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...To guide our feet into the way of peace.

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Come or reach out to us and you won't regret the time spent.

Because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.

Colossian 1:5

SUNDAY MARCH 1

FIND HOPE IN THE GOSPEL

It is important that we should seek to know the truth about the gospel of Christ and the hope we have in it.

Just doing religion because people are doing it or doing because it seems right or because

people say it is the right thing to do, is one of the senseless things a lot of people are doing today.

In the gospel of Christ you are free to ask question; you are free to doubt; because it will lead to discovering the truth of what you believe; the rewards; and the hope; you have in believing.

Peter asked Jesus,
“See we have left all and follow You, therefore what shall we have?” (Matt.19:27).

This was an honest question, and Jesus was not angry nor did He rebuked him for being honest. It will be pointless, if all we are doing in the name of Jesus, has no purpose, no rewards nor eternal hope.

Paul told the Colossians,
“You have heard in the word of the truth of

the gospel, the hope which is laid up for you in heaven”.
Meaning it is possible for us to know the hope that is laid up for us, because it is written in the word.

Don't just follow; don't just do because others are doing.
Don't just swallow what somebody said you will gain for following Jesus.
Search for the answer yourself, let your answer comes from the word of truth.
Ask question and make sure you have a satisfactory reason why you should serve the Lord.

Know the hope you have in this faith, so that you can serve and stand with all sincerity of heart.

THINK IT OUT

Are you believing in Jesus based on people's opinion? What is your own opinion? What hope do you have in following Christ?
Do you believe the gospel is true?

PRAYER:

Thank You Jesus for the hope and truth that is in Your word. Thank You for helping me find reason and hope in serving You.

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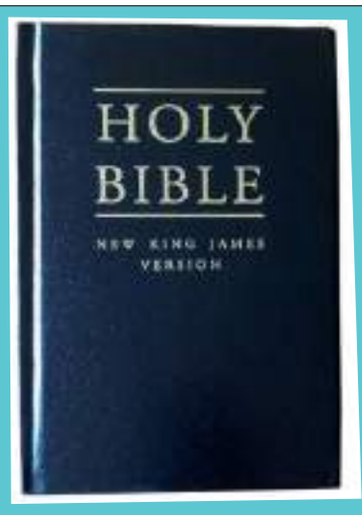

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If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity.

Corinthians 11:30

MONDAY MARCH 2

SOMETHING TO BOAST ABOUT

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Eph.2:8-9)

God in His infinite mercy and love, sent forth His only begotten Son, Jesus, to earth to die for man's sin.
The scripture says,
“But God demonstrated His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”. (Rom.5:8).

Now, if we truly believe these Scriptures, that Jesus Christ died in place of sinners, to demonstrate God's love for man, it therefore mean that all men were sinners who could not save themselves; but God sent forth His Son to bear the punishment for the sins man committed to make man righteous, justified and acceptable in His presence.

Then the righteousness we now have is a gift

from God.
And this happens when we believe in Jesus and the works He did.
Salvation is a free gift from God the Father through the dead and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ, to all who will believe.

Jesus said,
“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life”
(John 6:47).
Hence, if you have believed, you have the everlasting life that is in Christ.
This then is our boast as believers, you can boast of the life you have in Christ.
Also, when we who are in Christ are afflicted in the flesh because of the gospel and we endure, then we can boast of that too; just as

Paul said,
“in my infirmity I will boast”;

because endurance proves we love the Lord who loves us first.

The Scripture also says,
“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” (2Cor.4:17).

We can boast of the glory that awaits.

THINK IT OUT

Have you received salvation as the gift of

your heavenly Father? Do you have an awaiting glory to boast about?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for the free salvation. Give me the courage to stand and hold fast to this gift even in the face of afflictions.

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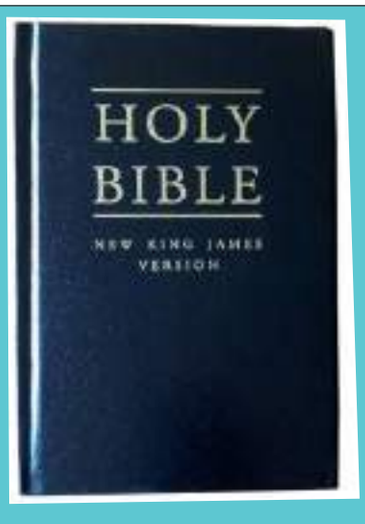

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It is necessary though not profitable, to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the lord

2 Corinthian 12:1

TUESDAY MARCH 3

UNPROFITABLE TO BOAST

Jesus gave the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector to illustrate how boasting is unprofitable to those who boast, about their ability and despise others, thus:

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I posses'.

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

Then Jesus said, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other" (Luke 18:9-14).

It is on this ground that Paul said,
“It is not profitable to boast”,
because according to him,
'who makes you differ from another?
And what do you have that you did not
receive? Then he concluded with,
“Now if you did indeed receive it, why do
you boast as if you had not received it?”
(1 Cor.4:7).

The truth is that God has called every one of
us into this grace through obedience to the
faith.
Those who are in the fore front should not
despise those who are behind; but instead, let

us chose to encourage and exhort, those who are weak and those who are uninformed.

Paul said

“I will come to vision and revelation of the Lord”.

Let us seek revelation asking God to show us areas we can be of help to those who are weak and to those who are lost.

This indeed will be more profitable to us.

THINK IT OUT

Is your service to God only for your own

benefit? How are you helping those who are weak in faith or lost, with the truth?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, You came to save the whole world, please help us to be co-workers with You, in reaching out to others who are yet to come in, for Your heart longs for them.

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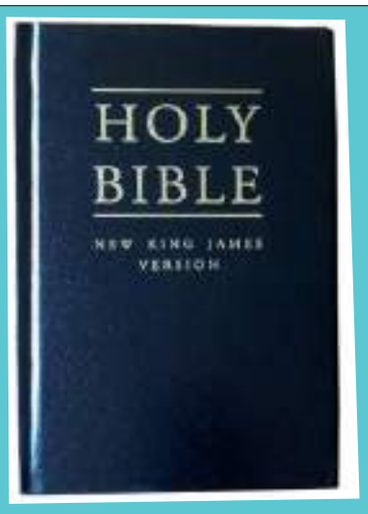

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I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.

2 Corinthians 12:15

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

BE SPENT FOR SOULS

In what ways are we spent for the service of the Lord?

It is rather unfortunate that we have neglected the things that are most important and valuable unto God; and become

consumed in things that are less significance and even not valuable to God.

It turn out, we are more concern in building big churches and cathedrals; decorating and beautifying the building interior and exterior. We even compete and boast of how many church buildings we have planted and how we are expanding to other areas.

The question is, when Jesus returns, is He coming for the buildings or for the people? Do these buildings have eternal values?
If the time, money and effort we spent on building our churches were expended on touching souls – with kindness, and making the truth of the word to be available; putting effort in teachings, informing and edifying

everyone in the locality we were supposed to build a mega church; the kingdom effect and the societal effect would outweigh our expectation.

They all must not need to come to church, but they all need to hear the truth.
Jesus' instruction was,
“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you”, (Matt.28:19-20).

The 'nations' in Jesus' instruction, means “souls”; “Make disciples of all souls”.
These we have not done yet,
Paul said,

“I will very gladly spent and be spent for your souls”.

So, let's go out and rather be spend for souls that have eternal value; and this, is of more value to God.

THINK IT OUT

In the service of God, what are you spending on? How is your effort, directly imparting the truth of the gospel to the soul of another?

PRAYER:

Dear Savior and Master Jesus, give me the wisdom to direct my efforts toward the saving of souls for the kingdom of God.

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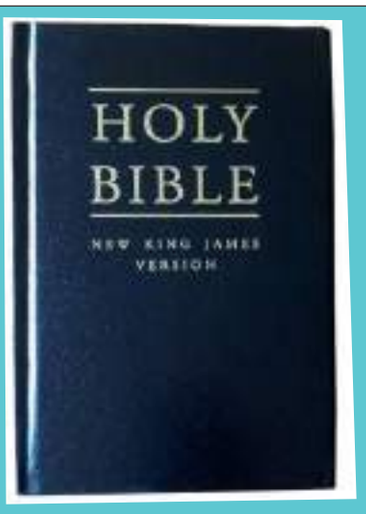

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Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

Luke 18:15

THURSDAY MARCH 5

THE INFANT HEART

Often times, we feel children should not be told the whole truth, because,
'of course they are only children';
as such we beat around the bush, and dilute the truth to make it chewable or comfortable

for them.

This happens with both physical little children and spiritual little children.
God's word is one whole truth that needs to be given to whoever undiluted.

In our text today, the disciples of Jesus rebuked the parents who brought little children to Jesus – kind of saying,
“This is not for children”.

But Jesus knowing how important every soul is, said,
“Let the little one come to Me -- for of such is the kingdom of God” (V.16).

What does Jesus mean when He said,

“For of such”?
Jesus is talking about the infant hearts – those, though do not know, but are willing to learn.

Those who are open hearted, humble hearted and are eagerly searching for the truth.
They can be honest doubters who though reject Christ but are genuinely open for reasoning.

All these are the characteristics of a child – open, honest, genuine and teachable.
Jesus said, 'let them come to me'.

Now, it will be dangerous, if after we have got them to come, we begin with diluted, comfortable and half-truth, to nurture them.

If we keep from them the whole truth and instead give half-truth to make them comfortable and feel loved; we will never be able to correct the mistrust that will develop in those hearts.

Our children, no matter how young they are, they need the truth. Spiritual babies also need the truth.
Give young children the truth; give spiritual babies the truth; for the Teacher who is the Holy Spirit is on hand to make every truth chewable.

THINK IT OUT

If children are too young for truth, are they

not too young to be told lies? If they grow with lies, what room will they have for truth?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus lover of all little children, give us the courage to speak only the truth to these frail heart.

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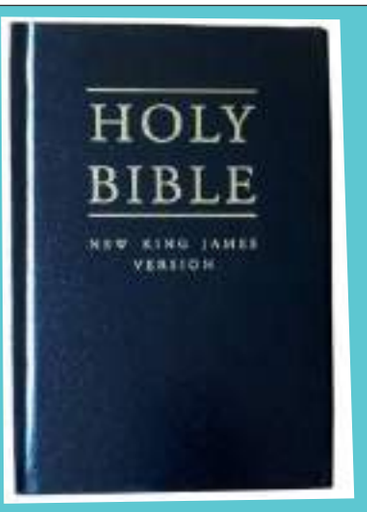

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For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.

2 Corinthians 13:9

FRIDAY MARCH 6

BEING MADE COMPLETE

The state of completeness is defined as: having all necessary parts; not lacking anything; not limited in any way; not requiring more work, entirely done.

Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians saying:
“we pray that you may be made complete”, is it possible for someone to reach this stage in Christ?
Definitely, yes!
It is possible to be complete in Christ – that means having all the necessary part and not limited in any way' as earlier defined.

Jesus Christ talked about this stage when He said,
“At that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in Me, and I in you --- 'if anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (John 14:20, 23).

Anybody in this state, is complete, because,

he or she has all the necessary part.
In this state, we no longer live by ourselves for ourselves; we no longer struggle to obey God, because we are no longer ruled by: our feelings, the circumstances that surround us, the opinions of people nor by our ability.

Jesus said,
“When He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13).

In this stage we only walk and live by what the Holy Spirit in our heart says is true.
Paul said 'For we [now] live by faith and not by sight' (2Cor. 5:7).

Because, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit lives and abide in us - the scripture says, He will make us complete in

every good work to do His will, working in us, what is well pleasing in His sight" (Heb.13:21).

Therefore, completeness is possible and it is when God Himself is the one working in us.

THINK IT OUT

Is it not much easier and better to allow God to be the one working? Do you want to be complete?

PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father please I surrender

to You. Make my heart Your home. Come in, dwell, and guide me into all truth.

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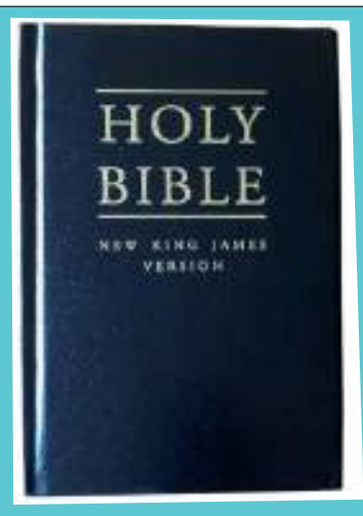

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Suddenly there was a great earth quake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. **Acts 16:26**

SATURDAY MARCH 7

SIGNS AND WONDERS FOR UNBELIEVERS

Paul and Silas were thrown into prison for casting out a demonic spirit of divination from a servant girl, who tells fortune to make money for her master.

The masters of the possessed girl were angry because their hope of profit was gone.
So they seized Paul and Silas, dragged them to the authorities and then to the magistrates, who commanded that they should be beaten and thrown into prison.

Now with all these afflictions and pains, Paul and Silas while in the prison worshiped the Lord with prayer and hymns such that there was an earthquake that shook the foundation of the prisons, and all the doors were thrown open and their chains loosened.

But this signs was not for Paul and Silas; because they already know that God will always work out things for their good.
They had lived and walked in miracles, and

did not need miracles, to believe in Christ.

The signs was for the keeper of the prison and his household.
When he saw the miracle that has taken place and how Paul and Silas were calm, he said to them,
“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
And they answered him,
“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household'.

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.”
And the scripture said,
“He rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household” (Act 16:16-34).

Yes, God used the perseverance and the steadfastness of Paul and Silas to create an opportunity for the keeper of the prison to hear and receive the word of God.

If we can trust and be calm in the face of afflictions, God will show Himself powerful on our behalf as a sign for those who are still in doubt of God.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know your perseverance and steadfastness may be a sermon for someone's salvation?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You, for in You, I walk daily in miracles. Please give me the grace to be steadfast in trials, so that others may be blessed also.

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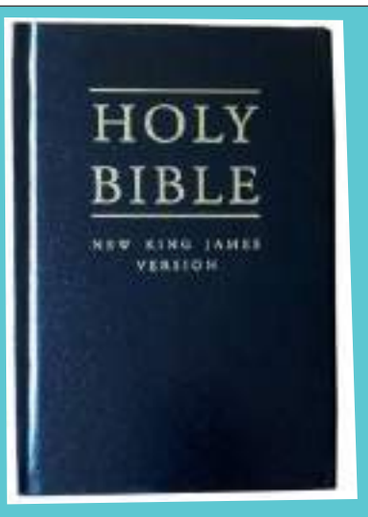

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There is none who understand; there is none who seeks after God.

Romans 3:11

SUNDAY MARCH 8

HAVING THE RIGHT UNDERSTANDING

Everyone who seeks the Lord, does so, based on the understanding he/she has of God.

Therefore having the right understanding of

who God is, His attributes, and His mind for you is important.

Understanding is described as a mental grasp or the power of comprehending.
If we can comprehend Scriptures spoken by Jesus:
“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son” (John 3:16).

Also,
'Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish' (Matt.18:14).

We will know God's mind for everyone.
These Scriptures tells us that God does not want anyone to perish; as such, He made

provision through His Son, giving everyone equal opportunity to be saved.

So now that He had sent His Son, and His Son Jesus Christ had accomplished the purpose for which He sent Him, by pouring His blood on the cross on our behalf – we need to do our part, by seeking to know the truth.

Apostle Paul wrote in 1Timothy 2:4 saying, “(God) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth' (1Tim.2:4).

To be saved means we are delivered from the power and effects of sin, and are reconciled to God.

Jesus said,
“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

The knowledge of the truth, will inspire you to seek Him.
With the right understanding, you will want to know Him more, and also love to be His child.

Search for the truth and you will have the right understanding; because Jesus is willing to reveal through His Spirit, the love of the Father to everyone that seeks.

THINK IT OUT

Do you want Jesus to reveal the love of the Father to you? Do you know with the right understanding you will want to do more for Jesus?

PRAYER:

Dear loving heavenly Father, please give me the grace to search for the truth always, so that I will have the right understanding.

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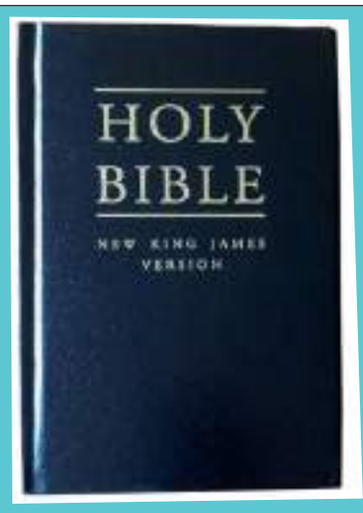

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But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace.

Galatians. 1:15

MONDAY MARCH 9

HE KNOWS YOU

It is not surprising that God knows everyone of us.

Paul said,

'God separated me from my mother's womb'.

Nothing is hidden from His eyes, He is God Almighty; all-knowing and all-wise.
Then why should we think in our heart that God does not see nor know us?

When we go astray forsaking His love, His ways and His mercies – yet His grace is always available and sufficient for everyone who turn to Him for mercy.
God has never forsaken us in spite of our waywardness; Jesus gave the parable of the lost son in Luke 15:11-24, to illustrate the mercies and steadfast love of our heavenly Father towards us His children – Note, no one is excluded here; you can become a child anytime you choose.

Salvation was paid for at the cross, where

Jesus shed His blood.
Therefore, just like the prodigal son who realized his condition and made up his mind, saying, I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you” (v. 18).

You too can make up your mind to go back to your heavenly Father.
We do not need to remain in the place of dis-union with our heavenly Father, because He through His grace had already extended forgiveness toward us, through the death of His only begotten Son Jesus Christ (Rom.5:8);

and He is waiting for anyone who will

receive His mercy and come home.

You can come to Him just as you are; but be sincere and be open hearted, and He who knew you from the womb and also knows your end, will take you just the way you are and make you into what He want you to be. The grace is still available.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know there is a Father who loves you dearly more than anyone would ever love you? Will you come with a sincere heart?

PRAYER:

Dear heavenly Father thank You for the love You have for us your creations. Father I return to You and to this wonderful union of love.

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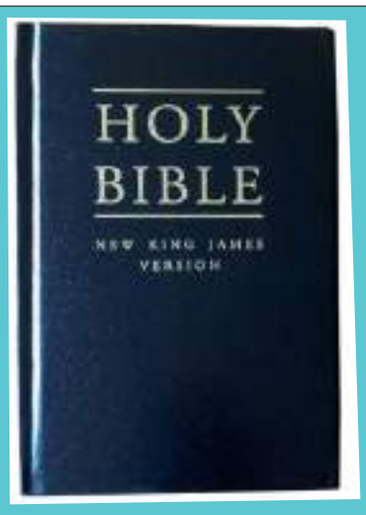

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If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

John 15:22

TUESDAY MARCH 10

IF I HAD NOT COME

Jesus preached to Nicodemus when he came to Him at night, saying,
“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, -- for God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the

world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned" (John 3:16-18).

Everyone is required to believe in Him and receive the work of salvation which He did on the cross so as to be free from condemnation.

So Jesus is saying,
"If I had not come, you would have had excuse for your sin, but because I came, and die for sin, you have no excuse for sin".

Why go about with the guilt of your past sins?
Why allow sin to dominate your thought and life? And why give up trying to resist sin?

Don't you know that Jesus Christ had already poured His blood for sin and set you free?

Be informed, that Jesus Christ made a down payment for sin, when He died on the cross. Therefore, anyone who believes in this salvation message, and ask Him for forgiveness – the scripture says,
“He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1John 1:9).

Also, He is our advocate with the Father. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins. (1John 2:1,2)

All these explains why we have no excuse for our sins, because there is provision for

anyone to carry his/her sins to Jesus who is our advocate and our propitiator; and through faith in the finished work receives forgiveness and cleansing by the blood He had already poured for sin.

You have no reason to keep your sins with you or dwell in the condemnation of your sins, because Jesus had come.

THINK IT OUT

If you keep your sin to yourself what excuse will you give for it?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to die for sin, so that I may receive forgiveness. I am sorry for all my sins, forgive me and cleanse me with Your blood. I receive the forgiveness You paid for.

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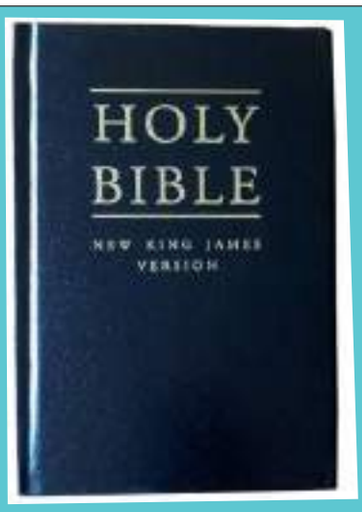

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Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother.

2 Corinthians. 1:1

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11

A CALL TO BE AN APOSTLE

Paul addressed himself as the "Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God". The word "Apostle" is used

interchangeably with the word, “Disciple”; and it is defined as “someone who believes, accepts, supports and helps to spread the teaching and the cause of another”.

In this case the, 'another' we are talking about is Jesus – that was why Paul said, 'I am an Apostle of Christ by the will of God' - because he was helping to spread the teaching and the cause of Jesus Christ.

Believing and accepting Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, is God's will for everyone, because, believing and accepting Christ is how we obtain salvation.

Therefore, the only assignment Jesus gave to His disciple when He was departing was,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt.28:19).

He did not say,
'go and make some inferior followers, who will only depend on their leaders to have a relationship with Me'.

Jesus did not send them to get anything less, other than a disciple.
He commanded them to tell everyone the truth He taught them, so that everyone is given the opportunity to know the truth, accepts the truth, have a one on one relationship with Jesus and become His disciple.

That way, they too through believe, will

supports and help to spread the message of salvation that Jesus came to do on earth.

The question is, you who believe, do you accept that the gospel is true?
If you do accept it to be true, do you support and spread this truth you have found?

If you are doing all these then you are Jesus's disciple and an Apostle of Jesus according to the will of God the Father; and you are not inferior in anyway.

THINK IT OUT

Do you believe in the truth of the gospel of

Jesus Christ? Are you so sure that you are willing to tell it to another? Can you call yourself an apostle of Jesus Christ?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for calling everyone into an intimate relationship with You. Thank You for the truth of the gospel. Help us who believe, to spread this truth until everyone is reached.

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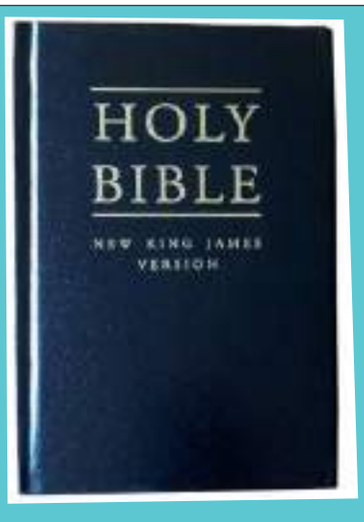

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And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breast and returned.

Luke 23:48

THURSDAY MARCH 12

THERE WERE EYEWITNESS

The story of our Lord Jesus Christ, His birth, crucifixion and resurrection, is not an imaginary story, about an imaginary character or event.

Nor is it something that happened beyond the observable physical universe outside this earth.
But the whole story happened here on earth in the physical, where all eyes living in that location at that time could see and bear witness.

Also, Israel is not a mystical location outside this world, but a country that still exist till now.
So the story of Jesus is real and many were eyewitnesses and so they told what they saw and heard;
the Bible carries their stories and their experiences.

Our today's texts said,

“The whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned”.
Eye witnesses were there at His crucifixion (Luke 23:46-49).

All over the world the gospel of and about Jesus is spreading and it is the same.
This truth should encourage you that the gospel is indeed true and the same all over the world.

You must also know that Jesus did not come as a religious figure for only some few qualified people.
He did not come to give religion with different doctrines.
What Jesus came for is more than religion,

He came to save the whole world, to restore, and reconcile all men to God Almighty, their creator.

He shed His blood for man who was lost because of sin, to once again be reconciled to God who made them.
This is a true story, read the account of those who were eyewitnesses to believe, receive the gift God sent to man and be reconciled to your Maker.

THINK IT OUT

What are you doing about this truth? Have you been reconciled to your maker?

PRAYER:

Dear heavenly Father thank You for initiating my reconciliation with You. I receive Your forgiveness and surrender whole heartedly to You.

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But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?

Mark 4:38

FRIDAY MARCH 13

DOES GOD CARES?

With all honesty, anyone going through a tough time, or having difficulty in any area of life, would love to ask this question, "Does He not care? Does God not care that I am suffering or that I am hurting?"

The disciples of Jesus were in this same situation, even when Jesus was physical present with them.
They ran into difficulty paddling their boat because of the wave that arose and beat into their boat (V.37).

According to our text, they woke Jesus who was asleep on a pillow, and said to Him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

But when He arose, He rebuked the wind and commanded the sea to be still, then turned to His disciple and asked,
“why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?” (V.40).

Jesus did not wake up and say,
“Oh, I am sorry, I was asleep” but instead,
He was rather surprised that they were afraid.
He woke up to question their faith; because, they were afraid even when the master was with them in the boat.

Is the wave of this life beating on you? And have you been asking, “Does He not care?”
The answer is, “He cares”.
If He is in your boat, you need to trust Him.
He cared so much to have laid down His life so that you will be forgiven and be restored to God.

Jesus said,
“Greater love has no one than this, than to

lay down one's life for his friends”
(John 15:13).

God cares always, and wants to calm the storm of your life, but you need to turn your cares into prayer, and trust that He is faithful.

Trust will bring quicker answer than worrying and distrust.

THINK IT OUT

Do you have Him in your boat? And if He is in your boat, do you know you only need believe and trust and the storm will cease?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that You care. I need You in my life, come into my life and into my boat. With You I will not be afraid.

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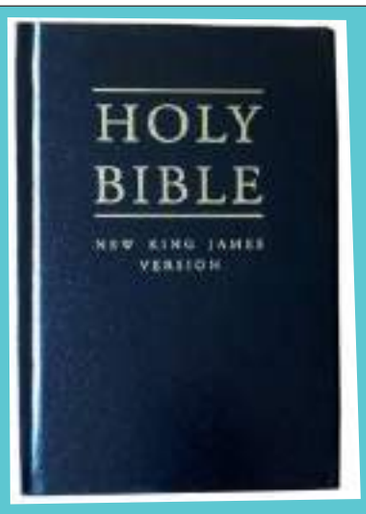

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For you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

1Corinthians. 3:3

SATURDAY MARCH 14

YOU ARE NOT A MERE MAN

We live in a world that is filled with envy, strife and divisions.

The pride of life and the lust of the flesh and eyes, leads to envy and strife.

While these may be okay or acceptable in the world as just life or things that makes life, it is not okay in the kingdom of light where Jesus Christ is the head.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians church saying: For where there are envy, strife and division among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”

The definition for the word, 'mere men', is “being nothing more” or “having no additions or modification”.

Paul calls those who live in strife, anger, envy and division, 'carnal', and 'mere men'.

The word of God we receive brings

additions and modifications to our lives.
Paul wrote that the Holy Scripture is able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2Tim.3:15).

We are not mere men – we have received the word of truth which purifies and sanctifies us.
We are not expected to reduce ourselves to 'nothing more', and act as mere men, living like the rest of the world, because there is an addition and we have been transformed into the image of Him who called us out of the world.

Therefore, stand out and be a light for others to follow, and the salt that is dependable and steadfast in the things that brings glory to

God your Father.

For you are not a mere man.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that envying and striving will reduce you into a mere man? Do you know, it is important that you stand out of the crowd?

PRAYER:

Dear loving heavenly Father, help me to retain in my memory that I have been

called out of this world to stand out for Your glory.

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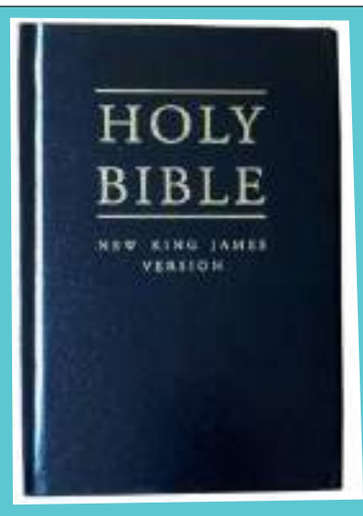

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He said to him again a second time, "Simon son of Jonah, do you love me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep".

John 21:16

SUNDAY MARCH 15

MY SHEEP

This conversation was between Jesus and Peter, called Simon Peter; one of the twelve disciples of Jesus.

Jesus told him,

"If you love Me tend My sheep".

Who are His sheep?

We noticed that Jesus did not tell him who His sheep were nor where His sheep will be, but while He was teaching them some days earlier He did described what His sheep are like, in this illustration:

“The sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out -- and the sheep follows him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him for they do not know the voice of strangers”.

Then He added,

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life and they shall never perish”

(John 10:3, 4, 5, 27, 28).

These are the sheep Jesus told Simon Peter to tend.
Looking at the descriptions Jesus gave about those who are His sheep, do you belong to these categories of people Jesus called 'My sheep'?
Do you hear His voice and follow Him as He leads?

He also said,
“They will by no means follow a stranger”.

That means though they are sheep, they are not stupid; they will be able to distinguish their master's voice from that of a stranger.

Now, if you do not study to know your master's voice, how will you distinguish?

It is our place to study His word – The Bible; understand what words our master will speak and what He will not speak.
Also, as His sheep, you need to hear His voice.

THINK IT OUT

Do you hear your master's voice? How then will you know which direction He is leading you, if you do not hear? Now that you know, will you consider being His sheep?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, please I want to hear your voice. Open my ears, give me an attentive heart and a humble heart to hear, receive and heed your instructions.

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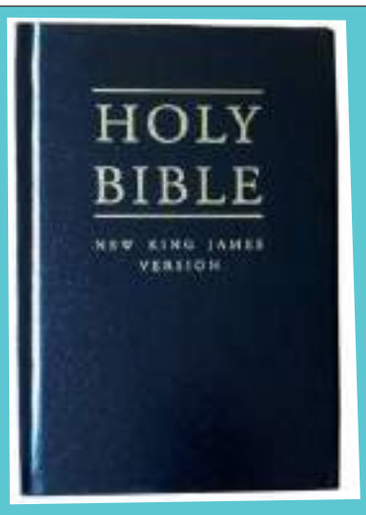

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Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you.

Acts 27:34

MONDAY MARCH 16

ASSURANCE OF SAFETY

Apostle Paul was taken as a prisoner to face trial in Rome.

On their way to Rome, there arose a great tempest wind and their ship was caught in

the wind, so much that they lost all hope of surviving.

After many days of struggling to save the ship, by throwing away all their food, so as to lightened the ship; and they themselves not eating for fourteen days, Apostle Paul stood in front of all two hundred and seventy-five people who were on board the ship and said to them,
“An angel of the Lord to whom I belong and whom I serve, stood by me and said, 'Do not be afraid -- indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you
(Acts 27:24);

in addition he encourage them to eat food, because, not a hair will fall from their head.

This he said to them with assurance, by saying
“Therefore, take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me” (V.25).

Where did he get this assurance from?
He told them,
“The God to whom I belong and whom I serve”.

Paul knew he belonged to God and served God, such that he was assured that even those who sail with him will be saved because of him.

This is how different we are with the rest of the world.

Jesus calls us,
“the light of the world” (Matt.5:14).

You too do have the same assurance, if you belong to Him and serve Him.
It was Jesus promised that,
“The very hairs of our head are all numbered, (therefore He said) Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Luke 12:7).

This is the assurance Jesus gave to every believer of His.
If you are a believer in Christ Jesus, this promise is for you.

Do you belong to Jesus? Do you believe His promise?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, I want a Father child relationship with You. I want to be Your own and serve You. Please forgive me for ignoring You and receive me as Your child.

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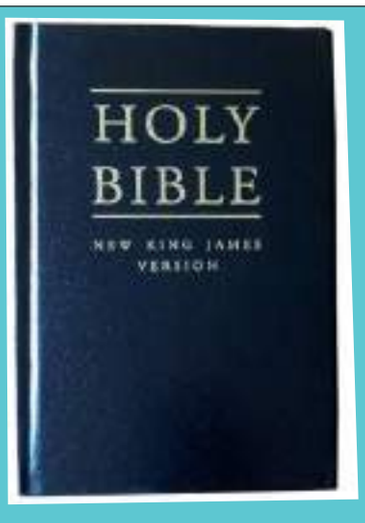

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Are they ministers of Christ? - I speak as a fool – I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

2 Corinthians. 11:23

TUESDAY MARCH 17

THINGS TO BE PROUD OF

It is out of place in today's Christendom, what Apostle Paul counted as things that are a source of pride for him in Christ.

Today, no one wants to associate suffering with the service of the Lord.
Many will openly display, wealth and achievement as their thing of pride in the Lord - (Not that these also, are not from the Lord) - but these things are not the reasons we should serve the Lord.

There is more in Christ than the physical wealth and achievement.
Yes, He is our sustainer, yes, He blesses His people with good things, but He also guides, instructs and leads His own.

Sometimes the road that He leads, may be unfamiliar, bending and even rough to us, we need to know that there is no road that is unfamiliar to Him, and no road is too rough

for him.

Since we know that He who is all-knowing, also faithful and true is leading – our part is to trust that He will lead us to a successful perfect end.

Having this mindset we can boast, when it is good and when it is not too good.
Just like Apostle Paul, we can boast in our infinities, in suffering and in pain – because there are rewards in standing strong and true to the end.

Paul said,
“I am more in labors, more abundant in stripes -- (then he added) therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in

needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake” (2Cor.12:10).

For Christ's sakes, we can bear whatever comes gracefully, when we know that in whatever terrain, our Master is more able to both keep and see us to the end.

THINK IT OUT

Are you going through any of those things Apostle Paul talked about? And do you know that those conditions are only temporal, also that there is a reward for every pain you bear for the sake of Christ?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that You are with me in this journey. I trust in Your faithfulness to lead me to a successful end.

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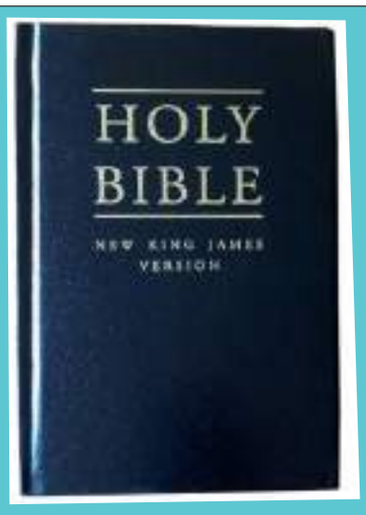

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And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and Last.

Revelations. 1:17

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

HE IS THE FIRST AND LAST

The term "the first" means, to exist before anything ever came to be.

And there is no exceptional here, nothing is left out.

Jesus said, “I am the first”, that is to say, He existed before everything.
The book of John says,
“In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him”
(John 1:1-3).

Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer was before all things, and everything was made through Him.
Therefore, we can agree with the statement, “I am the first”.

Such a personality to come down to earth, and seek friendship with the man He created, what a wonderful story, that needs to spread

to all mankind.

More fascinating is that, He also said,
"I am the Last",
meaning when all else cease to exist, He will be there.
When we get to the end of life, He will be there.
Just as He was the one that made all things, He also will be the one to end all things.

He said,
"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son"
(John 5:22).

Today, He has not ended the world yet, but He is calling as many that will accept, into

that relationship He came for.
Those who will accept His invitation for friendship today, will meet Him at the end as a friend.

But those who reject His offer, will be frightened to meet Him, because He will be a total stranger to them.

THINK IT OUT

Therefore, what are you doing with His offer of friendship? Do you know, you will face Him one day? Will you meet Him at the end, as a Savior and friend or as a stranger?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, it is wonderful to know that You came to the earth You created, seeking for friendship with the man You created. Lord, I accept You as my Lord, Savior and friend.

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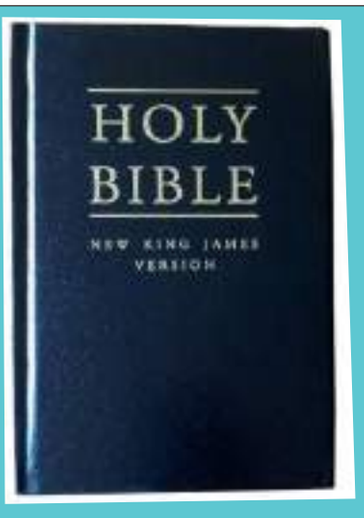

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And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen.

Acts 1:24

THURSDAY MARCH 19

THE ANSWER LIVES IN YOU

After Jesus ascended to heaven, His disciples were gathered in the upper room to pray. They remembered that Jesus selected 12 to be His disciples but one had fallen, so they

picked two persons who have been with them and decided that one of the person should fill in the place of Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus.

They prayed to the Lord who knows the hearts of all, to show them the one to be chosen.
The scripture said,
"And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matias" (V.26).

The casting of the lots, was what they used to know the answer to their request, because the Holy Spirit was not yet given.

But when the Holy Spirit came, they no longer needed to cast lot for answers to their

prayers.

Jesus said,
“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth, --- and He will tell you things to come”
(John 16:13).

Today, the Spirit of truth is here in us and with us, we do not need to cast lot, or go to soothsayers to tell us things to come.
Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit, who will be our Helper, will abide with us forever (John 14:16).

Therefore we have the Holy Spirit who will always tell us the mind of God, and the answer to every request we make onto God.

The promise of the Holy Spirit as a Helper, was for everyone who believes in Jesus.
If you have not receive Him yet, read the promise in John 14:16,23,26. 16:13-15.

believe the promise and receive by believing.
Remember God does not make a promise He is not willing to keep.
With the Holy Spirit living in you, you can make request and receive answers to your requests.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that God has accepted to come in and dwell in you? Do you want Him to live in you?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, I accept please come in and dwell in me. Make my heart Your home.

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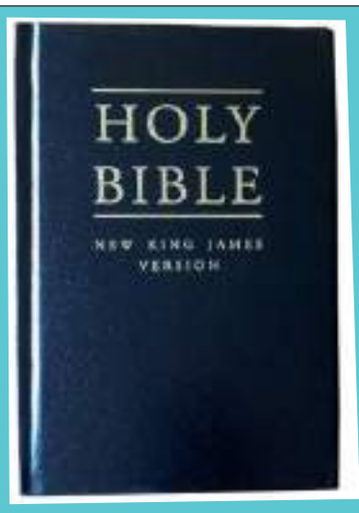

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At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

John 14:20

FRIDAY MARCH 20

THAT DAY YOU WILL KNOW

Jesus said to His disciples,

“At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you”.

The disciples already knew Jesus because He was walking with them, but He told them that a day is coming, which they will know that He is in the Father, and they will be in Him as He will be in them.

What day was He talking about?
And what kind of relationship was He talking about?

First, that day will be the day they receive the indwelling Holy Spirit, whom He promised the Father will send in
John 14:16.

The Holy Spirit, will teach them the relationship Jesus had with the Father, when He said,

“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works”.

That indwelling presence of God the Father in Christ Jesus as He walked this earth, is what Jesus said His disciples will know in the day they receive the Holy Spirit, because they themselves will experience the same relationship and oneness with Him.

It is obvious that this is the relationship Jesus wants to have with everyone who believes in Him; because everyone who believes and accept Him as Lord and Savior, is His disciple.

The Scriptures say,
“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12);
So Apostle Paul wrote,
“Having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise” (Eph.1:13).

Also Apostle John said,
“By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit” (1John 4:13).

If you have received His Spirit, you will know and experience the relationship of oneness He came to give to man.

Is He dwelling in you? Do you know you only need to believe and ask?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for choosing to dwell in me. Please Lord, I believe, and I surrender my heart to You, come in and dwell.

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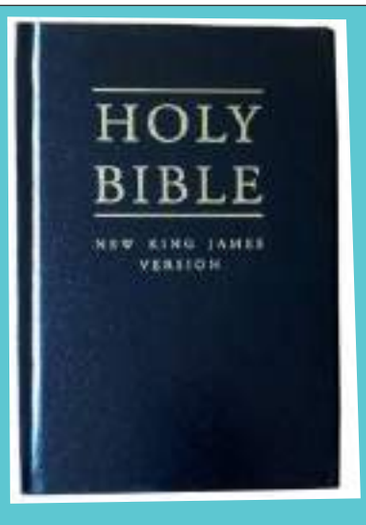

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Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 18:40

SATURDAY MARCH 21

THOSE WHO REJECT THE SAVIOR

Jesus Christ in His trials at the court was presented to the people, and so was Barabbas.

Now Jesus is the Savior and Barabbas was a robber.

Pilate the judge, after announcing his verdict saying,
“I find no fault in Him at all”
(John 18:38);
decided to give the people an option to make a choice between Jesus and Barabbas.

The scripture recorded, that the people made their choice, Barabbas was their choice,
“they all cried, saying,
“Not this Man but Barabbas”.

The people's choice was the robber and not the Savior.
We may read this and say,
“Those people were stupid or foolish, how could they have chosen a well-known

robber and reject a Savior!”

Yes, you are completely right, but are we wiser?
We, daily are faced with that option of choice in our day to day decisions and actions.

Every day we need to make a choice of either to choose good or bad; to choose the robber who is Satan, who had come to steal and to destroy or Jesus who came to give His life as a ransom that we might be save. (John 10:10, Matt.20:28).

Whenever we read the Bible or hear a sermon preached, we have two options to choose from – To believe what the scripture

says or to reject and neglect the scriptures and do what seems pleasing to our flesh.

Often times we read about the forgiveness Jesus died to give, after reading, we still have the option of surrendering our sins to Him and receiving the forgiveness by trust.

Our decisions daily proves whether we are wise or foolish just like the crowd who rejected Jesus.

Those who reject Him cannot have any relationship with Him, and our everyday actions will tell what options we chosen.

Which option did you take? Are you checking your daily decisions to see if they are wise or foolish?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, please I choose You, my Lord and Savior. Help me to act wisely daily.

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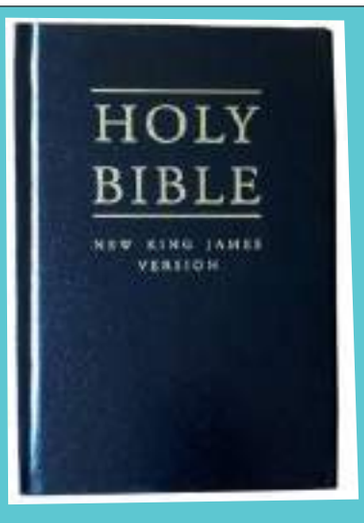

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When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You".

Mark 1:37

SUNDAY MARCH 22

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HIM

Jesus started His earthly ministry, healing the sick, casting out demons and setting the demon possessed free.

His fame rose, people were coming to Him

from all side; sometimes the whole city would come out to Him.

They were looking for Him from all side, but all they want is for Him to heal them, deliver them, and in some cases feed them.
That was all they wanted from Him.

Most were not even interested in who He is; why He had come, and from where He had come from.
They wanted the healing and deliverance, but when He began to teach them how they can become citizens of the new kingdom He came to preach and the requirements for the new kingdom, many were offended and even complained saying,
“This is a hard saying; who can understand

it?

And the scripture said,
“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more”
(John 6:60, 66).

These people only wanted what He will give and not Him.

Many today also are looking for Jesus but what do they want from Him?
The same, healing, deliverance and providence.

People do not want to know who He is; why he came; neither do they want His teachings and His Lordship over their lives.

Many do not want the relationship He came to establish between God and man, but only what He will give.
They want the gift and not the Giver.

But you can make U-turn today and seek the giver, it a choice you won't regret.

THINK IT OUT

Why are you looking for Him? Are you interested in knowing Him more, than just what He will give you? The Giver or the gift which are you seeking?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, I am sorry for seeking You only for my desires. I want to know You, and live for You.

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For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

John 6:33

MONDAY MARCH 23

THE TRUE BREAD

The term, “Bread” does not mean some loaves of bread made of flour, egg and yeast.

The bread Jesus is talking about here is,

sustenance, livelihood, and life eternal - Man's overall provision both physical and spiritual.

Jesus said to the multitude who came to him because they were fed the previous day, “Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you” (John 6:27).

And they quickly were interested because he was now talking about food, so they asked him to give them a sign like the “manna in the desert”; still fully interested in food.

But Jesus told them, that the bread God gives to man, is 'He who comes down from

heaven',
because not only does He gives sustenance and means of livelihood, He also gives everlasting life.

Then, they asked Him,
“Lord, give us this bread always” (V.34).

And Jesus made this declaration,
“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst” (V.35).

With this statement Jesus shows that God has sent down provision, for man's sustenance and livelihood, through His Son Jesus Christ.

Man asked for food which perishes, but God

sent to man the source of food which endures to everlasting life.

Jesus fed five thousands men with only five loaves of bread and two small fish, and the fragments that remained was twelve baskets full; to show that He does not need earth' supplies to sustain you.

His declaration,
“I am the bread of life”
stand true for all time.
If you have the giver of bread, then you are sure of constant supply, and also life eternal.

THINK IT OUT

Why seek for the bread that will perish,

instead of the true bread that will keep on giving? Which is better the giver or the gift?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, You are the bread that last forever, please I need You in my life.

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If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandment and abide in His love.

John 15:10

TUESDAY MARCH 24

CHOOSE TO ABIDE IN HIS LOVE

Most of us are afraid when we hear the word “commandment”, we always think, it is some hard rules that is difficult to keep, so

we don't like to be told to keep God's commandment.

But Jesus said,
“I kept My Father's commandments and I abide in His love, so you must keep My commandment if you want to abide in My love”.

Before we give up, and say,
“I won't be able”,
let us find out what his commandments are, because according to him, He said it is easy:
“My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matt. 11:30).

This is encouraging.
If it is easy, then it is something that we can

try.

Now, let's find out what His commandment are:
Jesus said,
“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you – Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends” (John 15:12-13).

Jesus is not making many demands, but just one – 'Love another person because I love you'.

This does not look like a hard thing to do. Every one of us will want someone else to love us; therefore in Matt. 7:12, Jesus said, “Whatever you want men to do to you, do

also to them”.

This does not sound impossible, because, just what we will want to receive is what we are asked to give.
This is all He asked us to do and abide in His love.

If we want so much to abide in His love, it will be wise to try – more so, since He did promised to be with us, we will be able to achieve this commandment through His strength that enables us.

THINK IT OUT

Do you really want to abide in His love? Is

it not wise to attempt His command and let Him guide you through?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for loving us so dearly. The grace to love another person is in You, please fill us with the love that is in You.

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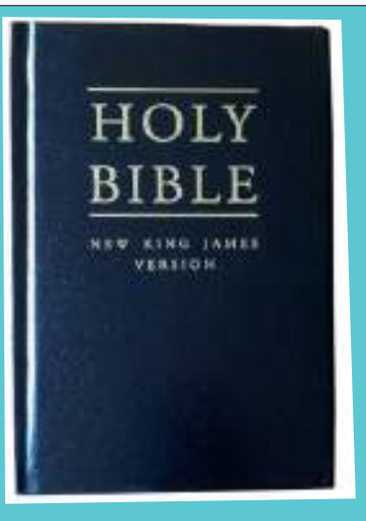

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And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

John 10:4

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

WILL YOU BE MY SHEEP?

Jesus Christ liken the kind of relationship He came to established with man, to that of a shepherd and his sheep.

He then described the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep and the connection that exist between them thus:
“And when the shepherd brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice”.

Then He said,
“I am the good shepherd” (V.11)

If this is who Jesus is, and the description of the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep is what He want to have with His followers, then, He did not come to earth, just so that He will be, 'served and worshiped',
as the head of one religion.

It shows that Jesus Christ came to restore a relationship.
He came to be our shepherd – to lead, guide and care for His sheep, just like a shepherd does.

Jesus is not seeking for worship, He wants relationship.
You cannot please Him, if you only go to worship Him and refuse the relationship He is seeking with you – it will be just as He said to the Jews who worshiped in the synagogues,
“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Matt.15:8).

Jesus needs your heart, He wants to be your

Shepherd.
He wants to have a relationship with you, where He calls you by name, leads you out, go before you, care for you and you follow Him, because you know His voice.

He is not interested in religion but in you as a person.
And as you are reading this devotion today, He is asking you, “will you be My sheep?” and “will you give Me your heart to dwell in?”

THINK IT OUT

What is your response? Do you want this relationship?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for asking me to be Your sheep. I accept to be Your sheep. I surrender my heart to You.

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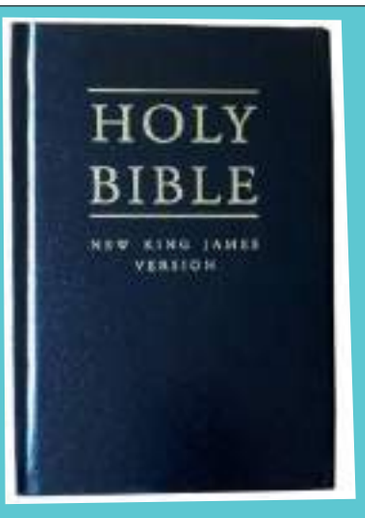

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If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:7

THURSDAY MARCH 26

ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE

We all want something from our friends, especially if you happen to have a friend that is well-to-do or rich.

A lot will chose a friend that is wealthy so that they can benefit from their wealth.

But, here is Jesus – the king of kings, Lord of Lords and the king of heaven; the One that has all the power to do all things and with Him nothing is impossible; He is all-wise and all-powerful – this is He who stoop down to ask us for friendship.

And of course His offer of friendship is not in vain, He made promises of what He will offer us, if we will accept Him.

Truth is that, He is so well endowed that He won't be needing anything from us, instead He wants to give out his abundant wealth.

Therefore He promised:
“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it

shall be done for you”.

If you noticed, in His promise, there is no limit to what you should ask.
Many politicians have made empty promises that they are even powerless to fulfill, but Jesus is not powerless in anything, He can do all things.

The Bible carries true life stories, study it and see those who accepted Him, what their end was.
Then you will agree that no one ever came to Him and was disappointed.

Abiding in His word, enables Him to abide in you, because He is the 'Word' (John 1:1), and when He abides in you, you can ask

Him anything you desire, and it shall be done for you”.

This is a promise to everyone who will abide in the word.
Give it a trial.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know this relationship with Jesus will profit you more? What are you waiting for, who else will give you this offer?

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord Jesus, my Savior and my Lord. Help me daily to abide in You, as I receive Your word and keep them in my heart.

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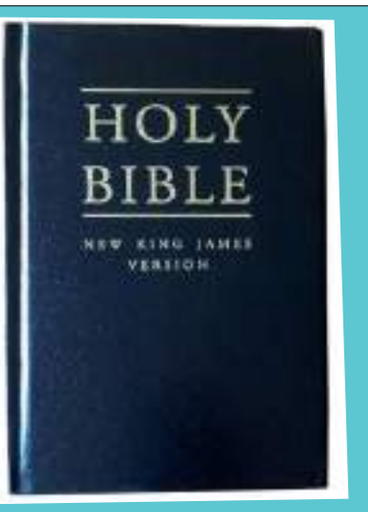

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Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

John 6:2

FRIDAY MARCH 27

DO YOU NEED A SIGN?

Great multitude followed Jesus because they saw the signs He performed on the sick and on those that were possessed.

But has He stop performing these signs?

Does He not heal anymore?

If He does not heal any more, how then will we follow Him?

The scripture says,

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” (Heb.13:8).

It is obvious the crowd saw something that they were interested in, that was why they followed Him.

Since He is the same yesterday and today; meaning He still performs those signs that should be of interest to many today.

Signs and wonders are for unbelievers, so

that they may believe.
Though many will see the signs and believe, while many even when they saw the signs, will still not believe.

You should not be like everyone, if you have any doubt, honestly ask, He is faithful to reveal Himself.
If you are open-hearted, Jesus is ever willing to help you know and understand His love for you and this will strengthens your faith.

Ask Him, with a willing to accept heart and with an honest heart, to reveal His love for you.

After asking believe, and then go out every day expecting His miracle.

Be quick to notice His goodness and thank Him, and you will live all the days of your life in abundance miracle, because He who does miracle lives in you.

When you live in miracle, you will not need a sign again to trust Him, trusting will come naturally, because you now, know and believe the truth.

THINK IT OUT

What are your doubts? Have you honestly spoken to God about your doubts? Do you

think He will be offended? And do you know, it is better to be an honest doubter, who wants to know than to be an hypocrite?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, there are things I still do not understand, so I doubt. But right now, I drop my doubts and open my heart to receive You. Please reveal Yourself to me.

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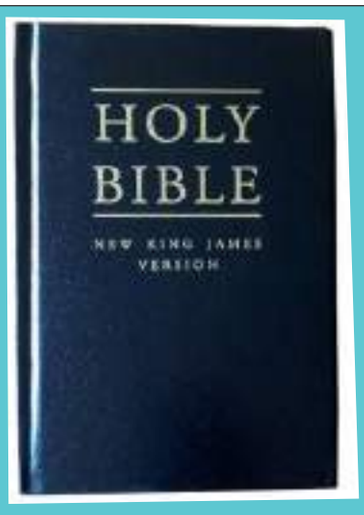

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For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.
1 Corinthians. 16:18

SATURDAY MARCH 28

DO NOT BE THE SIMPLE

It is rather sad, that many who do not understand the mercies and kindness of God towards man, in the gospel of salvation through the death and resurrection of our

Lord Jesus Christ, have turned the goodness of God into a business venture, where the focal point is profit and fame.

The scripture said,
'They do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ'
But,
“By smooth words and flattering speech deceive the heart of the simple”.

Those who do not care to find out the truth are called the, 'simple'.
Because they have refused to seek the truth and hold on to the truth, they are being deceived by these men who are out to serve their own belly by posing as mediator between God and man, all for earthly profit.

Jesus Christ came so that you will once again have a personal relationship with God. He alone is the mediator.

The scripture says,
“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all”
(1 Tim.2:5,6).

There is none other who is qualified to be a mediator between God and man.
Jesus did not commissioned His disciples to be mediators for other men, but He asked them to, “Go, (and) make disciples of all the nations; teaching them all He taught”
(Matt.28:19-20);

and He also said there will be signs that will follow those who will believes –
(Mark 16:17-18).

So stop being the simple, seek the truth, believe the truth and hold on to it.

THINK IT OUT

Why then have you refused to study the Scriptures yourself so that you will know what is appropriate and what is not? Do you know you have no one to blame for being deceived? To remain under the spell of those who deceive or to seek the truth which will you choose?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for being mindless about the truth of the gospel. Please give me the grace to search out the truth and abide by it

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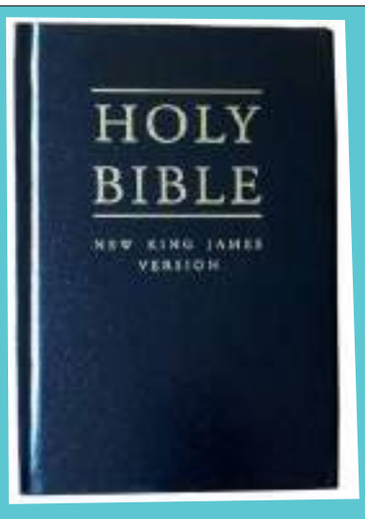

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Then he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken.

Luke 24:25

SUNDAY MARCH 29

BE NOT SLOW TO BELIEVE

Many prophets in Israel had prophesied about the coming of the Messiah and the Deliverer.

Prophet Isaiah described Him as,

“The sin-bearing servant” and wrote
“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6).

All these prophesies were written down and read every Sabbath day for the Israelite to keep in mind and wait for their Messiah.

But when these prophesies came to pass, the people who were reading about it and pretending to be waiting for it, were skeptical and unsure.
It shows that though these people read about it, they simply did not believe it.

When Jesus rose from the death, He walked

beside two of His disciples on the way to Emmaus, He was rather disappointed at their conversation, because their speeches shows they never believed;
He said to them,
“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe”.

Today we have the Bible, we read them every Sunday in our churches and in other religious gatherings; but do we really believe what is written?
We are called believers in Christ Jesus,
“What do we believe about the Christ?

If we believe in Jesus Christ, what about the things that are written about Him;
and what about His promises to those who

believes in Him;
do we consider them as authentic and true?
Or are we just reading and yet be 'foolish and slow' of heart to believe what is written?

Which of our actions and conversations proves we really believe everything we read about Him?

This is between you and yourself, give yourself an honest answer.

THINK IT OUT

Have you considered these questions personally? Are you slow of heart to

believe? Is your heart open and sincere about these questions so that you can give yourself an honest answer?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus please help me to be honest with myself about the truth. Give me the courage and the heart I need to receive the truth of Your word.

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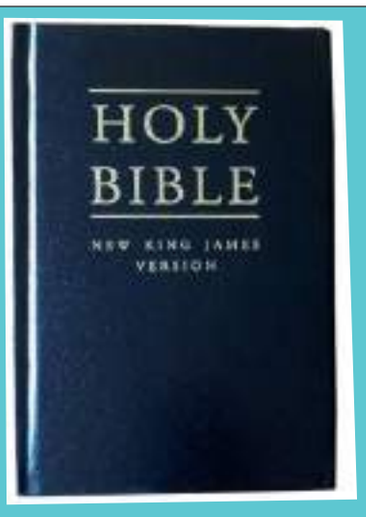

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I am one who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.

John 8:18

MONDAY MARCH 30

BE YOUR OWN WITNESS

Most times we would love someone to bear us witness that we are truly children of God. We dutifully try to impress and convince people that we are serving God, we seek and

crave for their approval and confirmation; be it in the church or in our environment.

Surprisingly, the scripture has shown that your relationship with God, does not depend on the opinion of men; neither does God need anyone to witness about you for Him to approve you.

The most important witness of who you are is “you”, the second party is the Holy Spirit. The scripture say,
“The Spirit of (God) Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God” (Rom.8:16).

The Holy Spirit will not bear witness based on what people say you are, but He will bear

witness based on what you agree, believe and say you are.

Jesus said,
“I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me”,
because according to Him,
“it is written in the law that the testimony of two men is true” (John 8:17).

Therefore, stop serving God for men's approval.
Stop seeking for their opinion about you, instead concentrate in defining who you are in Christ.
Convince yourself that you are indeed a child of God and a believer in Christ based

on the written word of God,
then the Holy Spirit will take your testimony, your opinion and your confession of who you are, and bear witness to what you believe.

Jesus did not need men's witness to be the Son of God, and so you do not need men approval to feel or be a child of God.

Bear yourself witness for you are the only true witness, that the Spirit God need to listen to.

THINK IT OUT

Have you been trying to convince men that

you love Jesus? Are you glad that the Holy Spirit will only take your own opinion?

PRAYER:

Thank You Dear Holy Spirit, for You are my witness that I do accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. I am glad that I do not need to convince anybody that I love You Jesus.

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If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well.

Acts 4:9

TUESDAY MARCH 31

DON'T EXPECT ACCEPTANCE

You would expect that the people around you, your neighbors, families and friends, will be glad for your decision to live for

Jesus.
You would expect that, now that you have repented, now that you have chosen to walk in righteousness – you will be accepted and seen as a good man in the society.

But truly speaking, that will not be the case, instead they will hate you and call you names.

Jesus gave us these warnings,
'If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own -- Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master', if they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours

also”. (John 15:18-20).

So Jesus' words played out when Peter and John, by the name of Jesus Christ, healed a man who was lame from birth and had lived over forty years as a beggar.

You would expect the community to rejoice, but instead Peter and John were arrested and kept in custody.
Peter and John said,
“We are being judged this day for a good work done to a helpless man”.

All these are written down for our examples, so that you would not expect acceptance from the world for choosing righteousness.

Stop expecting endorsement, so that you won't be disappointed at their response. If you are persecuted, mocked or even blasphemed and accused for doing the right thing, know that you are not alone, Jesus is with you cheering you on, and also He said,

“Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven” (Matt. 5:12).

THINK IT OUT

Were you seeking the acceptance of men? Would you chose the acceptance of men rather than the reward God will give you?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for the assurance that You have approved me and that You are with me as I serve You for Your approval alone.

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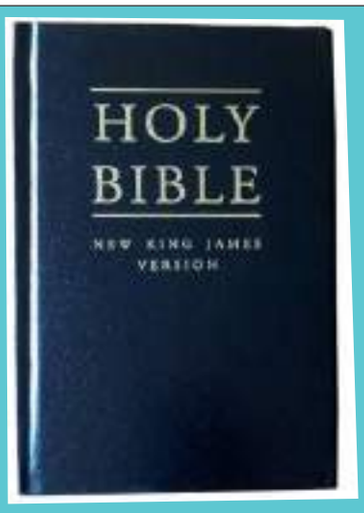

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