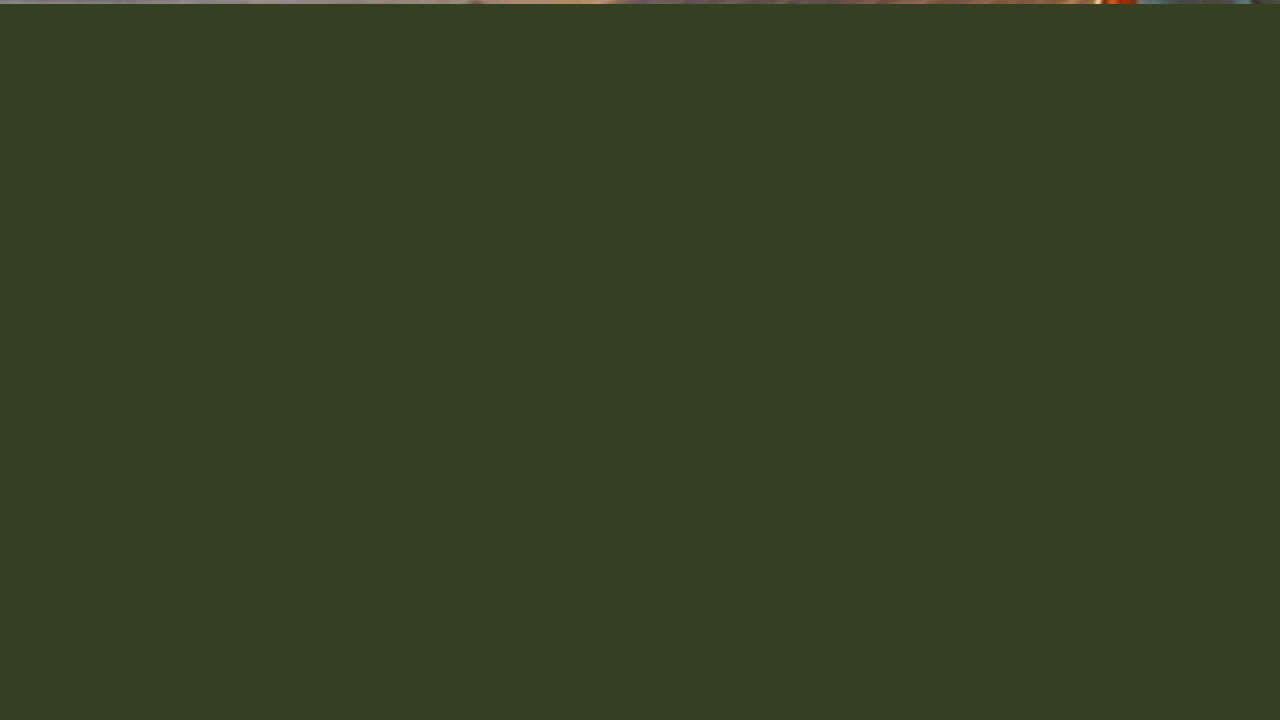






On the road with Jesus

Luke 11-18: Seven Chapters to
Jerusalem

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On the Road with Jesus

Continuing in Luke...

- The proclamation and growth of a Kingdom
- The determination of Jesus in his mission
- The human responses—both in and out of harmony
- Transforming teachings for his followers

What's on the horizon?



After the previous section on prayer and the tongue, we'll witness:

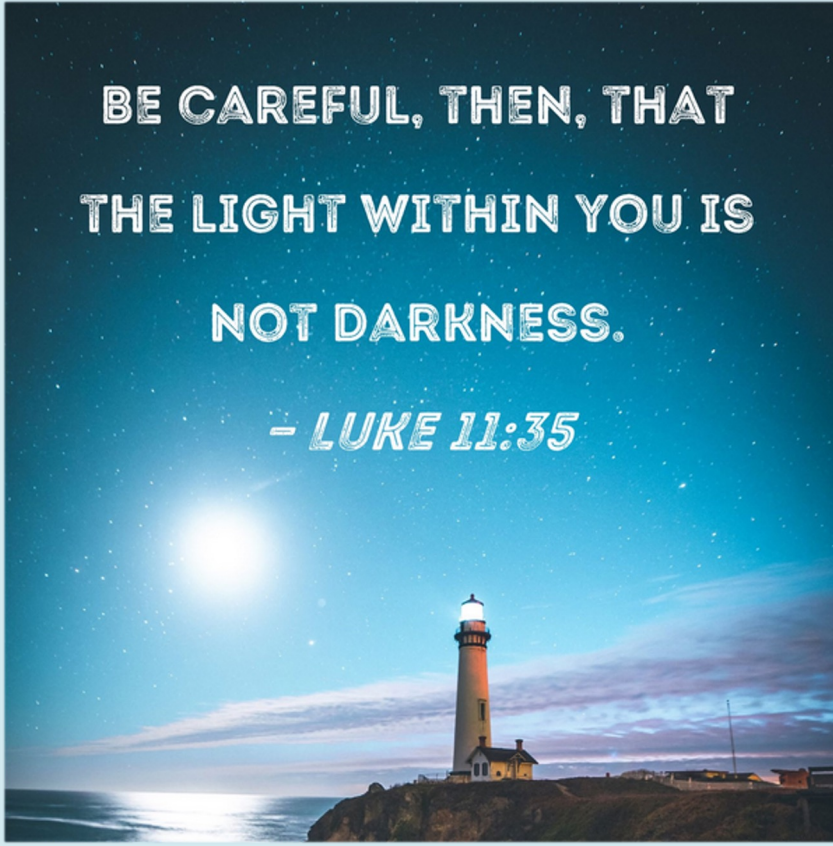
- Kingdoms in continuing conflict...
- A sharp focus on traditions, teachers, and true fruitfulness...
- Different groups of hearers...
- Jesus' new focus on the end times...
- *These chapters again highlight the Kingdoms we are in...*

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a field of tall, dry grass and low-lying green shrubs. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the landscape. The road leads towards the horizon, where the sun is setting or rising.

Chapter 11:33-12:12
Light or Darkness in our Inner
Selves

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- LUKE 11:35

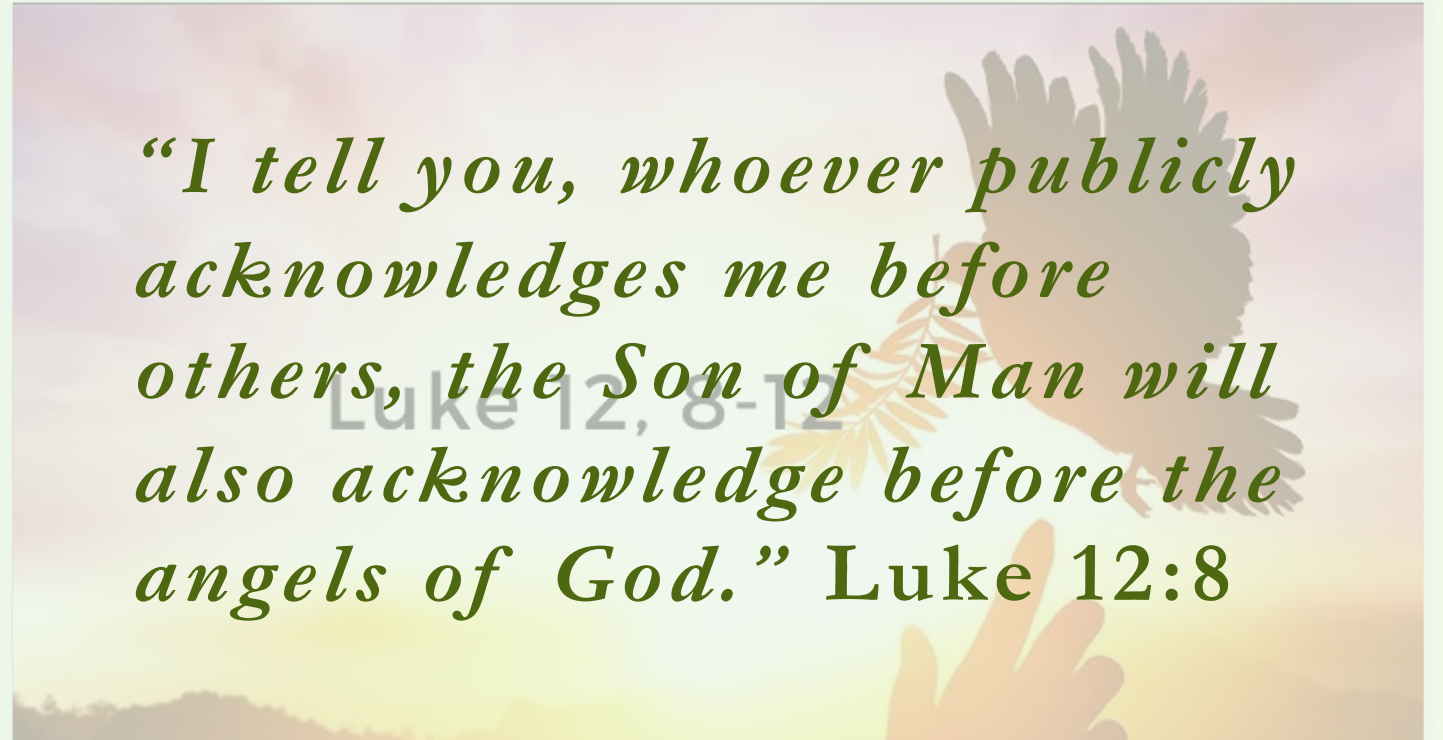


Jesus highlights
inner motives
and realities...
hidden and
exposed...

Outline:

- Are our lamps truly lit? 11:33-36
- A tale of traditions & tombs: 11:37-54
- When we stand up for God: 12:1-12

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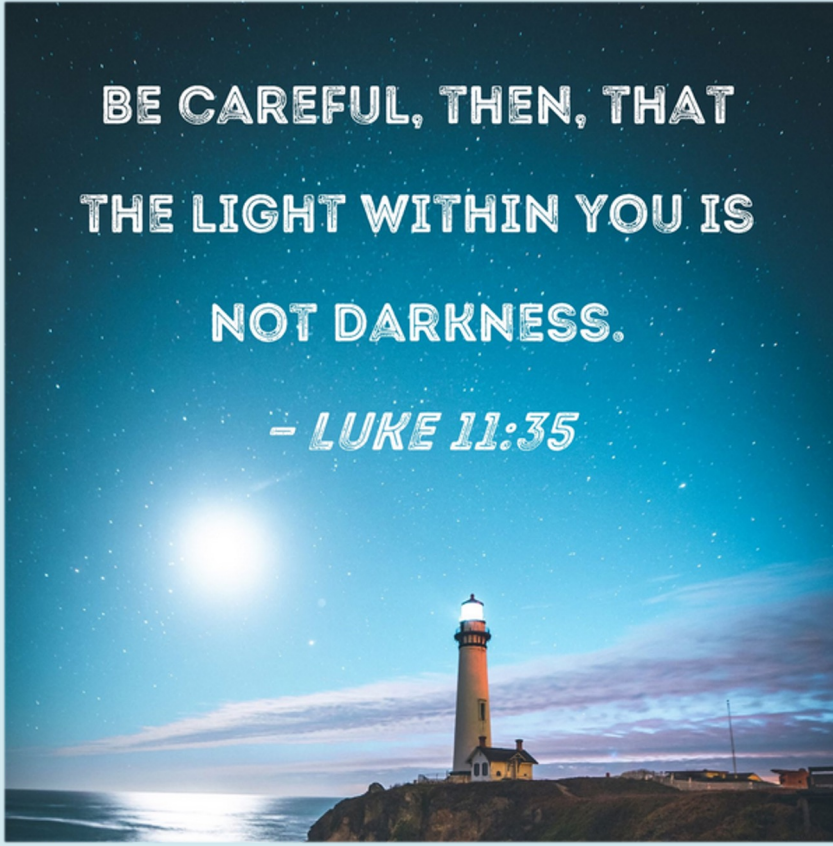
Luke 11:33-36
A. Are our Lamps
Truly Lit?



³³ “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. ³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

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For Jesus, light
means a kind of
reflection of
God's essence

Lights Within:

- Are our lamps truly lit?
- Jesus compares us with a vital house lamp—it should shine openly
- Along with publicly, the light is needed to be whole, healthy, and beneficial...
- Our light can reflect God, and brighten every part of us, and also those around. But...



Note that Jesus cautions us: ³⁵ “See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.”

- God’s pure light is underscored
- The text now turns as the Holy Spirit places a contrast in the next passage...
- *The sad truth is that the traditional keepers of the light have become not only dark, but like “unmarked graves”...*

Luke 11:37-53

B. A Tale of Traditions & Tombs



³⁷ When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. ³⁸ But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.

³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? [a sudden confrontation!]

⁴¹ But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

⁴² “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

⁴³ “Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

⁴⁴ “Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.”

⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also.”



⁴⁶ Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

⁴⁷ “Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs.

⁴⁹ Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’

⁵⁰ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.



Like last week, we see insights into the Judgment, which Jesus wants his audience to consider



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This contrast with being sources of light is striking...

- Jesus mentions death and tombs 8X, and woes 6X
- A focus on the inner...greed and wickedness (v. 39)
- ...tithing herbs and spices, but neglecting justice and love (v. 42)
- They crave respect and honour, but are like unmarked graves (vv. 43-44)
- They load down people but will not lift a finger to help (v. 46)



...this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world... Luke 11:50

Jesus refers to an unusual plan of God (vv. 47-52)

- The actions of these Pharisees and Teachers are arranged against them in a historical condemnation!
- ‘They built the tombs’ associates them with their evil ancestors
- Prophets killed through the ages...
- The current generation responsible
- This is similar to ‘the Queen of the South’ and ‘the Ninevites’ accusing...

⁵² “Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.”

⁵³ When Jesus went outside, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, ⁵⁴ waiting to catch him in something he might say.

**This is a strong call to
examine one's ways!**

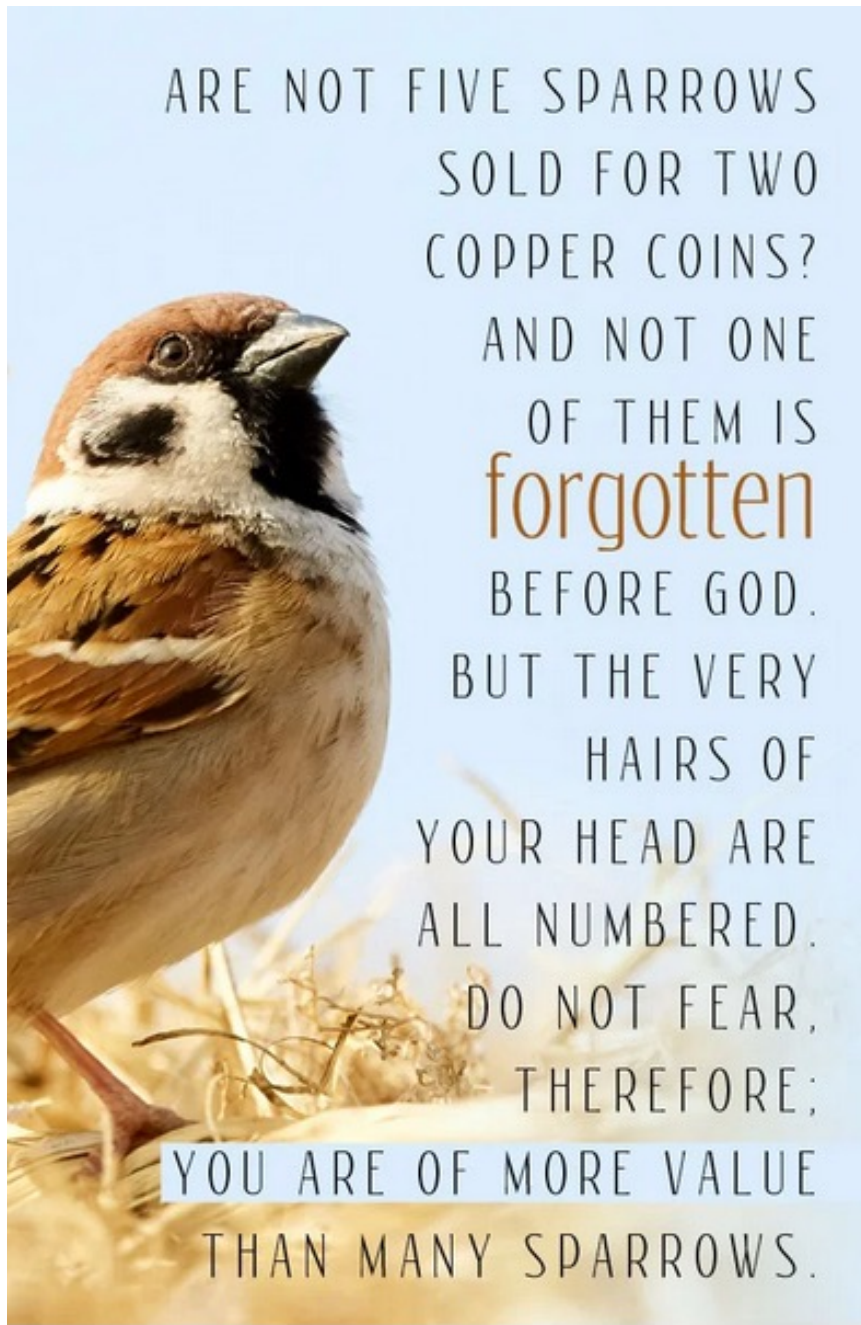


*Jesus' calling for light, and
confronting darkness
offends the traditional
rulers of the people*

Luke 12:1-12
C. When we
Stand up for God



¹ Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.



⁴ “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

⁸ “I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. ⁹ But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

¹¹ “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”





Jesus has
brought us again
to the topic of
End Times...

Several key truths in this section:

1. All matters will be brought to light—*what's whispered will be shouted!*
2. *Opposites:* Jesus brings us to fear then confidence; warning then assurance; a scene of potential disgrace to our hairs all being numbered... *it is an intense sermon!*
3. Public allegiance to Jesus matters, and we must be sure to revere the Holy Spirit, who is always our defender and Counselor.

Jesus affirms that our actions and attitudes matter

What would Jesus' audience think?

*And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me
before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge
before the angels of God.*

Luke 12:8

We've met two broad groups in the passage...

- Crowds of townspeople, and groups of spiritual authorities
- Both are being called to repent
- The backdrop is a coming historic Judgment
- The clash of Kingdoms is evident—Christians may be put on trial
- *Those who are responding to Jesus are told to be confident!*

Jesus is affirming the future realm is very different...



Let's look ahead for a moment at the next chapter...

Chapter 12 will continue with two focal points...

The contrast between relying on wealth or trusting in God

A strong call for watchfulness

If today's passage was about being a pure light,
avoiding hypocrisy, and getting ready to stand before
God...

The next is about pure trust, avoiding greed, and getting ready
to stand before God...

Jesus is heading to Jerusalem, but is pointing his hearers up to
the New Jerusalem...



As we journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem...
...we see the blessing of being in fellowship

As A Child Of God, This is Who You Are!

- (1) I am blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)**
- (2) I was chosen before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in God's sight (Eph. 1:4)**
- (3) I was chosen to be adopted as His child through Christ (Eph. 1:5)**
- (4) I have redemption through His blood (Eph. 1:7)**
- (5) I am forgiven (Eph. 1:7)**
- (6) I have received an eternal inheritance from God (Eph. 1:11)**
- (7) I am identified as God's own by receiving the Holy Spirit
(Eph. 1:13)**



Jesus Loves Me

(8) I am alive in Christ (Eph. 2:5)

(9) I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

(10) I am an example of God's grace (Eph. 2:8)

(11) I am saved by His grace (Eph. 2:8)

(12) I am God's masterpiece (Eph. 2:10)

(13) I belong to Christ (Eph. 2:13)

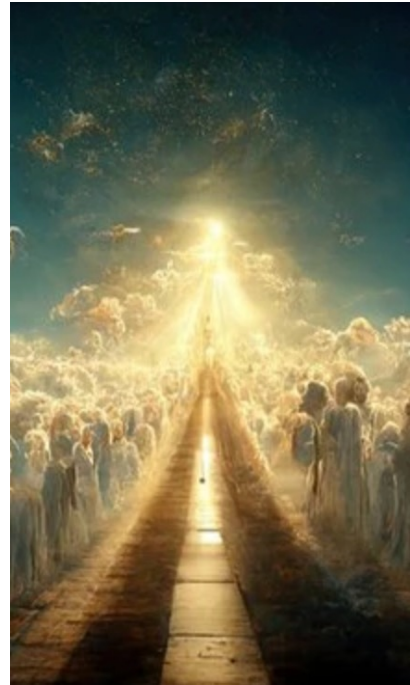
(14) I have direct access to God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

(15) I have peace with God (Romans 5:1)

(16) I am a child of God (John 1:12)

(17) I am indwelled by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16)

(18) I have access to God's wisdom (James 1:5)





JESUS SHALL REIGN!

- (19) I am helped by God (Hebrews 4:16)**
- (20) I am reconciled to God (Romans 8:1)**
- (21) I am not condemned by God (Romans 8:1)**
- (22) I am justified (Romans 5:1)**
- (23) I have Christ's righteousness (Romans 5:19; 2 Corinthians 5:21)**
- (24) I am His ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20)**
- (25) I am completely forgiven (Colossians 1:14)**
- (26) I am tenderly loved by God (Jeremiah 31:3)**
- (27) I am the sweet fragrance of Christ to God (Corinthians 2:15)**

- (28) I am a temple in which God dwells (1 Corinthians 2:16)**
- (29) I am blameless and beyond reproach (Colossians 1:22)**
- (30) I am the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13)**
- (31) I am the light of the world (Matt. 5:14)**
- (32) I am a branch on Christ's vine (John 15:1,5)**
- (33) I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)**
- (34) I am chosen by Christ to bear fruit (John 15:16)**
- (35) I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Romans 8:17)**
- (36) I am united to the Lord, on spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17)**
- (37) I am a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27)**
- (38) I am a saint (Ephesians 1:1)**

(39) I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)

(40) I am a child of the light (1 Thess. 5:5)

(41) I am a holy partaker of God's heavenly calling (Heb. 2:11)

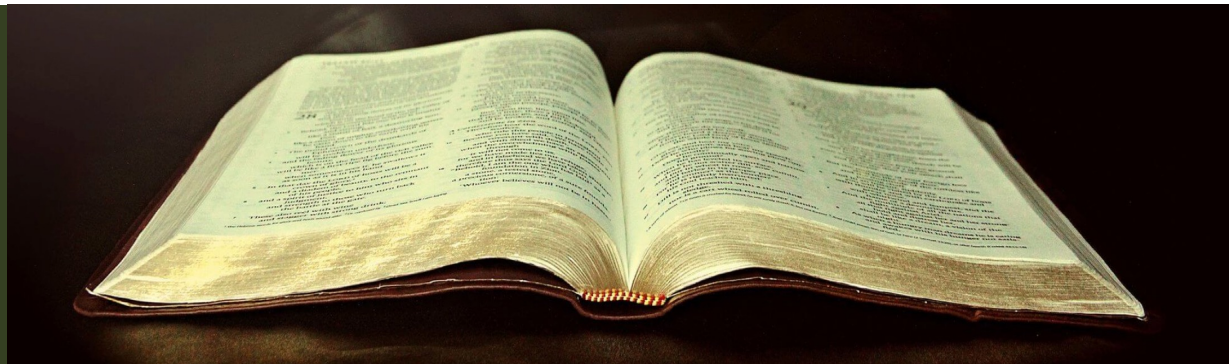
(42) I am sanctified (Heb. 2:11)

(43) I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5)

(44) I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possessions (1 Peter 2:9-10)

(45) I am firmly rooted and built up in Christ (Col. 2:7)

(46) I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me. (1 John 5:18)





(47) I have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16)

(48) I may approach God with boldness, freedom, and confidence (Ephesians 3:12)

(49) I have been rescued from Satan's domain and transferred into the Kingdom of Christ (Colossians 1:13)

(50) I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10)

(51) My needs are met by God (Phil. 4:19)



**ISN'T THAT
ENCOURAGING?**

**LET'S WALK
AND TALK WITH
GOD TODAY**

MAY GOD BLESS
YOU

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- Luke 12:6-7 -