

Chapter 1

I Will Send Them Prophets And Apostles

BIBLE

Saul watched David from that day and forward.¹ So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental principles of the world.² For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.³

But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.⁴ For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God, except God's Spirit.⁵

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.⁶ Like a father has compassion on his children, so Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him.⁷

Now therefore this is what Yahweh of Armies says: "Consider your ways."⁸ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you", says Yahweh, "thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future."⁹

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me."¹⁰

COMMENTARY

¹ **1 Samuel 14:35**

² **Galatians 4:3** Like Saul, we also are "held in bondage" when we are controlled by fear based thoughts and emotions. Lacking spiritual maturity, we try to live our lives by worldly principles rather than by spiritual principles.

³ **Romans 3:23** To "sin" is to be separated from God and from His best plan for us. All of us "sin" at times and find ourselves stuck in a lower state of consciousness.

⁴ **Job 32:8** As spiritual beings, we can live our best life when we live it according to spiritual principles.

⁵ **1 Corinthians 2:11**

⁶ **Psalms 46:1**

⁷ **Psalms 103:13**, To "fear" God is to have a deep sense of awe and respect for Divine power.

⁸ **Haggai 1:5**

⁹ **Jeremiah 29:11** We live in a Universe that supports our good. Albert Einstein: "The most important question you'll ever ask is whether the Universe is a friendly place."

¹⁰ **Revelation 3:20** The "door" (which opens from the inside) leads to spiritual understanding. "Lead me to your door," Paul pleads in "The Long And Winding Road."

The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient with us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.¹¹ For the creation waits with eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.¹²

Therefore also the wisdom of God said, “I will send to them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will kill and persecute.”¹³

For thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.¹⁴ I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking,” says Yahweh.¹⁵

“I will bring the blind by a way that they don’t know. I will lead them in paths that they don’t know. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. I will do these things, and I will not forsake them.”¹⁶

So will it be in the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked from among the righteous.¹⁷ Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.¹⁸

¹¹ **2 Peter 3:9** To “repent” is to realign ourselves with the Divine by changing our mind.

¹² **Romans 8:19** The truth of who we really are must be revealed to us within our own consciousness.

¹³ **Luke 11:49** John, one of the four Beatle “angels” sent by God to enlighten mankind, was killed by an assassin in 1980. Jesus, John Lennon, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King Jr., each of whom died a violent and premature death, were all prophets who taught a message of peace and love.

¹⁴ **Ezekiel 34:11**

¹⁵ **Jeremiah 23:4**

¹⁶ **Isaiah 42:16** The path to wholeness is a long and crooked road that leads back to where it started, to God. And although the Divine will help us on every step of our journey, we will never reach the ultimate destination, freedom from the human condition, in this lifetime. Paul has “seen that road before” in “The Long And Winding Road.” “Many ways I’ve tried,” he tells us, to reach the “door” that leads to spiritual bliss. He laments, however, that in the end his efforts only lead him “back to the long and winding road,” the road which “will never disappear.”

¹⁷ **Matthew 13:49** The “wicked” are those who are out of alignment with their Divine self.

¹⁸ **Matthew 13:43**