# Miracle Deliverance

## Human Sacrifice and Easter

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An angel interrupts the <u>sacrifice of Isaac</u> by <u>Abraham</u>, with the animal replacement in the background (*The Offering of Abraham, Genesis 22:1-13*, workshop of <u>Rembrandt</u>, 1636)

#### **Good Friday**

Good Friday<sup>[1]</sup> is a Christian <u>religious holiday</u> commemorating the <u>crucifixion of Jesus Christ</u> and his death at <u>Calvary</u>. The holiday is observed during <u>Holy Week</u> as part of the <u>Paschal Triduum</u> on the Friday preceding <u>Easter Sunday</u>, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of <u>Passover</u>. It is also known as **Holy Friday**, **Great Friday**, **Black Friday**, [2][3][4] or **Easter Friday**, though the last term properly refers to the <u>Friday</u> in <u>Easter week</u>.

According to the accounts in the Gospels, the Temple Guards, guided by Jesus' disciple <u>Judas Iscariot</u>, <u>arrested</u> Jesus in the <u>Garden of Gethsemane</u>. Judas received money (<u>30 pieces of silver</u>) (<u>Matthew 26:14–16</u>) for <u>betraying Jesus</u> and told the guards that whomever <u>he kisses</u> is the one they are to arrest. Following his arrest, Jesus was taken to the house of <u>Annas</u>, the father-in-law of the <u>high priest</u>, <u>Caiaphas</u>. There he was interrogated with little result and sent bound to Caiaphas the high priest where the <u>Sanhedrin</u> had assembled (<u>John 18:1–24</u>).

Conflicting testimony against Jesus was brought forth by many witnesses, to which Jesus answered nothing. Finally the high priest adjured Jesus to respond under solemn oath, saying "I adjure you, by the Living God, to tell us, are you the Anointed One, the Son of God?" Jesus testified ambiguously, "You have said it, and in time you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty, coming on the clouds of Heaven." The high priest condemned Jesus for blasphemy, and the Sanhedrin concurred with a sentence of death (Matthew 26:57–66). Peter, waiting in the courtyard, also denied Jesus three times to bystanders while the interrogations were proceeding just as Jesus had predicted.

In the morning, the whole assembly brought Jesus to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate under charges of subverting the nation, opposing taxes to Caesar, and making himself a king (Luke 23:1-2). Pilate authorized the Jewish leaders to judge Jesus according to their own law and execute sentencing; however, the Jewish leaders replied that they were not allowed by the Romans to carry out a sentence of death (John 18:31).

#### **Pilate Questioned Jesus**

<u>Pilate questioned</u> Jesus and told the assembly that there was no basis for sentencing. Upon learning that Jesus was from Galilee, Pilate referred the case to the ruler of <u>Galilee</u>, <u>King Herod</u>, who was in <u>Jerusalem</u> for the <u>Passover</u> Feast. <u>Herod questioned</u> Jesus but received no answer; Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate. Pilate told the assembly that neither he nor Herod found guilt in Jesus; Pilate resolved to have Jesus whipped and released (Luke 23:3–16). Under the guidance of the chief priests, the crowd asked for <u>Barabbas</u>, who had been imprisoned for committing murder during an insurrection. Pilate asked what they would have him do with Jesus, and they demanded, "Crucify him" (Mark 15:6–14). Pilate's wife had seen Jesus in a dream earlier that day, and she forewarned Pilate to "have nothing to do with this righteous man" (Matthew 27:19).

Pilate had Jesus flogged and then brought him out to the crowd to release him. The chief priests informed Pilate of a new charge, demanding Jesus be sentenced to death "because he claimed to be God's son." This possibility filled Pilate with fear, and he brought Jesus back inside the palace and demanded to know from where he came (John 19:1–9).



Antonio Ciseri's depiction of *Ecce Homo* with Jesus and Pontius Pilate, 19th century

#### **Pilate declared Jesus Innocent**

Coming before the crowd one last time, Pilate declared Jesus innocent and washed his own hands in water to show he has no part in this condemnation. Nevertheless, Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified in order to forestall a riot (Matthew 27:24–26) and ultimately to keep his job. The sentence written was "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Jesus carried his cross to the site of execution (assisted by Simon of Cyrene), called the "place of the Skull", or "Golgotha" in Hebrew and in Latin "Calvary". There he was crucified along with two criminals (John 19:17–22).

#### Jesus agonized on the cross for six hours.

During his last three hours on the cross, from noon to 3 pm, <u>darkness fell over the whole land</u>. [13] Jesus spoke from the cross, saying "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

With a loud cry, Jesus gave up his spirit. There was an earthquake, tombs broke open, and the curtain in the Temple was torn from top to bottom. This tear, according to Christian tradition, signified a removal of restriction of the common Jews from the Temple's "Holiest of Holies", and that God's people now could, themselves, communicate directly with their advocate before God, Jesus the Christ, rather than needing the Temple's High Priest as an intercessor The centurion on guard at the site of crucifixion declared, "Truly this was God's Son!" (Matthew 27:45–54).

#### **Secret Follower**

<u>Joseph of Arimathea</u>, a member of the Sanhedrin and secret follower of Jesus, who had not consented to his condemnation, went to Pilate to request the body of Jesus (<u>Luke 23:50–52</u>). Another secret follower of Jesus and member of the Sanhedrin named <u>Nicodemus</u> brought about a hundred-pound weight mixture of spices and helped wrap the body of Jesus (<u>John 19:39–40</u>). Pilate asked confirmation from the centurion of whether Jesus was dead (<u>Mark 15:44</u>). A soldier pierced the side of Jesus with a lance causing blood and water to flow out (<u>John 19:34</u>), and the centurion informed Pilate that Jesus was dead (<u>Mark 15:45</u>).

#### Jesus Died for You!

Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus' body, wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and placed it in his own new tomb that had been carved in the rock (Matthew 27:59–60) in a garden near the site of crucifixion. Nicodemus (John 3:1) also brought 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes, and placed them in the linen with the body, in keeping with Jewish burial customs (John 19:39–40). They rolled a large rock over the entrance of the tomb (Matthew 27:60). Then they returned home and rested, because Shabbat had begun at sunset (Luke 23:54–56). Matthew 28:1 "After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb". i.e. "After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week,.......". "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said..........". (Matthew 28:6).

On the third day, which is now known as Easter Sunday (or Pascha), Jesus rose from the dead. iii

#### **Judaism and Human Sacrifice**

Judaism explicitly forbids human sacrifice, regarding it as murder. Jews view the <u>Akedah</u> as central to the abolishment of human sacrifice. Some Talmudic scholars assert that its replacement is sacrifice of animals at the Temple —using Exodus 13:2–12f; 22:28f; 34:19f; Numeri 3:1ff; 18:15; Deuteronomy 15:19—others view that as superseded by the symbolic <u>parspro-toto</u> sacrifice of the covenant of <u>circumcision</u>. Leviticus 20:2 and Deuteronomy 18:10 specifically outlaw the giving of children to <u>Moloch</u>, making it punishable by stoning; the <u>Tanakh</u> subsequently denounces human sacrifice as barbaric customs of Moloch worshippers (e.g. Psalms 106:37ff). iv

#### Old Testament against Human Sacrifice

Judges chapter 11 contains a story in which a Judge named Jephthah makes a vow to God to sacrifice the first thing that comes out of the door of his house in exchange for God's help with a military battle against the Ammonites. Much to his dismay, his only daughter greeted him upon his triumphant return. Judges 11:39 states that Jephthah kept his vow. According to the commentators of the rabbinic Jewish tradition, Jephthah's daughter was not sacrificed, but was forbidden to marry and remained a spinster her entire life, fulfilling the vow that she would be devoted to the Lord.[21]

The 1st-century CE Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, however, understood this to mean that Jephthah burned his daughter on Yahweh's altar,[102] whilst pseudo-Philo, late first century CE, wrote that Jephthah offered his daughter as a burnt offering because he could find no sage in Israel who would cancel his vow. In other words, this story of human sacrifice is not an order or requirement by God, but the punishment for those who vowed to sacrifice humans.[103][104]

**Human sacrifice** is the act of killing one or more **human** beings, usually as an offering to a deity, as part of a ritual. **Human sacrifice** has been practiced in various cultures throughout **history**.

**Powers of Human Sacrifices working in New Testament** 

Acts 12: 1 "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup> And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. Then were the days of unleavened bread -- (Known as Easter in modern times).

The witchcraft high days were being practiced by the Sadducees and Pharisees who observed the **oral law** which is a <u>code of conduct</u> in use in a given <u>culture, religion</u> or community application, by which a body of rules of human behavior is transmitted by <u>oral tradition</u> and effectively respected, or the single rule that is orally transmitted. The Babylonian "oral law" was being practiced by the Jewish leadership during the time of Jesus and His disciples. Jesus came in the style of an Old Testament, speaking the Word of God with the power of signs and wonders for the purpose of restoring the Word of God to the nation.

Thus the human sacrifice of James, pleased the Jews! "2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup> And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also."

This demonic activity happened during the Jewish Holy Days.

The Greek word translated Easter here is pascha, properly translated everywhere else in the Bible as "Passover." Referring to this mistranslation, Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible says that "perhaps there never was an unhappy, not to say absurd, translation than that in our text." vi

(If Easter doesn't come from the Bible and wasn't practiced by the apostles and early Church, where did it come from?) Human sacrifice is shown since the beginning of recorded history.

## Satan's Powers moves against Disciple of Jesus

Acts 12: 4 "And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; [i.e. four bands of four soldiers each, which were on guard in succession through the four watches of the night - one quaternion for each watch... so that they were in all sixteen; these perhaps might take their turns to watch him by four at a time, two to whom he was chained, and two others to keep the doors; or all the sixteen together, being posted in one place or another for greater security: and it may be, that the reason of all this caution, and strong guard, might be, because it was remembered that he, and the rest of the apostles, when committed to the same prison some years ago, were delivered out of it: vii intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people."

Easter is not a Christian Holiday. It is Pagan and was swept into "Christianity" by the Catholic Church.

#### Warfare Prayer for protection to destroy the Enemy's Power

Acts 12: 5 "Peter therefore was kept in prison: <u>but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.</u> <sup>6</sup> And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison."

The powers of darkness were waging warfare against the flesh of the Lord's disciples. Satan and every devil's assignment were to defeat Jesus Christ's purpose for His life. If they had only known that the killing of Jesus would turn into His victory and our redemption, they would have never crucified the Lord.

#### God's spiritual authority is the most astonishing power in the universe.

The reign of Jesus Christ on earth with His saints is as sure as His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension and High Priestly intercession.

Jesus has always wanted His disciples to participate with Him in spiritual warfare as is shown in (Matthew 26: 40-45), "And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, they will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayer the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

Jesus was able to win the greatest spiritual battle of His life against the powers of darkness without the assistance of His followers. He was victorious through His prayer life to defeat the principalities and powers of Satan, but seemed to be heartbroken that these men were overcome by their corporeal weakness of the flesh and could not participate with his victory. Remember, this battle was occurring before they received their power to overcome by the power of the Holy Ghost as is shown in (Acts 1:8).

#### Prayer of the Saints brings Jesus the Deliver

Acts 12: 8, "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. <sup>8</sup> And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

Jesus delivered Peter who was prepared as a human sacrifice; he was barefoot and nude.

#### Peter was supernaturally delivered by "the Angel of the Lord" [Jesus].

Acts 12: 9 - 11, "And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

Peter's deliverance was supernatural and he thought he was dreaming. The "Angel of the Lord" (Jesus), led him to freedom and from the conspiracy [treachery] between King Herod and the Jews.

#### **Christians Praying but doubted Deliverance**

Acts 12:9 "And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. <sup>13</sup> And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. <sup>14</sup> And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. <sup>15</sup> And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. <sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. <sup>17</sup> But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go **shew these things unto James, and to the brethren**. [not aware that James had been martyred] And he departed, and went into another place.

Acts 12: 18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. They had slept through the deliverance.

The deliverance power of Jesus was hidden from the demons guarding Peter.

#### **King Herod commands Death**

Acts 12:19- 25, And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and there abode. <sup>20</sup> And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

#### Herod proclaimed a god

And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. <sup>22</sup> And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. <sup>23</sup> And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. <sup>24</sup> But the word of God grew and multiplied. <sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

## Vital Prayer in the Life of a Pastor

Edward M. Bounds stresses the imperative of vital prayer in the life of a pastor. He says, "... every preacher who does not make prayer a mighty factor in his own life and ministry is weak as a factor in God's work and is powerless to project God's cause in this world." viii

The prayers of God's saints are the capital stock in heaven by which Christ carries on His great work upon earth. The great throes and mighty convulsions on earth are the results of these prayers. Earth is changed, revolutionized, angels move on more powerful, more rapid wing, and God's policy is shaped as the prayers are more numerous, more efficient. ix

What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use--men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men-- men and women of prayer. x

#### **Dead Sermons**

The sermon cannot rise in its life-giving forces above the man. Dead men give out dead sermons, and dead sermons kill.

Everything depends on the spiritual character of the preacher. Under the Jewish dispensation the high priest had inscribed in jeweled letters on a golden frontlet: "Holiness to the power of love must be in the preacher as a projecting, eccentric, an all-commanding, self-oblivious force. The energy of self-denial must be his being, his heart and blood and bones. He must go forth as a man among men, clothed with humility, abiding in meekness, wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove; the bonds of a servant with the spirit of a king, a king in high, royal, in dependent bearing, with the simplicity and sweetness of a child. The preacher must throw himself, with all the abandon of a perfect, self-emptying faith and a self-consuming zeal, into his work for the salvation of men. Hearty, heroic, compassionate, fearless martyrs must the men be who take hold of and shape a generation for God. If they be timid time servers, place seekers, if they be men pleasers or men fearers, if their faith has a weak hold on God or his Word, if their denial be broken by any phase of self or the world, they cannot take hold of the Church nor the world for God. xi

#### The pulpit of this day is weak in praying.

The pride of learning is against the dependent humility of prayer. Prayer is with the pulpit too often only official--a performance for the routine of service. Prayer is not to the modern pulpit the mighty force it was in Paul's life or Paul's ministry.

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## Origins of the name "Easter"

The name "Easter" originated with the names of an ancient Goddess and God. The Venerable Bede, (672-735 CE), a Christian scholar, first asserted in his book De Ratione Temporum that Easter was named after Eostre (a.k.a. Eastre). She was the Great Mother Goddess of the Saxon people in Northern Europe. Similarly, the "Teutonic dawn goddess of fertility [was] known variously as Ostare, Ostara, Ostern, Eostra, Eostre, Eostur, Eastra, Eastur, Austron and Ausos." 1 Her name was derived from the ancient word for spring: "eastre." Similar Goddesses were known by other names in ancient cultures around the Mediterranean, and were celebrated in the springtime. xiii

#### Some were:

- 1. Aphrodite, named Cytherea (Lady of Cythera) and Cypris (Lady of Cyprus) after the two places which claimed her birth.
- 2. Ashtoreth from ancient Israel
- 3. Astarte from ancient Greece
- 4. Demeter from Mycenae
- 5. Hathor from ancient Egypt
- 6. Ishtar from Assyria
- 7. Kali, from India; and
- 8. Ostara a Norse Goddess of fertility.

#### An alternative explanation has been suggested.

- 1. The name given by the Frankish church to Jesus' resurrection festival included the Latin word "alba" which means "white." (This was a reference to the white robes that were worn during the festival.) "Alba" also has a second meaning: "sunrise." When the name of the festival was translated into German, the "sunrise" meaning was selected in error.
- 2. This became "ostern" in German. Ostern has been proposed as the origin of the word "Easter". 2

#### There are two popular beliefs about the origin of the English word "Sunday."

- 1. It is derived from the name of the Scandinavian sun Goddess Sunna (a.k.a. Sunne, Frau Sonne). 5, 6.
- 2. It is derived from "Sol," the Roman God of the Sun." Their phrase "Dies Solis" means "day of the Sun." The Christian saint Jerome (d. 420 CE) commented:
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"If it is called the day of the sun by the pagans, we willingly accept this name, for on this day the Light of the world arose, on this day the Sun of Justice shone forth." xiv

#### Modern-day Neopaganism

<u>Wiccans</u> and other modern-day <u>Neopaganism</u> continue to celebrate the Spring Equinox as one of their 8 yearly Sabbats (holy days of celebration). Near the Mediterranean, this is a time of sprouting of the summer's crop; farther north, it is the time for seeding. Their rituals at the Spring Equinox are related primarily to the fertility of the crops and to the balance of the day and night times. In those places where Wiccans can safely celebrate the Sabbat out of doors without threat of religious persecution, they often incorporate a bonfire into their rituals, jumping over the dying embers is believed to assure fertility of people and crops.<sup>xv</sup>

## Warfare Prayer for Protection to Destroy the Enemy's Power

"Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, I have sinned through sex addiction in many ways. I ask for your forgiveness, cleansing, guidance, strength, protection and healing for every step along this journey. Father, please create in me a clean heart, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. I commit myself to serving you from this point on in my life, and ask that you will accomplish Your will in my life and not my own. You are my King and I am Your servant. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. Teach me Your ways that I may walk in them for the rest of my life.

#### **Supremacy of Christ**

We praise You Father God for The Supremacy of Christ over all the all the power of Satan and his hosts. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by

himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" Hebrews 1:1-3-4-5.

He has made us "More Than Conquerors" Romans 8:37. 2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

You have been given the victory through Christ's victory – no matter what giant has and is presenting itself as an obstacle to the accomplishment of that conquest. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

You have His Word on it – so just lay down your life – the right to yourself - and be planted deeply in the soil of abidance and He will raise you up in His victorious resurrection power (Isaiah 37:31; John 12:24-25). Jesus is coming beloved – are you hidden in Him? – Dead to self as He is raising you up for His blessed glory? (2 Corinthians 4:10-12; Colossians 3:3). Colossians 2:10, "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power..."

Thank You, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen." xvi

#### **Blot out my Transgressions**

#### Psalm 51

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup> Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. <sup>16</sup> For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a

contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. <sup>18</sup> Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

#### Root up

Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, we ask that you root up and destroy every invisible barrier that is working over our family, health, finances, salvation and ministry, barriers that are constructed and enforced through spoken word curses, Blood line Curses, iron like curses, witchcraft prayers, necromancy, amulets, candle burning, hoodoo, voodoo, charismatic witchcraft, Jezebels witchcraft, homemade witchcraft, hexes, vexes, envy, jealousy, evil eye stares, astral projections, enchantments, demonic hand writings and ordinances, group psychic meditations, and ungodly soul ties to the living and the dead, evil angels, dark angels, ancestral spirits in the name of Jesus Christ, according to Acts 19:19, Job 14:17, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Matthew 13:41-42, Job 4:8-9.

Father God, You have called us for such a time as this according to Numbers33:52-56

#### **Drive out all inhabitants**

"Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: 53 And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it. 54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit. 55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. 56 Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them."

We divide every demonic house and bring them to total desolation in Jesus' name. We command division in the enemy's camp and ask the Father send His warring angels to attack and defeat Satan's Kingdom that has been sent against us and our families.

Matt 12:25-26 And Jesus knew their thoughts, (these are people thinking) and said unto them, every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 but if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

## **Oppose the Powers of Satan's Kingdom**

Jesus came to oppose the powers of Satan's kingdom and rescue people who ensnared by the powers of darkness. Jesus, pointing out that he was in opposition to Satan's demons by the power of God which divided Satan's power and gives success against his kingdom.

Jesus demonstrates here that Satan wishes to preside over territorial realms where people are

spiritually unified to his kingdom. (Revelation 17:13), "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast," In Matthew 12:26, Jesus reveals that there is a division between His Kingdom and the kingdom of the Devil. "And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?"

#### **Destroy force of Unity**

Father You brought Spirit of Confusion

Satan understands the force of unity that brings about his agenda. At the same time, he knows the influence of division that he inspires in Christianity also.

Father You have given us the power to warn, rebuke, preach to them, bind the driving devils that motivate them, speak the Word to them, cry out to God for their souls.... No one is placing curses on them; we are doing the Word just as the Apostles and prophets of the past and bind and warring against the demonic forces that have them bound.

It/s been so long since preachers have preached about salvation, they have no idea of the meaning of it.

We pray for every witch and wizard who are entrapped by the power of darkness and call out for Your mercy on their souls. Open their eyes Lord that can see Your truth and repent. You have compassion on every soul that You died for and as You opened the heart of Simon the Sorcerer, we plead for You to draw to repentance all of Satan's captives into repentance and Holy Ghost reveal His Divine solution for their freedom, is receiving Jesus Christ.

Father God destroy with vengeances every known and unknown invisible wall and barrier that is a hindrance to our lives, prosperity, business and ministry. God, rip it up from top to bottom, everything that has stopped the flowing of our progress or make necessary changes to bring our goals, our dreams, our destiny, our hidden potentials and the will of God for our lives in the name of Jesus Christ according to Jeremiah 50:15, Psalm 68:17, Jeremiah 30:22-24.

Father God we ask that You destroy every obstacle, and every Jericho wall that is in our lives, walls summoned by satanic forces that are constructed to block the release of our blessings, and set time of favor in the name of Jesus Christ according to Joshua 6:20, Isaiah 25:11-12.

We bind in everlasting chains Ephesians 1:21all principalities, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; every wicked spirit, every dark angel, every evil angel, every familiar spirit, every ancestral spirit, every unclean spirit, every python spirit, every spirit wife, every spirit husband, every imp, every demon, every power from the grave that forms these barriers, watches these gates, enforces these walls, binds these yokes, and every smith that forms these weapons; we cast you out of your position of power and authority with the finger of God in the name of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:41-42, 2 Peter 2:4, Exodus 8:19, Mark 3:27, Luke 11:20, Isaiah 54:17. "For thus sayeth the LORD of hosts; the broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labor in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary."

#### **Destroy every High Gate**

Father God, destroy every high gate and barrier that is set up against our mental, physical, and financial breakthroughs in the name of Jesus Christ according to Jer. 51:58, and send your warrior angels to breakthrough every barrier as did David's 3 mighty men in the name of Jesus Christ according to 2 Samuel 23:16. We, Thank You for sending Michael and Your end time warrior angels to annihilate every 3-fold cord barrier, every stumbling block, trick, deception, snare, trap, and ruse that repeats cycles, caused by the sign of the times and seasons in the name of Jesus Christ according to Revelation 12:7-9, Psalm 68:17.

### In agreement with Jesus

In agreement with Jesus, our Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow." We take authority and destroy every snare: every snare of the fowler; snares of poverty, snares of backwardness, snares of stagnation, snares of procrastination, snares of sabotage, snares connected to blood line curses, snares from ancestral spirits, snares of mammon, poverty, and fear that form a threefold cord, that are time released to block, hinder and discourage at the point of every breakthrough in our lives in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Confusion in Enemy Camp**

We confuse Satan and his hosts of hell and their abilities to bring snares such as, snares of being in the right place at the wrong time, snares of being a day late and a dollar short, snares of shame from your past, snares of too little too late, snares of if I would of, could of, should of. We uncover, uproot, dismantle, purge and destroy with fire every known and unknown deep secret snares in our lives; and destroy with the fire of the Holy Ghost every snare connected to family secrets in the name of Jesus Christ; "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence," in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Breaking three-cord Barrier**

God we ask that you remove every 3-fold cord barrier that has been caused by sin, disobedience, and not tithing consistently. God we repent, and confess our faults, and seek your forgiveness so that we can receive the finances to start giving and tithing consistently in the name of Jesus Christ according to 1 John 1:7, 9.

#### **Closing every point of Entry**

God, close every door at the point of entry and remove every barrier caused by the sins of our fathers, in the name of Jesus according to Lev 26:40-42, "If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; 41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land."

For your word says, if they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me.

And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

#### **Father we Repent**

Father, we repent, You said, Luke 24:47, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." And we ask that You break and release us, revive us, restore us, through the same spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead to bring us into divine quickening, and Lord God we bless your Holy name and we praise You, we give You the glory, we give You the honor, we thank You for the grace that we need to endure in the name of Jesus Christ.

## **Divine Judgment**

By the power of the Holy Ghost we release divine judgment and total destruction against every specially designed satanic and witchcraft barrier assigned to our family and our lives since birth in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God send thee anointing, the spirit of might, as you anointed Samson to uproot the gates of Gaza, anoint us Lord God to uproot these gates in our lives in the name of Jesus Christ according to Judges 16:3; 2 Chr. 26:5-6.

We release divine judgment and destruction against every barrier of impossibility attached to our lives through witchcraft and ancestral covenants in the name of Jesus.

#### Calling down Fire of God

We command fire to come down from the throne room of God, to burn, destroy, desolate, throw down, and annihilate every wall, every barrier that acts as a fortress and a blockade over the release of our blessings, and our breakthroughs in the name of Jesus Christ according Amos 2:2-3; Gen 19:24, 27.

The LORD Jesus said: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." (Matthew. 11:25) From this statement we know that God actually hides His truth from those who are wise in their own eyes and reveals it to those who are humble and broken before Him. Those who elevate self through man-instituted religious hierarchy are doomed to destruction, (Matthew. 16:18; 23). Praise You for Your Divine Protection Father God. The LORD tryeth the righteous; but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest; this shall be the portion of their cup.

#### No Weapon Formed against us

We praise You Father God for Your Divine protection in the name of Jesus Christ, no weapon that is formed against us shall prosper. Isaiah says, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise in judgment against thee thou shalt condemn" (Isaiah 54:17). Its defense, Isaiah says, shall be immaterial. "We have a strong city; salvation shall God appoint for walls and bulwarks" (Isaiah 26:1); "thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates

praise" Isaiah 60:18). By a different figure it is said, "I will encamp about mine house because of the army" (Zechariah 9:8). As Isaiah says, "The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Isaiah 60:19); and of Christ, "In that day shall the Branch of the Lord be Beauty and Glory-to the escaped of Israel"(Isaiah 4:2). God destroy every yoke, for you said that you shall loose the bands of wickedness and the yokes shall be destroyed because of the anointing according to Isaiah 10:27. Lord we lift up our voice like a shofar as did your priests and the children of Israel, in the name of Jesus Christ according to Hebrews 11:30.

#### Gates of Hell shall not Prevail

Father God we thank you, for giving us this testimony that gates of hell shall not prevail. God, release the faith, the power, and the anointing from on high, that is needed to prevail against the gates of hell, gates of sickness, gates of poverty, gates of oppression, gates of depression, gates of lethargy, gates of wandering, gates of confusion, gates of the grave. God, destroy every gate of hell that is known and unknown in the name of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 16:18, Deuteronomy 1:30, Jeremiah 51:58.

Lord God, You said, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise in judgment against thee thou shalt condemn" (Isaiah 54:17). Its defense, Isaiah says, shall be of no importance. "We have a strong city; salvation shall God appoint for walls and bulwarks" (Isaiah 26:1) Jesus is our barricade and the Holy Ghost is our Wall of fire, Zech.2:5. "thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates praise" Isaiah 60:18). Ps 86:12-15; "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. 13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. 14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth."

By a different figure it is said, "I will encamp about mine house because of the army" (Zechariah 9:8). As Isaiah says, "The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Isaiah 60:19); and of Christ, "In that day shall the Branch of the Lord be Beauty and Glory-to the escaped of Israel" (Isaiah 4:2).

His name shall endure forever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

#### **Binding powers of Witchcraft**

Psalms 25 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. 3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. 4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. 8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. 9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek

will he teach his way. 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. 11 For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. 12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. 13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. 15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. 18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.xvii

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the manifestation of this prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!!

We pray for every witch and wizard who are entrapped by the power of darkness and call out for Your mercy on their souls. Open their eyes Lord that can see Your truth and repent. You have compassion on every soul that You died for and as You opened the heart of Simon the Sorcerer, we plead for You to draw to repentance all of Satan's captives into repentance and Holy Ghost reveal His Divine solution for their freedom, is receiving Jesus Christ. ~ Amen, and We Proclaim the VICTORY IN CHRIST JESUS WHO WAS, IS, AND IS TO COME!! Those opposed and working against His Kingdom, may your powers come down never to be able and used again; we bind that spirit operating against and command them silent, useless and sent to the feet of Jesus Christ allowing His will for you. Jesus your Word says that all witchcrafts will cease and I ask for that to compass now in this time to give time to those in need and seeking, those bound and those lost yet desirous of Love and Salvation, Freedom to the oppressed, restoration to those broken and Hope for the fainthearted and courage to the fearful. Arise and be righteous in this land, victorious and PRAISE by all Creation, for You Alone are Worthy and We Praise You Jesus Christ Thank You, all Praise and Glory.

## **Scriptures for prayers**

#### **Scriptures on Anger**

Psalm 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Psalm 38:3, There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.

Psalm 103:8, The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Proverbs 15:1, A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Proverbs 15:18, A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeareth strife.

Proverbs 16:32, He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Proverbs 19:11, The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Ecclesiastes 7:9, Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Ephesians 4:31, Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

Colossians 3:8, But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

#### **Scriptures on Faith**

Habbakuk 2:4. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Romans 3:28, Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 10:17, So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2 Corinthians 5:7, For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Galatians 2:20, I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 3:26, For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Hebrews 10:38, Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Hebrews 11:4, By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Hebrews 11:5, By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God

Hebrews 11:7, By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Hebrews 11:8, By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Hebrews 11:21, By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

Hebrews 11:30, By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.

#### **Scriptures on Healing**

Psalm 6:2, Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

Psalm 30:2, O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Psalm 41:4 I, said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

Psalm 42:11, Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 103:2-3, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Psalm 107:20, He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalm 147:3, He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Proverbs 4:20-22, My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not

depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 16:24, Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. Jeremiah 17:4, Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Matthew 10:8, Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

James 5:16, Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

#### **Scriptures On Hope**

Psalm 38:15, For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

Psalm 39:7, And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

Psalm 42:5, Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Psalm 71:5, For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

Psalm 119:81, My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Psalm 119:114, Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Psalm 119:116, Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Psalm 130:5, I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

Lamentations 3:24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

#### **Scriptures on Prosperity**

Deuteronomy 29:9, Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Job 36:11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

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Psalm 1:3, And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Proverbs 28:13, He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Isaiah 55:11, So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

#### **Scriptures On Fear**

Leviticus 19:14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 25:17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 3:22 Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God he shall fight for you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

1 Samuel 22:23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

Psalm 56:4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 3:25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the Lord tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isaiah 41:13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

2 Chronicles7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Psalms 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Isaiah 48:17 Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Romans 4:20; Romans4:21 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

2 Samuel 22:33 2 Samuel 22:41 33 God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect. 34 He maketh my feet like hinds feet: and setteth me upon my high places. 35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. 36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great. 37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip. 38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed

them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. 39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet. 40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me. 41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

#### **Scriptures of Strength**

Isaiah 40:28 - Isaiah 40:31 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Ephesians 6:10 - Ephesians 6:18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 2 Corinthians 10:3; 2 Corinthians 10:5 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, 1 Samuel 17:45.

1 Samuel 17:47 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lords, and he will give you into our hands. Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Revelations 12:11, And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Romans 12:2, And be not conformed to this world: but ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 13:12, The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Psalms 34:7, The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

#### **Scriptures Protection**

Psalms 91:1, He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come night hy dwelling. 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation. Psalms 125:2, As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

Luke 18:27, And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God Luke 21:18, But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

Matthew 12:20, A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

John 16:33, These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Revelations 3:21, To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelations 17:14, These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Luke 10:19, Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Romans 8: 37, Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Philippians 2:13, For it is God which worked in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 1 John 5:4, For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 John 4:4, Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Revelations 15:2, And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelations 19:6, And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent

reigneth.

1 John 3:8, He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Ephesians 3:20, Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.

Philippians 4:19, But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

John 14:27, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

1 Colossians 15:58, Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, alway abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Jude 1:20; Jude 1:21 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 1:25 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

James 5:16 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Psalms 6, The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

2 Kings 6:17, And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Isaiah 52:7, How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Josiah 23:10, One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

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