, since coming from a 5,000 man Unit to a 600 man Unit. I have been telling anyone who listens about Jesus, my Lord and Savior! And I have started working out again. The doctor here even told me I may be able to get off of these meds soon, smile ... **R.G.**

You may not remember me but I met you many years ago through 'TEE'. Anyways, I wanted to let you know that I have turned my life over to Christ. Praise God! A guy that you already correspond with, O.A., turned me on to your newsletter and has been a great inspiration while leading me to Christ ... **B.S.**

I have been struggling with what I should do with my tithe the last couple of months. I know that I need to tithe and I want to. I just felt like I needed to change the place that it was going to. Now I have an answer, praise God! Once a month, I will be sending this ministry what I am led by God to give. I know that you all will steward it well and proper and I am grateful to have a place to feel a part of God's work, and be in obedience through. God is good and He has blessed me so much. Thank you for your letter. You cleared up and confirmed some stuff for me and I appreciate it ... **B.A.**

I'm doing really well! Praise God! The infection I had in my liver was completely healed after seven days of antibiotics and prayer of course! Glory to God! Another praise report is that my daughter had her baby, I'm a grandfather! I will be able to make up some of the time I lost with my only daughter and now being there for my new grandson. Isn't God great or what? ... **I.V.**

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From the Inside

Christmas Greetings To One and All

By M.S.

I hope you all are prepared for Christmas this year and that you are enjoying these holidays in the company of loved ones. I am doing well and I am blessed by the Best, Jesus Christ. I'm ready for Christmas myself, got the tunes going and a stack of Christmas cards so I can finally write everyone. Our facility went on lockdown (2020) that will extend through Christmas, which gives me plenty of time to relax and enjoy the Holidays in peace. The only negative with that is no phone calls, which is a bummer. When I call on the Holidays, it's fifteen minutes of "Hi! I love you's" as everyone passes the phone around to get a couple of words in.

I am hoping 'Santa' brings my *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter so I can open it on Christmas morning. It's good that I haven't received it early because I would have been too tempted to peek inside. And thank you for continuing to mail me your newsletters, birthday and Christmas cards every year for eight years now. The hope, love and encouragement is much appreciated, along with your prayers. I've been on this yard for four years now and the most amazing thing happened. This Thanksgiving all of the Catholic and Protestant brothers got together for fellowship and a little spread in the chapel. We each had our services then put our differences aside to celebrate our similarities, that is our Christian faith. I like to say that the Holy Spirit brought us together and it was beautiful. I believe the foundation of our Christian faith is love and this was a well overdue expression of love between the body of Christ here on this yard. I hope the Spirit puts it upon the hearts of believers everywhere to come together in brotherly and sisterly love and praise the Holy name of Jesus!

Be Slow to Anger

By B.T.

It's Christmas! In this holiday season I want to encourage and hopefully strengthen the body of believers in the *Overcomers for Christ* family. To all of you 'Inside and Out' it's important for us all to know - The things you go through and all of the negative things you face, you are the one who is in control of your own mind not the other person. No one should be able to make you react in anger, fight or say evil negative things. You are the one in charge of your own brain.

When you face something you do not like you have to be the one to not react to the problem the way the world does. You have the opportunity to act differently instead of reacting to all of the negativity. You have to learn to be quick to hear but slow to react. Otherwise, any little thing could come up in you and guess what? You're in the hole, add more time to your sentence or even worse, accidentally kill someone and end up with a life sentence.

Just because I can't be there on the outside with family and loved ones and have no freedom to the natural things freedom brings I still practice meditating on Scripture. I've learned to build myself up on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. Every day I practice what I say, what I do, what I read, what I see, what I hear and what I feel. I say to the me I see, "If you can't believe it you will not achieve it." I examine myself every day and ask, "Am I walking in the fruit of the Spirit?" If not, why not? I watch what kind of fruit comes out of my mouth because I will reap what I sow.

It's better to be positive than negative because when you do and say good things you receive back, good things. You will get what you speak. When you speak evil of someone else you seek evil for yourself. Love one another no matter what you go through or come up against. Again, you are the one in charge of your brain. Stop blaming the other person for the things they say or do. Stop falling for that trap! As hard as it seems to be the first few times, learn to walk away. Instead, be transformed by the renewing of YOUR mind.

Remember, you are a new creature in Christ Jesus! You are a child of the Most High God! You are the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus! You are a seed of Abraham, righteous and redeemed from the curse of the law! Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world! There are NO weapons formed against you that will ever prosper because you walk by faith and not by sight! Jesus Himself tells us to be strong and of good courage because I am with you always, even to the end of the age!

My prayer is that this encourages even one of my brothers and sisters. Be slow to anger. STOP allowing the enemy a foothold in your life. Love to all of you in the *Overcomers for Christ* family and I pray you all have the best Christmas and New Year ever.

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From the Inside

Orange Lives Matter By R.C.

I'm doing the best to walk in the Word and I know there is more for me beyond these walls. I know our Lord has big plans for me and I already have huge plans for spreading God's message to all I can when I get out of here. I want to start my own halfway house and try to help everyone in here with Orange Lives Matter. I don't know how but I feel God leading me to start something for everyone behind these walls. Something that will help better this place. Thank you all for your letters and spreading God's Word!

Starting Point By C.S.

I am writing you to let you all know that I have moved to a different building on the same yard. I couldn't stay with my other cellie much longer. I can't expect anyone to change their ways just for me, so the best thing to do was to move. Every word that came out of his mouth was the "F" word, like it was a part of his vocabulary. He was always complaining and negative about everything. I can't live with someone like that, because I program a lot and I like to be at peace when I'm doing my Bible studies.

I have been down nine years and have had many cellies. In prison, it is very important to find a good cellie, but having facts about someone is not the same as truly knowing the person. For instance, if a friend you know relatively well were to come and live with you for several months, you would discover his or her ways; that is their habits, preferences, attitudes and priorities. But when Scripture speaks of God's ways, it's referring to much more than His actions of facts about His nature. His ways include His manner, motivations, desires, thoughts and purpose.

One of the reasons believers often become discouraged is that they don't understand what God is doing in their life. That's why it's essential to learn how the Lord operates. As long as we remain ignorant of His ways, as revealed in His Word, we won't trust or know Him intimately. The Bible is such a big book that some believers may be tempted to give up, thinking it will take too long to learn how God works. But, it's important to remember that we all have the same starting point.

When we were born again, God doesn't automatically download everything we need to know about Him into our brains. Learning to know and understand the Lord is a process. He reaches us as we continue to read, obey what we know of Scripture, and spend time with Him. I know it's not always easy to do these things, but if you're longing to grow in intimacy with the Lord, listen as He speaks through His Word, and by humbling yourself to learn, accept and delight in His ways above your own. I can't speak for everyone because these are only my thoughts on how I feel, but know that none of us is worthy, but we are privileged to live in His love anyway. In the Lord, we find a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Prison is Not the Battlefield ... It's the Training Field By G.B.B.

We often do not see ourselves until we are in the presence of Christ. Sitting in this prison cell day after day gives me time to reflect back on my life. You may find it easy to forgive others but not yourself. Well, you are not bigger than God is, and if He forgave you then who are you to not do the same? If you focus on the storm, you lose sight of the Savior. Fear the One who commands the storm to calm. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I focus on doing the next right thing every day; I focus on what my Savior wants me to do, a helping hand and a kind word.

Prison is not the battlefield, it's the training field. The battle is out there. Practice makes perfect, what we do in here is what we will do out there. You will never have more time in your life than your incarceration to focus on becoming a better you and getting better acquainted with your Lord. Now is the time to read and study the Bible and talk all day to your Father, Friend, and Savior Jesus. Step out in faith (**Hebrews 11**), pray for the impossible – watch prayers be answered, it strengthens you. **Jeremiah 29:11**, God has great things for those who seek Him diligently. Be the light in that dark place, and when "school" is out, and you've learned enough to be what God has created you to be. The Lord restores those things that have been stolen from us. My hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Jeremiah 4:19-31

Jeremiah was anguished by the sure devastation of the coming judgment. The judgment would continue until the people turned from their sin and listened to God. Although this prophecy refers to the future destruction of Babylon. It could also describe the judgment of all sinners at the end of the world. (4:19-21)

Judah was clever at doing evil but did not know how to do what was right. Right living is more than simply avoiding sin. It requires decision and discipline. We must develop skills in right living because our behavior attracts attention to our God. We should pursue excellence in Christian living with as much effort as we pursue excellence at work. (4:22)

Colossians 1:18-2:9

Christ is "first of all who will rise from the dead." Jesus was raised from death and His resurrection proves His Lordship over the material world. All who trust in Christ will also defeat death and rise again to live eternally with Him. (1 Corinthians 15:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:14) Because of Christ's death on the Cross, He has been exalted and elevated to the status that was rightfully His. (see Philippians 2:5-11) Because Christ is spiritually supreme in the universe, surely we should give Him first place in all our thoughts and activities. (1:18)

Psalms 77:1-12

Asaph cried out to God for courage during a time of deep distress. The source of Asaph's distress was his doubt. (77:4; 77:7-9)

He said, "I cry out to God." But in 77:13-30, the "I" is gone. As Asaph expressed his requests to God, his focus changed from thinking of himself to worshipping God. He is the God of miracles and wonders. (77:14)

Only after he put aside his doubts about God's holiness and care for Him. (77:13-14)

Did he eliminate his distress? (77:20)

As we pray to God, He shifts our focus from ourselves to Him.

Proverbs 24:23-34

Here is a reverse version of the Golden Rule. (See Luke 6:31) Revenge is the way the world operates, but it is not God's way. (24:29)

Verse 29 states the "Golden Rule" (Matthew 7:12) in terms of what we should not do. Jesus said this is our most important duty.

"These things also belong to the wise" is a sectional heading that corresponds to the one in 22:17. Israel's basic concern with equity in judgment was not unique, but in Israel a concern for equity was tied to God's character. Since God does not show partiality neither should we.

"Foot" Notes

Hey family, I've been walking in faith since 2005. I've quit drugs, smoking and changed a lot of who I was then to who I've become now. Yet the toughest road for me is still my mouth and what comes out of it. I'm good for the most part except the cursing. Granted it's better but not gone. Of course, I could take the easy way out and blame it on my environment, where cursing is pretty much automatic or 2nd nature. It's so entrenched in our psyche that we don't even realize that we are cursing.

Of course, I will continue to work on this issue. It's my opinion that watching what comes out of your mouth is harder than quitting drugs, cigarettes or alcohol. At times, you can feel like a person on an island when all of those around you are off the chain with what comes out of their mouths, and it's easy to slip right back into the grove with them.

I'd like to end with this prayer, "Lord, I ask that You give those of us fighting our words a little nudge in the right direction in our quest to follow You. That we have the ability to take a split second to think before we speak. Thank You Lord. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN!"

Vaya Con Dios ... Love to you all short and tall ... Don't ride faster than your angels can fly.

44. Revelation 1:17 - "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.'"

Judges 4:18	Nehemiah 4:14	Jeremiah 10:5
Genesis 35:17	Job 5:21	Jeremiah 17:8
Genesis 43:23	Job 11:15	Jeremiah 40:9
Genesis 50:19	Job 21:9	Jeremiah 46:27
Genesis 50:21	Psalms 3:6	Jeremiah 51:46
Exodus 14:13	Psalms 4:8	Lamentations 3:57
Exodus 20:20	Psalms 16:7-9	Ezekiel 3:9
Leviticus 26:6	Psalms 23:4	Joel 2:21-22
Number 14:9	Psalms 27:1	Haggai 2:5
Deuteronomy 1:17	Psalms 27:3	Zephaniah 3:16
Deuteronomy 1:21	Psalms 29:11	Zechariah 8:13
Deuteronomy 1:29	Psalms 46:2	Zechariah 8:15
Deuteronomy 3:22	Psalms 49:16	Matthew 6:25-34
Deuteronomy 7:18	Psalms 56: 3-4	Matthew 10:19
Deuteronomy 20:1	Psalms 56:11	Matthew 10:26
Deuteronomy 20:3	Psalms 78:53	Matthew 10:28
Deuteronomy 31:6	Psalms 91:5	Matthew 10:31
Deuteronomy 31:8	Psalms 94:19	Mark 13:11
Joshua 1:9	Psalms 118:6	Luke 8:50
Joshua 10:25	Psalms 119:165	Luke 12:4
I Samuel 4:20	Proverbs 3:24	Luke 12:7
I Samuel 12:20	Proverbs 3:25	Luke 12:11
I Samuel 22:23	Ecclesiastes 11:10	John 12:15
I Samuel 23:17	Isaiah 7:4	Acts 20:10
I Samuel 28:13	Isaiah 8:12	Acts 27:24
II Samuel 9:7	Isaiah 12:2	Romans 5:1
I Kings 17:13	Isaiah 17:2	Hebrews 13:6
II Kings 6:16	Isaiah 26:3	Philippians 4:6
II Kings 19:6	Isaiah 35:4	I Peter 3:6
II Kings 25:24	Isaiah 40:9	I Peter 3:14
I Chronicles 22:13	Isaiah 41:13	I Peter 5:7
I Chronicles 28:20	Isaiah 51:7	I John 4:18
II Chronicles 20:17	Isaiah 54:4	Revelation 2:10
II Chronicles 32:7	Isaiah 54:14	

We are living in a very chaotic, fearful, and crazy time, but I am encouraging you to not get caught up in all the division, fear of COVID-19 and negativity. Focus on God and celebrate the birth of Jesus. He was born to provide light to this world and as Christians we have the same light in us. We strengthen our light by believing and knowing God's Word, that is why I think it is so important to write out the Scriptures for you. I want to take out any roadblocks for you to get the Word of God in your hands.

God bless you and have a Merry Christmas and take this time to honor the birth of Jesus.

Quote Worthy

"Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears."

- Barbara Johnson Barbara Ellen Johnson (1947 – 2009) - an American literary critic and translator

Christmas Blanket

By W.R.

They carried their gifts from a far,
to honor the King who created the stars
They were wise men from the East, these men of old
Who traveled a great distance with their frankincense and gold

They traveled across deserts and rough terrains
In their search for a King, who they said would reign
They said it was prophesied, where He would be born
And that He would be beaten, crucified and scorned

I longed to go with them, to honor this King
But I had no money, or gifts to bring
So I said my goodbyes, and went my own way
For I had to get to Bethlehem, by the next day

Rome was taking a census all around,
And I was told to report to my home town
I was tired and weary, from my journey abroad
So I hurried to get there, to find a place to lodge

Finding no vacancies at the inn, I was filled with despair
For all I had was a blanket, to shelter me from the cold air
So I searched the town over, for a place to stay
And finding a stable, I laid down in the hay

I was cold and hungry and needed to rest,
then I heard a child crying off to my left
So I got up to investigate, for it was late in the night
And I saw a young couple off to my right

They told me their Baby, was recently born
And that He was crying, because He was not warm
So I gave them my blanket, it was all that I had
They thanked me before leaving, and I felt kind of sad

For the blanket I had given them,
would have brought a good price
I was just a poor merchant, trying to start a new life
I had woven the blanket with threads of gold,
and it was fit for a king or so I was told

Soon I departed and went on my way,
back to Jerusalem for that's where I stayed
Now that I'm older, the memories begin to fade
But I'll always remember, my encounter that day

With the three wise men, and their search for a King
So I spent my life seeking, the peace He would bring
I searched the world over but I did not find
The King that was foretold in ancient of times

Now that I'm older, and in the Autumn of my life
I find my search ending , with no King in sight
So I gave away my riches, all my treasures of gold
For I had prospered well, from the blankets I sold




Then one day I grew weary, and closed my eyes to rest
And the doors of heaven opened, oh how I was blessed
When I saw Jesus approaching me, with a robe a cross His breast

'Welcome to the new Jerusalem,' He said with a grin,
then he extended His hand and invited me in
I thought I was dreaming but now I could see
That a mansion was waiting, which He had prepared for me

I saw gates made of pearl and streets paved with gold
And walls made with jewels wherever you go
I saw His hands move slowly up to His breast
As He removed the robe that covered His chest

'You gave Me this blanket when I was cold,
in a stable in Bethlehem a long time ago
But it was so beautiful with its stitches of gold,
that I had it sown into a robe
Now I'm returning it but I want you to know,
that I wore into Jerusalem the night I was sold
The soldiers took it from Me, when I was whipped,
and on My way to Calvary I feel and I slipped
But the blanket you gave Me cushioned My fall,
so I got back up and died for you all
The blanket you gave Me was sown in love,
and those kinds of gifts come from above!'

What Others Are Saying...

"To everyone at , greetings, peace and blessings I send to all of you! I pray that everyone is happy, healthy and safe, staying COVID-19 free, as well as good spirits trusting in the Lord. Thank you for the recent cards from Wade and my birthday card, they were most welcomed. Actually, the only ones I have received in awhile. I also thank all of you for not forgetting in all of these years. I have been writing to you since 2015. The  has been an inspiration for me to keep on pushing every day and never give up! Every day is not all smiles, but I strive to make the best of my situation and to do the will of God always. In the past five years, you people have become my family. And whenever I read your newsletter it is as though you are talking directly to me, sitting right in the room with me! Every day I pray. Not for myself, but for all of you at the . I pray for you to have a life full of blessings, and for the Father to give all your hearts may desire!" - **R.G.**

"Would you please put a little note in the newsletter to O.A. from me? May God bless him with all he needs to be successful in life and that I'm praying that he will receive the kidney transplant he needs. O.A. has been a great inspiration to me turning my life over to Christ. I want him to know, as a good friend and great Christian, I would not be on this spiritual path without his help. God bless him, he is always in my prayers." - **B.S.**

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The Rabbi and The Soap Maker

Contributed by B.A.

There is an old Jewish tale about a soap maker who did not believe in God. One day as he was walking with a Rabbi, he said, "There's something that I cannot understand. We have had religion for thousands of years but everywhere you look there is evil, corruption, dishonesty, injustice, pain, hunger and violence. It appears to me that religion has not improved the world at all. So I ask you, what good is it?"

The Rabbi didn't answer for a time, but continued walking with the soap maker. Eventually they approached a play ground where children, covered in dirt were playing in the dirt. The Rabbi spoke up saying, "There is something that I don't understand. Look at those children. We have had soap for thousands of years, and yet these children are filthy. What good is soap?"

The soap maker replied, "But Rabbi, it isn't fair to blame soap for these dirty children. Soap has to be used before it can accomplish its purpose."

The Rabbi smiled and said, "EXACTLY!"



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Hello everyone! Over this past year, we have been working with Andrew Wommack Ministries, Charis Bible College, to have their books and Inmate Bible Study (IBS by mail) available to ALL of you that are currently incarcerated. The request was finally approved! This is **FREE** of charge! Each month when you write they will ship your requested book, **FREE!**

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Come To The Stable

By V.H.

Come to the stable, our Savior is born
Come and adore Him on this Christmas morn
Come to the stable, yes, come as you are
Come worship God's Son and see the new star.

Come worship the King in swaddling cloths
Born of a virgin that God Himself chose!
Come to the stable, it shines with His love
And heavenly choirs are singing above.

Come see the wise men lay at His feet
Their tokens of love in a moment so sweet
Come to the stable, there's room for you too
Come and behold Him, whatever you do.

Come to adore Him on this Christmas morn,
Come to the stable for Christ has been born.

The Angel's of Overcomers for Christ

By J.R.

Yes, there are angels that are lighter and lighter,
They are the angels of Overcomers,
With every card I felt God's love today,
They're so special in every way.

I wonder if they can really fly,
Those cards always make my soul cry.
Does God know that there are angels missing from heaven?
Maybe they got lost at cloud number seven.

I feel blessed to know their souls,
Who they are helps make me whole.
I want to always know them,
They keep my light from being dim.

Those birthday cards are "God sent"
Yes, they're angels - I get the hint,
I love what they do they help end my "blues".
So Overcomers for Christ are angels, I do say,
I believe that in every way!

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