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What is A Levite?

Beloved One,

In the earliest days of Israel's history, God designated one of her twelve tribes, the tribe of Levi, to serve as His original priestly people. That is where the term 'Levite' comes from. The Levites were the priestly tribe for the other eleven. They were just as sinful, corrupt and contaminated as any other humans, but God taught and trained them to minister to Him in His awesome, dread-inspiring, Holy Presence. What follows was their tremendous job description:

“At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, unto this day. Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.”
(Deuteronomy 10:8-9 KJV emphasis added)

For centuries, under the law and order of the Old Covenant, God's Presence remained in the midst of Israel--first in tents, and later in temples of wood and stone. The Levites would minister to God in either the 'Tent of Meeting' or 'The Temple' in Jerusalem. Only Levites could approach God's Presence and perform the temple duties. Everything had to be done under very strict conditions and procedures as spelled out in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). Once a year, during the Feast of Atonement, one of them, the High Priest, could actually enter into the inner sanctuary chamber in the heart of the Temple, called the Holy of Holies, where God abided.

On that one day, the designated High Priest of Israel had the awesome charge of going into God's Presence, to reconfirm and reestablish the Blood Covenant God had initiated with the nation. The Levite offered the blood of slain animals that served as covenant substitutes for him and the rest of the people. Through those slain, sacrificial substitutes that prefigured Christ, God made it possible for Israel to be restored to fellowship with Him, and to offer acceptable atonement for all the sin of the preceding year.

When the Son of God came to earth as a man, He was sacrificed, as our Eternal Covenant Representative and Substitute. His death made infinite Atonement for all sin—past, present, and future. God's judgment against sin was perfectly, eternally satisfied by the infinite value of the sacrifice. The authority of the life and blood of Christ was enough to make any other further sacrifice forever irrelevant, redundant and unnecessary. Finally, there was perfect peace between God and man.

When Jesus died on the cross, He was the perfect sacrifice chosen before the creation of the world to make atonement for our sins. Until His sacrificial death on the cross was completed, temporal animal sacrifices were used by the priests to make atonement for sin, allowing the High Priest to enter through the curtain of the temple into God's presence in the Holy Of Holies. But when the perfect, eternal, atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ was complete, there was no longer a need for the temporal Old Covenant Temple.

“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple (that separated God's presence from sinful mankind) was torn in two from top to bottom!” (Matthew 27:50-51 emphasis added)

Upon Jesus' death, the presence of God left the temporal Old Covenant Temple and moved into the New Covenant Temple created by God and now purified by the blood of Jesus. Just as the presence of God resided in the Temple in Jerusalem under the Old Covenant, God's presence resides in His Temple today. The difference is, His Temple is no longer made of wood and stone, but instead it is you and me.

“As you come to Him (Christ), the Living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:4-5 emphasis added)

We, brothers and sisters in Christ, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house. We are living temples of God's Holy Presence. The Old Covenant Levitical Priests were called to bear the Ark of the Covenant. Whenever God commanded His people to go, the Priests would carry the Ark in which His presence resided. Like the Old Covenant Levitical Priests, we have been called to bear the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, but the Ark is no longer something external, it is who we are. As His Temples, we are the Ark of the Covenant, for His presence resides in us. He abides in us both day and night. We bring God's Presence wherever we go—to the rest of the unbelieving world. We are 'God Bringers'!

If we believe God at His Word, that indeed “It is finished”, then we need to grasp and begin experiencing the awesome Reality of Christ in us. We need to become aware of who we are in Christ. Not so we focus on ourselves, but so that we begin to focus on the One who is living in us. We need to embrace the reality of what God has already done in our

spirits and get in tune with what He is presently doing in our innermost being.

Through the Living God living in us, we have infinite Covenant resources at our disposal. We are co-heirs with Jesus Christ, and we are included in the Eternal Covenant of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are God's children—designed and equipped to be the living, moving, image and likeness of our indwelling God at all times. We have been commissioned to bring His Holy Presence, Power, Authority, Love, Mercy, Peace and Joy into every bit of life we experience. But in many cases we seldom, if ever, recognize that He is living in us, let alone abide or interact with Him.

Now God calls us to become one of His New Covenant Levites. The Levites of the New Covenant are true disciples of the Lord. They live with Him day and night. They are one with God the Father and the Son, because they have been infused with God's Holy Spirit. They abide in God's indwelling Presence as He abides within their spirits.

Levites put 100% of their faith, hope and expectation on God. They rely on Him, submit to Him, and obey Him with total trust and outrageous confidence. They stand by Him with total Blood Covenant love, loyalty, and faithfulness. They live in God's Presence, consciously and willingly. They stand before their Creator, day and night, to minister to Him.

Just as God Himself was the only inheritance for Old Covenant Levites, He gives Himself as inheritance to all New Covenant Levites as well. He has given Himself to us to be our EVERYTHING through Christ. We need not look to any created thing as our source of provision, protection, or well-being. God Himself is ALL IN ALL, to His Levites

These daily meditations form an avenue through which the Holy Spirit will transmit the reality of 'Christ in you' into your inner being. With your obedient cooperation, and heartfelt acceptance of Him, He will focus your mind and unite your heart firmly upon Himself. He will transform your heart into His own personal Holy of Holies. It will become the private inner Sanctuary that you alone can share with Him. This awesome freedom to interact with God is our privilege, honor and destiny. We now serve as living members of Christ's Body. God supplies us with His Grace, Power and Presence as we go out into a world of unbelievers. Father God is revealing His Son to the world through our flesh.

As you interact with God in this devotional, I pray you will begin to experience the fullness of your inheritance as God's New Covenant Levite. May the New Covenant Reality and the Eternal Blessing of your indwelling Lord become a predominant part of you. May His Spiritual Reality be burned into your innermost being. May His Presence become so obvious in you that it will separate you from your self-life past, and radiate Christ Himself to whatever is around you. May He be felt and experienced and have His transforming effect on anything and anyone you touch. Go with God, dear 'God Bringer', the world is waiting to see Jesus! So, go and take Him to them!

John Marquez

Guide To Using This Devotional

This devotional is not designed to be another study about God, but is instead designed to help one learn to interact with the Living God living inside of them. Accordingly, each day's devotional is written in a dialogue format between the reader and God.

In the devotional pages that follow, different fonts are used to denote the various parts in this interactive dialogue.

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Reader Font:

The font in this sentence represents the words being spoken by the reader to God.

God Font:

The font in this sentence represents the words being spoken by God to the reader.

A 31-day format has been selected for this devotional so that the reader will be encouraged to go through its entirety each month.

Day 1

Lord, Here I Am

“My Lover spoke and said to me, ‘Arise, My darling, My beautiful one, and come with Me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in Our Land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, My darling; My beautiful one, come with Me.’” (Song of Songs 2:10-13)

“Beloved one, I AM here, with you and in you. How will you respond to Me?”

My Lord, You called me to join You in Your Eternal Covenant, to be One with You forever. You have made of me Your own Sanctuary, where You abide always. You have loved and desired me to be this close to You from all eternity. You have actually made a God-Bringer out of me! I have the privilege of bearing Your indwelling Presence with me wherever I go.

Why Lord? Why, when I was conceived in sin and have so contaminated myself with it since my youth, do You honor me so much? What am I to You that You would value and treasure me to this unfathomable extent? Why did You so gladly endure such unspeakable agony to cleanse and

purify me to perfection with Your own, infinitely precious, atoning Blood? What am I to You that you would endure so much just to have me and be with me like this, on a permanent basis?

“My beloved, how can I explain it to you in a way that you would understand? I AM the Living God. I AM LOVE! That’s the way LOVE IS. That is what LOVE DOES! How could you imagine Me to be or do anything else?”

You are right, my Lord. How could I fathom such mysteries of Love? I give up. I cannot comprehend it. Nevertheless, I can respond to Your call. I give myself to You with all my heart, soul and strength. Yes, Lord, I dare to open myself to You, to the Living God of all Creation. Here I am before You knowing that as I am penetrated by Your gaze, You know me like no other—my past, present and future, spirit soul and body, all are open before You. You know me perfectly as only the Creator can know. And yet, You love, accept and desire me for Your very own.

The joy that was set before you was to do our Father’s will. And His will was to be one with me. You made it possible Lord, gladly enduring the crucified life you lived on earth. You embraced humiliation, shame and utter infamy even to death. I am part of the reward of your obedience, the prize for which you endured such suffering.

I give You what you have always desired—my heart, my love, my devotion and my single-minded reliance and trust in You. You are my Love and my God. I have no other. I need no other. There is no other, only You my Lord, only You.

Day 2

Lord, You Are My Shepherd

“The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His Name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in (and be) the house of the LORD forever.”
(Psalm 23 emphasis added)

*Precious Lord, You were with Joseph in Egypt. But now, You are with me in an even better way. **YOU ARE IN ME!** You’ve done everything necessary, at enormous cost, to make me Your own. You redeemed me out of unspeakable bondage, pursuing, wooing and revealing Yourself to me in the most compelling ways.*

*I’m beginning to know You enough to finally stop running, bargaining, qualifying and restricting my response to you. I know You enough to be able to say, “Here I am, give me the strength and ability to remain utterly abandoned to You. Do as You will with me, my Lord. I am completely, **WILLINGLY, Yours.**”*

I can now begin to trust You without reservation, with all of my heart, mind and will. I can do this, for You are airtight in Your Faithfulness. Lord, I don't want to hold anything back from You. I want everything about me to be Yours. You are mine wholeheartedly, and You empower me to choose to be Yours in the same way.

Let nothing stand between us, my Lord. Let there not be even one speck of my heart and soul that is 'off limits' to You. Look at me. Examine me, through and through, and deal with whatever You see. You are my Shepherd. I am your lamb. Examine every inch of me, inside and out. Cleanse me when I'm soiled, free me when I'm entangled. Apply Your balm to my chafed and irritated parts. Deal with anything that You know harms or diminishes the perfection You impart to me. Forge and prepare me to be Your image and likeness, that I may serve Your good pleasure.

Guard me jealously, as only You can do. Possess my spirit, soul and body. Redeem every speck of my past, present and future. Maintain me as Your fit and proper dwelling place, that you may abide and reveal Yourself to me, in me and through me. I know this is what You've always wanted. I know that having me as Your very own absolutely pleases and fulfills You. I will give You that fulfillment. I will caress Your beloved face. By Your grace and power, I will be Your image and likeness and reflect You out to all the rest of Your Creation. I will love and serve You. I will concern myself with Your feelings and desires and plans for the future.

Day 3

Lord, Once I Searched, But Now I Abide

“When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD; then he was no more, because God took Him away.” (Genesis 5:21-24)

“By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD, BECAUSE ANYONE WHO COMES TO HIM MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM.” (Hebrews 11:5-6 emphasis added)

My Lord, You reward those that earnestly seek You. When they are desperate to know You, You reveal Yourself and become their Great Reward! At the beginning, when You first rescue us, we are slaves to self, knowing only slavery to our own self-driven ways. But You break the chains that bind us and the domination of all that enslaves us. Then, gently, tenderly, You lead us out of those dark regions and

into the wilderness, where nothing is familiar and desolate stillness is the norm. When you have us all to Yourself, You get our full attention and we truly, finally, come to know You. In revealing Yourself and bonding us to Yourself by Your Covenant, you reward us forever with all that You are.

“My beloved, in your earliest years you did not know Me. Later, because of your continual emptiness and pain, you sought Me. I appeared to you. I led you out of being a slave to a self-focused life. I enabled you to see what the living death of independence from Me was actually doing to you. You began to realize that there are no other gods but Me. I AM your Everything! I AM LOVE! When you surrender to Me, I fuse My Spirit into yours, and you are one with Me in My Eternal Covenant.”

“Now that you know Me and we are one, you no longer need to search for Me, for I AM always here, living in you, one with you. Now beloved, if you persist in searching for Me, it’s because you choose to remain ignorant and blind to My indwelling Presence. When you are ignorant, you are IGNORING Me! How foolish you are when you look all around you for the blessings of the Living God that abide within you!”

“I gave you eyes and ears with which to know Me. Use them. Connect with Me. Stay with me. I am with you. I am IN YOU! Learn to hear My voice. Give Me your hospitality. I will teach you My ways and My Covenant. I desire to reveal My heart and most personal and secret ways to you. For all eternity, we are one. You are before My loving gaze forever. When will your heart become—My true Abode?”

Day 4

Lord, Where Is Your Kingdom?

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!’ Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (Matthew 7:21-24)

Father, Your chosen forerunner John, proclaimed Christ’s coming with these words:

**“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!”
(Matthew 3:2)**

Then, Your Son came after him saying the very same thing. Even today, many read those words and endlessly search for Your Kingdom, as if it were still just outside the threshold of their life, waiting for it to appear, right around the corner. They search but never find. It’s always in the future, just out of reach, always near at hand, but never actually—HERE!

Why, Father? Why is Your Kingdom always near, but never present to so many? Why is it never fully operative in us? The Atonement is finished. Christ is already risen and enthroned and glorified at Your side. When will Your Kingdom be established on earth? Should it not be here already, IN US ?

“My beloved child, Christ is King and Lord of all Creation. I have given Him all Authority in heaven and on earth. But My Kingdom remains outside of most hearts because they do not truly acknowledge Him as King of their hearts! When He actually is your one and only King, Lord, Owner and Master, His Kingship enters you and you BECOME MY KINGDOM! As soon as His reign is fully established over your own heart and soul, the King and the Kingdom of Heaven are free to abide within you. That’s when you and God finally become—ONE!”

“In the New Covenant, it is no longer a matter of searching for My Kingdom. It is about being My Kingdom. God appears in you as soon as Christ is enthroned as your true King and Lord. When we are One in mind, will and affections, there is no separation. When you identify with Christ and become His own personal abode, the I AM is fused into you by the Holy Spirit and reigns over you to the fullest extent. Then you no longer have to search for me or travel to where I AM. You become My image and likeness, and the eternal desire of My heart to have you is finally fulfilled!”

Then, my Lord, I stop my searching, and bow before Your Son, in endless acceptance, adoration and obedience.

Day 5

Lord, Your Truth Has Set Me Free

“Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence. All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning. If I had said, ‘I will speak thus,’ I would have betrayed Your children. When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me...

TILL I ENTERED THE SANCTUARY OF GOD;

THEN I UNDERSTOOD...” (Psalm 73:13-17)

Lord, I’ve done everything I can think of to know You better. I’ve listened to teachers expound Your Scriptures. I’ve read them myself. I’ve read books and attended seminars and classes about You. I’ve gone to worship services and set aside time for devotions and poured out my heart to You in prayer. What more can I do? How can I know You more?

“Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answered, ‘I AM The Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except

through Me. If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.” (John 14:5-7)

“Beloved one, your fallen intellect strives to learn more and more facts that somehow concern Me. It seeks to learn what others think and say ABOUT Me. You tell me what you want and what you think you need, but something is missing. You are so busy learning about Me and telling Me what’s on your heart, that you fail to ENTER THE STILLNESS OF THE SANCTUARY OF GOD, THAT I MIGHT REVEAL MYSELF AND MY HEART TO YOU!”

“‘God, where is Your Sanctuary?’ you ask. Beloved, in the days of Moses My sanctuary was in a tent. In Solomon’s day, it was in a man-made temple made of stone and wood. But, in the New and Eternal Covenant, ushered into time and space by My atoning Death and Resurrection, the days for that kind of Sanctuary are over. I have made a New Temple for Myself. I now abide within YOU—at all times! You are My Temple now. I abide in your spirit. Now I can meet with you in your own heart and soul! You are My personal Sanctuary. But as long as you fail to embrace and live in that Reality, neither you nor I have a Temple on earth in which to meet and commune and know each other. When will you SUBMIT your heart to Me and allow it to be ‘OUR SANCTUARY’—our mutual, personal, private meeting place where I can prevail and abide with you and transform you?”

Day 6

Lord, Where Are You Staying?

“When the two disciples heard Him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’ They said, ‘Rabbi’ (which means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ‘Come,’ He replied, ‘AND YOU WILL SEE!’” (John 1:37-39)

Lord, how wonderful it must be to be able to visit the Holy Land—the very places in which You once dwelt and taught and lived Your precious, earthly life. Oh, to be where you once walked with Your disciples and experience the very same places You used to experience. How wonderful that would be!

“My beloved, are you still so blind? Can you not see what I have done and given to you? Why is not any ground on which you now tread, The Holy Land? How could you think that visiting the land on which My feet once trod would get you any closer to Me than you already are? When will you realize that you are now The Land on which I live? Yet, it is more than that. I don’t just live on you. I live IN YOU!”

“Are you not now My Body? Are you not now My very own hands and feet? Do I not live within you and see through your eyes and speak through your lips, as

your new and eternal Life? Do you not bring My indwelling Presence with you wherever you go? When will you stop separating yourself from Me? When will you stop searching for Me in the created things around you and begin to nestle and settle in to Me as I live within you? I AM here, with you—IN YOUR INNERMOST BEING! Be quiet and still. Rest. I have already done the necessary work. NOW I AM HERE, WITH YOU...ALWAYS! When will you learn to abide in My Reality?"

"Soak yourself in Me. Let Me penetrate you. Absorb Me. Fill yourself with My Presence. I AM yours. You are Mine. Abide with Me. Abide in Me. Rest. Shhhh. Stop your striving. Enter My Eternal Sabbath Rest. The work is finished. The Exodus is over. I AM your Land of Promise. You are already *there*, in Me. The land wherever you stand is holy beyond your comprehension! You are now My Home."

"Listen. I will sing My songs to you. Let Me share My heart with you. Feed upon Me. Drink of Me. Let Me fill you with peace, contentment, fulfillment and the knowledge that we are One. Stop squirming. I'm here. I AM your one and only GOD—ALWAYS! You and I together are—The Holy Land."

"Father and I have placed Our very own Spirit within you. The Spirit that is One with Us, is now One with you. We are One, Beloved, SPIRIT-to-spirit. The Spirit in Me, calls to the Spirit in you. Deep calls unto Deep. Be still. Be filled. Rejoice and overflow! The Living God LIVES IN YOU! You are The Holy Land!"

Day 7

Lord, I Am Your Home

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 3:19-22)

"My beloved, the damage done by Sin has blinded you to spiritual Reality. My Kingdom is within you as soon as I, the King, reign and rule within you. I abide within all of My people. My people ARE My Kingdom. They are My Home, My Temple and My Body. Why am I not—their LIFE?"

"Because of the cold hardness of their hearts, I remain an outcast in relation to their souls. They are made to be My New Temple. But I am not yet allowed inside to take possession and residence. They make cheap substitutes of wood and stone to serve in place of their own hearts and flesh. They go to church, expecting Me to visit them there, occasionally, like a tourist. But I made them to BE MY CHURCH, MY TEMPLE, in which I AM to reside and reign eternally."

“My people expect Me to be content with such cold, rude callousness and ingratitude. I introduce My New Covenant, but they remain rooted in the Old. I make of them My Zion, but they cower at a distance, encamped by the base of Mt. Sinai, hoping one day to visit The Holy Land for a few hours as tourists!”

“When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, ‘Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.’” (Exodus 20:18-19)

“I ordain and commission them to be God Bringers, releasing My Presence into this world. But they insist on trying to get to me through intermediaries, so they can remain as radically apart and independent from Me as ever. How can I bring a demon-possessed world to repentance with a Church that remains just as alienated from Me as the world is? How can a man-made building reveal Me to the world with mere theory, when My own people refuse to identify with Me and embody Me in Spirit and in Truth?”

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see Me again until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.’” (Matthew 23:37-39)

Day 8

Lord, My Hands Are Nailed!

“But when God, Who set me apart from birth and called me by His grace, was pleased TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man... I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST and I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in (the faith of) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 1:15-16; 2:20 emphasis added)

Dear Lord Jesus, You became my New and Eternal Life when I was crucified with You and buried (baptized) into Your death. The nails in my hands and feet prevent me from developing or pursuing any independent life or agenda, apart from the movement and initiative of the Holy Spirit who indwells me. My God, I am nothing, have nothing, nor can I do anything in myself. You are my Source. I must always follow Your lead and depend on Your initiative to operate from within me and move Me to fulfill Your will and purpose through me. I died to any other way. From now on, I cannot say or do anything from myself.

To act as an independent agent is no longer an option for me. These nails prevent it. I can never again think of being the hero or controller of any story, situation or event. Therefore, all focus, attention and deference always go to You. You are my Source, my Head, my Life and my Lord. Now that I'm crucified, You can truly reveal Yourself and

live Your life from within me. You are my only Life. I no longer have any other. All attempts to prevail, that once sprang from my former radical independence, are dead and gone. For me to live, is to reveal and release—**YOU!**

Others do as they please. I cannot. These nails won't allow it. There is no choice. I have no strength or ability of my own. In myself, I am bankrupt and can do nothing. I must look to You to do everything from within me. Only Your power, guidance and initiative are possible now. You must do all things in me and through me. I serve only as Your obedient, Love-filled servant, a living member of Your Body, because from now on, only You animate and move me.

Reveal Christ-Life from within me at Your good pleasure. I have no other option. Think, speak, act, react and interact from within my poor flesh. Live Your Life, from within me. I offer my body, a living sacrifice, for that purpose. Father, glorify Your Son. Reveal Him to me. Let Him penetrate and prevail from within my very core. Reveal Him in everything that is in me. And be pleased to reveal Him through me, to the world. For me to live is Christ, and to die is pure, eternal gain.

I receive and embrace You to my heart, Lord Jesus. I glory in Who You are and feed continually on the Holy Spirit, Who reveals You in me. I died that You may live. Please take over the entire running of all that I am, all that I have, and all that I do. I fill myself with Your Spirit, that He may fill me more and more, with You.

Day 9

Lord, Who Will Bear Your Ark Into Battle?

“...The officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: ‘When you see the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it,...move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before.’” (Joshua 3:2-4)

Lord, what an awesome sight it must have been to those who cowered behind Jericho's walls watching Your Levites bear the Ark that bore Your Presence, and all of Your people, following You, into brand new territory. And what the Canaanites must have felt as Your people grimly, silently, paced off the territory You were about to give them? If the might of Egypt hadn't been able to withstand Your awesome Power, what would they be able to do now?

“My beloved, in those days I had a few faith-filled Levites to carry My Presence. But now I yearn for My New Covenant Levites! Where are they? Where is My Royal Priesthood, that host that is to bear My Presence before the whole world?”

“I commission ALL believers to Be My Ark, My Temple, and the living Body that will reveal and

release My Son to each succeeding generation. Through them, I can reveal Him, and bless and testify to Him before the world's eyes. Where are those who are called to offer themselves to me, as living sacrifices? When will they present themselves, that I might prepare a Body for My Son that is truly His, and not another's? The time is short. Why must I wait for My priestly warriors to appear?"

"Present yourself to Me, beloved one. Give Me your past, present and future that I might fill you with My Spirit and transform you spirit, soul and body, into the perfect image and likeness of My Son. I will reveal Him through your flesh. Let Him reign, rule and prevail in you. Let Us establish Our Kingdom in you. Let Us reveal, demonstrate, validate and announce His Eternal triumph through you!"

"I have installed my King on Zion, My holy hill. I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; You will dash them to pieces like pottery.'"

"Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you be destroyed in your (self-life) way, for His wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him." (Psalm 2:6-12 emphasis added)

Day 10

Lord, Let Me Caress Your Face

"The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:9-14)

Beloved Father, here I am, with You in the flames of Your Eternal Presence. I offer myself to You, presenting myself to be Your living sacrifice. I abandon and surrender my former independent, ego-centered, self-life, past, present and future, to You. The sentence of death has always been within whatever I have been and done apart from You, Lord God. Forgive me Father, for I have sinned against You. What is corrupt in me is not worthy to be called Your Beloved Son. Crucify all that I have been apart from Him. Plunge it into Christ's Death, that it may be stripped away from me, forever. Let only what pertains to Christ remain in me.

In exchange for that sinful, corrupt, independent self-life, give me Christ Himself. Let Him forevermore be my New and Eternal Life. I claim no other. I desire no other, only Him. The Lord Jesus, Your Perfect, Eternal Image and Likeness in Whom You are well pleased, is, forevermore, my one and only Lord. He alone is my Life.

Father, according to Your Eternal Covenant, breathe Your Spirit into me always so that whatever I am and do, in time and space, is Christ, that He may be revealed in me. Fulfill Your Covenant Promises in me and in my household. Transmit into our spirits, souls and bodies, and into our past, present and future, and into all our thoughts, choices, words, deeds and relationships, whatever pertains to our Lord Jesus Christ. I acknowledge and embrace Him, as our Identity, Agenda, Purpose and Motive. He, and He alone, shall be our Life, our being and our Love. Let the All-consuming Fire of Your Presence burn away from us all that is unworthy of You.

As I abide with You in Christ, by Your Spirit, beloved Father, in the Name of Jesus and the eternal union that we now have with each other, I dare to reach out with all of my Blood-cleansed heart—to touch You. In the Name of my Covenant Redeemer, I caress Your eternal, infinitely beautiful Face, O Lord. With all that is in me—all You have put within me—I respond, that I may obey You and become One with Your Eternal Purposes. I desire and choose to love You as much as it lies within the ability of a creature to love You. I am here, in Jesus' Name, to do Your will, O God, gladly, totally, and eternally.

Day 11

Lord, Let Me Wipe Your Tears

“I have seen these people,’ the LORD said to Moses, ‘and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.’”

“But Moses sought the favor (caressed the face) of the LORD his God. ‘O LORD,’ he said, ‘why should Your anger burn against Your people, whom You brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that He brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth?’” (Exodus 32:9-12 emphasis added)

Beloved Father, it pains me to feel Your tears. Your heart is grieved over the blind, invincibly ignorant cruelty and callousness of the people You love, provide for and continue to bless so much. Many ignore and betray You and flaunt the adultery that they commit with their false gods before Your very eyes!

Nevertheless, my Father, I am Your Levite. You have commissioned me to stand before You in our Eternal Sanctuary, to minister to You and attend to Your needs. But what can anyone do to tend such infinite wounds? How does one even begin to mend an infinite heart that is so broken? What words can one say to One so betrayed, rejected and abandoned?... I know... I know The Word that fills and elates You. I will say it to You now, My Father. I know it never fails.

'IESHUA!'

He, and His infinite Love for You is the balm that closes Your wounds, Father. He, in His perfect obedience to You is the Truth that settles Your mind. He is the Way to fill Your heart with Joy, Pleasure and absolute Contentment, Peace and Satisfaction. It is He, Your beloved Son:

'JESUS!'

Father, I bring Your dear little Lamb, slain before Your eyes—the Perfect Living Atonement, eternally risen from the dead. He satisfies You perfectly. Your High Priest has sprinkled Creation with His Blood at Your command. Father, look!

'IT IS FINISHED!... HE FINISHED IT... AND IN YOUR SIGHT,

IT IS PERFECT!'

Day 12

Lord, I Console Your Heart

“‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.’”

“Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, ‘See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.’”

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’”

“And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” (Isaiah 6:5-8)

Beloved Father, Isaiah went at Your bidding but the people did not listen. So You sent Another, the only One You could send, that would fulfill Your purpose. And Jesus went. He obeyed and came among us, and thereby, He perfectly fulfilled Your plan and purpose.

O Lord, how faithful You are! You and Your beloved Son, through Your precious Holy Spirit have done it all. But You must apply what He did to each time and generation. You must continue to incarnate Your Son, Your Word, Your Image and Likeness, Your Message. Everyone needs Him.

Everyone must hear and see Him. We need Him now, today, all over the earth, more than ever, all at once!

Here I am, Father. Reveal Him at all times to me. I embrace Him. I receive Him. I sacrifice myself for Him that You may be pleased to reveal Him in me, through me and through my brethren. We will take Him to the world. Send us!

Father, raise up my brothers and sisters, that we may all become living members of His Body. Fill and empower us all. Empower us to preserve and protect and maintain the unity You have already given us. You have made us One in the Spirit and in Your Truth. Now make us One in heart, soul and purpose. Bond us together in Power, the Power of Your infinite Love, Grace and Salvation, that Your beloved Son may truly have a Body on the earth, a Body that is truly His for this time and generation.

Let Your Covenant people arise and emerge from the obscurity and shadows. Let the living embodiment of Your beloved, glorious Son appear again, and again, and again, until all Creation will finally be able to say to You, with Him:

“IT IS FINISHED...IT IS PERFECT!”

Day 13

Lord, I Rejoice In You!

“Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence (while others around me get away with murder). **All day long** (I assumed) **I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning** (by remaining faithful and obedient to You).

If I had said, ‘I will speak thus,’ I would have betrayed Your children. When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me—TILL I ENTERED THE SANCTUARY OF GOD; THEN I UNDERSTOOD their final destiny.” (Psalm 73:13-17 emphasis added)

Lord, my mind and brain fail and lose focus. Like Israel, I forget Your infinite Faithfulness, Glory and Power. I look at the turbulent world, operating in time and space all around me, and I forget that I am with You in the ‘Eye of the Hurricane’, in our Eternal Sanctuary. Whenever I forget, nothing seems fair, right or complete. Everything seems undone, not good enough and demon-ridden.

Then, Your Holy Spirit brings me back to Reality. I wake up to You and Your Eternity. I return to my post, and my true purpose as Your Levite. I’m back in our Eternal Sanctuary, where everything is already finished and covered, and the necessary ways, means, provision and protection are

already present, paid for, and ready to be applied—from Your Eternity, by the Holy Spirit—into time and space.

Then, I realize my glorious privilege and the enormity of the Blessing You have bestowed upon me. I am overwhelmed with gratitude and relief. Your awesome reassurance brings me back from soulish turmoil into Your perfect Stillness, Wholeness, and Eternal Triumph. Thank You, beloved Father!

“When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before You. Yet I am always with You; You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the Strength of my heart and my Portion— forever!” (Psalm 73:21-26)

“Send forth Your Light and Your Truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell. Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my Joy and my Delight. I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.” (Psalm 43:3-5)

Day 14

Lord, I Bless—In Your Name!

“As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead; cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.” (Matthew 10:7-10)

My Lord, only You can minister Life, Healing, Freedom and Blessing to fallen, corrupt, human flesh. Only You are ‘The Worker’ worth His keep. The sentence of death is upon the rest of us. Only the Creator and Lord of the universe could have lifted it from us. And You did. You redeemed us. And now You, our Righteousness, dwell within us.

We Levites have nothing in ourselves to offer. However, we do bear Your Presence within us, wherever we go. Thus You, living in us, can minister to the fallen flesh that surrounds us. As You reach out to them, from within us, we have the privilege of releasing and pronouncing the Blessings You bestow upon them, in Your Name. In doing so, we wait upon and serve You. We can do that because we live with You day and night. You take us into Your confidence and make us privy to Your heart’s intent. You tell us the plans, desires and purposes of Your eternal

counsels. Then, at the proper time, You release to us the blessings from eternity that You wish to give to others, in space and time. We pronounce and release them to those for whom You intend them. Thus, even as You minister to them, we are privileged to minister to, and wait upon—You, O Lord.

By Your grace and mercy, You transform Your Covenant friends into ‘God Bringers’. We truly are the Body of Christ and Temple of the Holy Spirit. Through us You water the desert and what lies dead in its barren sands. Wherever we take You, if we will but believe You, Your Living Water will flow out from our innermost being and the desert can become a lush, fruit-laden oasis.

Because we are crucified to any action of our own, apart from the guidance and management of the Holy Spirit, it is evident that it is not us doing it, but God that does this. The desert is watered, the blessings given—and fruit appears. Everyone knows, it is God, through Christ, and not our own self-life that does this. Everyone can see that You are with us and that Your supernatural Presence and Power are at work in our midst. Thus, through our constant interactivity with You, they know that You are in us and among us, revealing Yourself to them as they observe.

Therefore, You are pleased to reveal the Life of Your beloved, risen Son in us. You reveal Yourself through Him. You reveal Him as You interact with Him—in us and through us. How You bless us by including us in what You do, O God!

Day 15

Lord, You Are My All-Sufficient Inheritance

“(Now) I know that You can do all things; no plan of Yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures My counsel without knowledge?’ Surely (before I came to know You) I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’ My ears had heard of You but now my eyes have seen You. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:2-6 emphasis added)

“...I am always with You; You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory. Who have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” (Psalm 73:23-26)

Beloved Lord, in my youth I had heard many things about You, but I never knew You. In my ignorance I was convinced that You would never be caring, powerful, or wise enough to meet my every need. I did not know that You are Love, and that the infinite Power of Your Love was

even then waiting to bestow upon me more than I could ever possibly hope for or imagine! Truly, I was like a brute beast before You. Just as a turnip could never know the counsels of a human being, so was I, totally oblivious to You and Your way, until You opened my eyes and ears.

In blind ignorance I sought false sources of provision and protection—idols that always betrayed and disappointed me. No matter which ones I pursued, it was always the same. They devastated me, always proving to be false, deceptive and treacherous. My grief and insatiable desolation knew no bounds as long as ignorance prevailed in me.

Then, You revealed Yourself to me at last. I realized what I had been doing and repented before You, You raised me up from the dust and allowed me to experience Your indescribable Loving kindness, Glory, Immensity, infinite Wisdom, and all-encompassing Wealth and Ability. How puny, blind and wrong I was. Compared to Your awesome Truth and Reality, I knew nothing but deception and error.

But now that I abide with You day and night, I know You. Nothing escapes You. Everything I will ever need, You have already covered, paid for and promised to me. You apply, to my needs in time and space, what You have already provided in Eternity. You do it with perfect timing, in Covenant Loyalty, and tender Love. Who is like You, O God. I need nothing but You. There is nothing but You.

Day 16

Lord, I am Your Point Of Entry

*Lord, not only am I crucified to looking to any other gods, but I am also crucified to taking any radically independent action or initiative of my own. I cleave entirely to Christ, my Covenant Representative and draw from what He has already done. I appear before You on His basis only—Who **He** is and what **He** has already done. He is my Point of Entry to You. And He is Your Point of Entry to me and to the world in which I live.*

As I cleave to Jesus, You are pleased. Heaven opens above me. Your Holy Spirit enters this world through Him and begins to reveal Him through my flesh. He is my Life, and I serve as a living member of His Body. On this basis, Lord, I present myself to you, a living sacrifice, with no shame, fear or sense of condemnation.

Lord, because You are so dear and precious to me, my heart cares deeply about what matters to You. You are absolutely worthy of such service, obedience and devotion. I love You with the Love of Christ, whose Life Your Spirit transmits into me. In Christ, I love what You love, care about what concerns You, and want what You want. My heart's desire is that You may be pleased, fulfilled and satisfied. Therefore, I love those that You love, knowing that You consider what Christ does for them, through me,

as something that is being done to You. Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, I can bless them, and in doing so, I caress Your face.

*Lord, when Levites carried Your Ark into battle, they said nothing and did nothing. There was no need. You, present in Your Ark, said and did it all. The Levites were not to put faith and hope in themselves, or in anything any human was **going** to do. Instead, they were to bring Your Presence into every situation, and continually draw from Your Eternal Covenant Provision—from what You had already ordained and done and given in Eternity, before the world was formed.*

My fellow Levites and I also bring Your indwelling Presence with us, and by faith, receive from the Holy Spirit the application of what You have already provided for us and for those around us, to whom and for whom, we bear Your Presence. You will meet the needs of today and every day as only You can do. And it is sufficient.

So, I pray with Jesus, 'Give us this day, our daily bread...' provided for us in Eternity. Apply it as we bear Your Presence onto this field of battle, which is our time and space. We proceed in the certain knowledge that You are with us at all times and in every circumstance as You have promised.

I live with outrageous joy and peace. I face each day, trial, situation and challenge armed with the Presence of our Living God. If You are here with us and for us, what in Creation can possibly stand against us? What prevails before You, O God?

Day 17

Lord, I Abide With You, SPIRIT To Spirit

*I have the awesome privilege and honor of standing in Your Presence, to minister my Covenant love, agreement, obedience and affirmation to You. You abide always in the Sanctuary You made for Yourself in my heart so I can come to know You most intimately and personally. It is just as You have promised, **"They will all know Me, from the least of them, to the greatest"** (Jeremiah 31:34)*

*Lord, who on earth cares about You and Your needs? Do any come to You that are **not** obsessed with their own concerns, fears, needs and agendas? Do any come to You because they are concerned with You and what You want and need and feel? Do any come because they care that Your heart is grieved and broken? Is there any among us that see and treat You on earth, just as You are seen and treated in heaven?*

I am beginning to know You. I am learning Your ways as You share Your thoughts, desires and concerns with me. The more I know You, the more You captivate my heart. You are my Love, my Desire—my beautiful, beloved One. You are the One I care about. I no longer side with mankind against You. I side with You. My heart is Yours. I place it in Your keeping, even as You entrust Your heart to me.

Lord, I am here to LISTEN. Whenever You wish to whisper things into my heart, I am here to attend You. And when You simply wish to abide with me in silence, I am here to abide with You. Either way, be it in personal dialogue and interaction, or in a silent embrace, I am here to abide in You, just as You are. You are all that I desire.

It is Christ, in me, who does this. It is obvious that only He loved You like that to Perfection. He was and is, the Infinite, Ultimate Levite. He is the High Priest that attends You as You so justly deserve. Because I am One with Him, because my life is now hidden with Him in Your Presence, I join Him in His service and devotion and faithfulness to You. I rejoice in being included in the awesome Intimacy, Love, and Union that takes place between You and the beloved Son, in Whom You are so well pleased. I glory in my oneness with Him, because to be One with Him, is to be One with You. I join with Him, and in His Name, I also say:

“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You prepared for Me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings You were not pleased. Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about Me in the scroll—I have come to do Your will, O God.’”
(Hebrews 10:5-7)

Day 18

Lord, I Love What You Love

“I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land...I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak...”
(Ezekiel 34:14-16)

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD LIVES IN US AND HIS LOVE IS MADE COMPLETE (consummated) IN US.” (1 John 4:10-12 emphasis added)

“My beloved, I abide in you. Will you take My Presence with you as I direct? Will you serve Me as a branch serves the vine? Let Me reveal Myself by imparting My Love and Mercy to whomever I will, through you. Will you allow Me to do it?”

Lord, Your Love nature is consummated when You are free to love those You have created. How can I refuse You that fulfillment? I am available. I will minister to You by

allowing You to love those around me through my spirit, soul and body. I know that when Your Love nature is fulfilled you are pleased and satisfied. When You are satisfied, Your Glory flares up and manifests itself and fills Your Temple.

I bless my neighbor, knowing You do it through me. I will obey You and give You that satisfaction. In so doing, I am ministering to You! I can love You by the very thoughts I think as I regard those You love. I love You through the words, responses, choices and judgments I make toward them. I love you through each interaction and relationship, by seeing to their good, and allowing You to Love them, through me. Fulfill Yourself in me, O Lord. I am made for this purpose!

Tell me what You desire to do for them. Reveal the intent of Your heart on their behalf. Inform me of the blessing You have chosen to impart. And in Your Name, I will pronounce and release it to them.

“Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, ‘Look at us!’ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, BUT WHAT I HAVE I GIVE YOU! In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and PRAISING GOD!” (Acts 3: 4-8 emphasis added)

Day 19

Lord, I Am At Your Disposal

“He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.” (John 1:10-13)

Dear Lord, the entire world is full of people like me. I am one among many. We are but dust, nothing more than poor, fallen, corrupt flesh. But You are Eternal Life. You have come to give Your Life to those of us that have none of our own.

For this reason, the world does not need me, nor does it need the likes of me. It has more than enough of that already. They need You. My loved ones need You. My friends need You. Enemies and strangers need You. The entire world needs You, my Lord. Therefore, I gladly take up my cross daily. I join You, acknowledging that I've been baptized, plunged into Your redemptive death forever. I lay down my old selfish, radically independent self-life, and defer to You in all things, at all times.

Live in me, Lord Jesus! Be my Life. Live Your precious Life in me and through me. Let me be Your earthly base of operations. From my inner being, cover any part of the earth you wish. Reveal Yourself in any way You want, and do whatever Father commands from within me. I release You to do it at all times. I am at Your disposal.

Save, as only You can save. Free as only You can do it. Heal by Your absolute Authority in heaven and on earth. By Your Grace and the Power of Your Spirit, I am empowered to remain crucified, out of the way, so that You can be free to rescue and redeem anyone You wish.

“If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love... My command is this: Love each other AS I HAVE LOVED YOU! Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name. This is My command: Love each other.” (John 15:10-17 emphasis added)

Day 20

Lord, You Are My Treasure

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” (Psalm 42:1-2)

“My beloved, you can always meet with Me. As long as your heart and soul are Mine, I am Your King. And when I am Your King, you are My Kingdom. When you are My Kingdom, your heart becomes My Sanctuary. And when your heart becomes My Sanctuary, you and I can meet there at any time of the day and night, and I can fill you to overflowing, with Myself. Then I can fulfill My own commands, through you.”

“So many say that they want ‘more of Me’, because they do not ponder the meaning of what they are saying. How could they have ‘more of Me’? Do I come in serialized installments? Do I withhold Myself and My Love from anyone? Have I not given all of Myself to the world already, through My Son and Holy Spirit?”

“It isn’t a matter of them being able to have ‘more of Me’. The real issue is, when will I have all of them? How much of their hearts do they withhold from Me? To that extent, they are incapable of sensing My

Presence, and receiving My Love, and hearing My voice. It is not about My willingness to give Myself to them. It is about, how much of themselves do they still reserve to themselves, and to their false gods, and to their own control?" If your soul isn't Mine, I can't meet you there."

My Lord, forgive me. How true are Your words! The Living Water of Your Presence flows freely because You have long-since given it freely. Its flow only stops when we erect dams of resistance, unbelief and mistrust in Your path. We reject Your Feast and go out, searching instead for whatever crumbs and droppings we can find amid the refuse piles of the world. We refuse to be Your Temple and render to You our devotion and hospitality. Instead, we erect temples of wood and stone and offer them as cheap substitutes for our own hearts. Then we cry and moan in our emptiness, for 'more of You'.

**"How weak-willed you are, declares the Sovereign LORD, when you do all these things, acting like a brazen prostitute! When you built your mounds at the head of every street and made your lofty shrines in every public square, you were unlike a prostitute, because you scorned payment."
(Ezekiel 16:30-31)**

Forgive us Lord, for we continually turn our backs to You as You stand knocking at the door of our hearts, waiting to gain admission. Our hearts are filled with other lovers. We ignore and exclude You and cavort instead with our wretched idols.

Day 21

Lord, You Are My Vision

"The LORD said to Moses, 'Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. Then you will remember to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD your God.'" (Numbers 15:37-41)

Lord, You used blue tassels to remind Israel of the blood covenant she has with You. Thereby, she could remember that she is One with You. How do You remind Your New Covenant people? On what are we to focus?

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right

hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12:1-3 emphasis added)

*Israelites were to focus on tassels. But, Lord Jesus, You are our New Covenant with the Father! Because the Holy Spirit is now free to empower, sustain and transmit Your Life into us, You live and operate from within us. Now we can maintain our habitual focus on You. We need not continually remind or preoccupy ourselves with something **about** You. You have given Yourself to us, to be our indwelling Life. And we can abide directly and personally, **with** You, as Your living embodiment!*

Welcome, Lord. My eyes can't see You or my senses feel You. However, like one who can abide with another, even in darkness, I abide in You. I know You are with me. You promised You would be. So, I focus and feed continually from the merits, authority and power of the perfect Atonement You offered in my name. It is accepted, and so am I.

"...I am always with You; You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory. Who have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God (in Christ) is the strength of my heart." (Ps. 73:23-26 emphasis added)

Day 22

Lord, You Are My Only Agenda

"Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives."

"But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

My beloved Father, I know now that You do not accept or use anything that originates in our fallen, human flesh. You promised that You would remove every speck of self-life leaven from Your Temple. You only accept and use what comes from Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus, and His Authority. Therefore, only what pertains to Him can be transmitted into this fallen world by the direct Power of Your Holy Spirit. Nothing that is of this world can save the world. Salvation and well being come only from You as You reign from Your Kingdom. I surrender all to You.

Forgive me for my ignorance, Lord. In the past I tried to please and serve You on my own initiatives, bypassing and ignoring Christ, and saying and doing things that I deemed good, worthy and useful for Your purposes. I was not aware of how corrupt the sin in which I was conceived had made them. I did not realize what an abomination Sin is, and how it contaminated everything I tried to do.

Father, now that I have been crucified with Christ, I have died to all radical independence. Those who have died to their own self-life have no personal agendas. I have joined my Redeemer in His death so that His risen Life may animate me and abide and operate from within my innermost being. From now on, Christ Himself is my Agenda. Be pleased to reveal Your beloved Son in me.

*I submit myself to Your Holy Spirit that by His Power, You might purify, cleanse and reserve me solely for Your own service. For me to live is Christ, and to die to all that I once was without Him, is gain. In my death with Him, You can now fill me with His risen Life and reveal His Presence and Glory from within me. I present myself to You, Father, a living sacrifice, that You may do whatever You desire to me. Do as You wish **in me**, so that You can freely reveal, bless and validate Your Son **through me**.*

“When Christ, Who is your Life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:4)

Day 23

Lord, You Are My Only Motive

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” (Genesis 1:2)

“My beloved, since the fall of man, the curse of Adam’s broken covenant with me has ruined My Creation. Earth ceased to be the beautiful garden I originally created. Adam surrendered the authority I gave him to Satan. So darkness and destruction have plagued the earth and it has become a barren, dark, brutal desert.”

“I sent My Son, the final Adam, to redeem, renew and restore My Creation to Me. He has triumphed gloriously over Satan and his domain. He won back all Authority on earth. It is His, just as all Authority in Heaven is His. My Son, My perfect Image and Likeness with Whom I share all things, is once again the rightful Lord of All.”

“Now, My Spirit once again hovers over what remains of the formless, ruined, empty, dark earth, surveying the remnants of the chaos, destruction and devastation caused by Sin’s rebellion and selfishness. My Spirit seeks ‘The Point of Entry’ that will submit,

obey, and allow Him to abide as in a Temple that is worthy of His Presence. From that Temple, My Spirit reveals the Presence, Perfect Humanity, Restoration and Glory of My Son.”

“My beloved, will you truly serve Me? Are You truly My chosen Levite? Do we really have a Blood Covenant Bond between us? Will You receive My own Spirit, that You and I may be One? Will You allow me to forge you into the perfect image and likeness of My Son? Will you allow Me to teach you how you can embody Him through your flesh?”

*O, beloved Father, yes! Yes Lord, I receive and embrace You, and Your Son, and Your Holy Spirit into my innermost being. I will be Your permanent abode on earth. I will serve as a living member of the Body of Your Son. I will be a living stone that fits into the awesome Temple of Your Spirit. I will serve as Your earthly base of operations. I will allow Christ, Your Point of Entry to the earth, to do what only He can do, and be what only He can be, **in me, through me and as me.***

Christ alone is my new and eternal Life. Allowing You to reveal and release Him on the earth is my one and only Agenda. He is the King. Therefore, Father, I proclaim that Your Kingdom has come. Let Your will be done on earth, through me, just as it is in heaven. I will be Your Entry Point. I embrace and serve You. I prepare a way for Your entry. In Christ, I am Your highway. Come, Lord. Abide in me. Work through me. The fulfillment of Your will and purpose is my only motive in all things.

Day 24

Lord, You Are My Rest

“Later, **KNOWING THAT ALL WAS NOW COMPLETED**, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, **‘IT IS FINISHED!’** With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” (John 19:28-30 emphasis added)

*My Lord, what incomprehensible words those were that Your Son spoke with His dying breath! **“It is finished!”** It is perfect! It is consummated and fulfilled to perfection. Lord, what does it mean? What was **‘IT’**?*

“My beloved, ‘IT’ is the commission that our Eternal Covenant entrusted to My Son. ‘IT’ stands for 100% of whatever was necessary for you and the rest of Creation to be right with Me once more. ‘IT’ is every bit of the work that had to be done before you could become One with Me and sit by My side, in Christ, so you could enjoy My eternal Sabbath Rest with Me, forever. The Living God and His Covenant Faithfulness to you, His *HESED*, or, ‘Loving Kindness’ has done all the work. ‘IT’ was done before the foundation of the world, before Creation, before you ever came to be. That is the Good News. You are free

from the curse of toiling and slaving to please or to try to gain My favor.”

“Christ is your freedom. Christ is your Righteousness, Holiness and Favor before Me. ‘IT’ is finished. The work is all done. I am perfectly satisfied and pleased and joyful. ‘IT’ is perfect. Nothing more can be added. Nothing more is necessary. There is total peace between Me and those who believe, receive and submit to My Son on My terms. Now sit with Me in His peace. Abide with me in His perfection. Rejoice with Me in His All-Sufficient Grace and Peace.”

“My beloved, you are free from having to try to achieve or arrive. You are there, in Him, with Me. You are already in My heavenly places. You are My child and co-heir with Christ. Be quiet. Be still. ‘IT’ is finished. Now learn to abide in ‘IT’. Abide in Christ. He is your perfect Peace and Rest. Enjoy His benefits. Enjoy His delicious Fruit. ‘IT’ is endless. ‘IT’ is infinite. ‘IT’ IS YOURS!”

“All things have been committed to Me by My Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:27-30)

Day 25

Lord, You Are My Destiny

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I AM. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

“Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answered, ‘I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (John 14:1-6)

Beloved Lord, Your original disciples couldn't have known what You were about to do to them, for them and in them at the time You spoke those words to them. They couldn't begin to comprehend the meaning of your impending Death and the awesome Resurrection that would follow. And how could they have comprehended what You would do in them on the day of Pentecost, a few weeks after your Resurrection? “I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I AM!”

Lord, thanks to the fact that I am regenerated and reborn into Your New Covenant Kingdom, I can begin to

understand. You and I are now bonded into One. Because I am One with You, Lord Jesus, I am also One with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Because we are One in the Holy Spirit, I am with You right now as You are seated by the Father in Your heavenly realm. I know this by faith in Your Word.

My flesh still abides on this fallen earth, yet my spirit and soul abide with You, in heaven, in the Holy Spirit and in Eternal, Blood Covenant Truth. Your SPIRIT is in my spirit. I choose to bond my soul to You as well. I am no longer of this world. I no longer belong to it. I am a child of Your Kingdom. I abide in You even as You abide in me. That is where my heart, mind and soul will ever abide, regardless of what takes place on earth, regardless of what others may say or do, I abide in You, as You abide in me. I view every future thing from that perspective.

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God....WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN, SINCE YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD AS A REWARD. IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING!...” (Colossians 3:1-3; 23-24 emphasis added)

Day 26

Lord, You Are My Security

“...Be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He (God) Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless, nor forsake, nor let [you] down, [relax My hold on you]—Assuredly not!” (Hebrews 13:5 Amplified)

“My beloved, what else can I do or say to reassure and put you at total peace and rest? What more need I do to reveal who I AM and what I AM like to you? What more need I do to prove that My Covenant Love and Faithfulness to you are Eternal, Infinitely Comprehensive, Omniscient, Omnipotent, and AIRTIGHT?”

“When will you rest secure, with absolute confidence in Me? Don't you know how much I love you? Don't you know how much I'm guiding you? Don't you know how much I have provided for your every future need? My beloved, it hurts Me so much to see you afraid, insecure and full of doubts. It hurts Me to see that you are still ignorant of Me. It hurts Me to see the slightest wall or dam of doubt and mistrust, still standing between us. When will you be entirely Mine? When will you surrender to Me completely? When will you finally love and give yourself to Me alone, with all your

heart, with all your strength, and with all your soul, in the same way that I give Myself to you? When will you understand that you are My Blood Covenant friend and My child and the cherished object of My Covenant Love?"

O, my Lord and my God! It will happen now. I do know you. I do receive and embrace You to my heart. I do surrender my entire being, past, present and future—to You—exclusively and eternally to You, my Lord.

I entrust everything into Your hands. I place all that is most dear and precious to me under the Holy Spirit's management. I place each of my loved ones and my concerns and my entire household under the shadow of Your wings. You are my One and only God, my One and only Source. You are the Lord God over all that I am, and have and do. Everything is yours, my Lord. I am Yours. I abide in You and absorb the full, true meaning of Your precious Eternal Word, Jesus Christ.

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one (there are no other gods). Love the LORD your God WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH! These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates!" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9 emphasis added)

Day 27

Lord, You Are My Peace And Joy

"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His Government and Peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on AND FOREVER. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:6-7 emphasis added)

'Of the increase of His Government and Peace there will be no end...' O Lord, how wonderful it is to know the end of our Story, even before the unfolding of all of its events. I cannot foresee all the details. I don't even know what the end of this day will bring. But Your Rule and Reign and Government are ever on the increase. As each moment proceeds toward the finality of Eternity, Your Invasion of all of fallen Creation continues everywhere, all at once. Each day, hour, minute and second moves everything closer to Your imminent Triumph. And because of You and Your Truth, I can be at peace. I do not know the details, but I do know You. And You are my airtight Joy and Peace. Because of You, I live each day in absolute confidence.

"I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her Husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.' He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then He said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" (Revelation 21:2-5)

"My beloved, nothing surprises or escapes Me. Nothing can pose a threat to My Kingdom. My Mercy prompts Me to delay My final coming. My Compassion holds back the coming of the Judgment. But I have sworn to make all things right. You have My Word and Covenant Oath, that each one of My people, My Covenant friends, will be exalted with Me, and I Myself will see to their eternal joy and reward. I will be all of those things to them, and more!"

"Because You exalt Me and proclaim Me before men, I will exalt and proclaim you before My Father and before all Creation. Although you are weak and frail and vulnerable now, I will sustain you with My Strength, Omnipotence and absolute Authority. But when I bring you to be with Me on My Throne, together, we will rule over the angels, and over all Creation!"

Day 28

Lord, You Are My Foundation

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. *Selah*"

"There is a River whose streams make glad the City of God, the Holy Place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts."

"The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations He has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, He burns the shields with fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

"The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our Fortress." (Psalm 46)

My Lord, threats of disaster, collapse and total destruction surround us. Our enemies are everywhere, snarling at us, plotting, scheming and laying traps for our utter downfall. Your people are surrounded by the dark fury of a hurricane of oppression and inhuman malice. The hearts of many tremble and disintegrate with fear, depression and hopelessness.

But Lord, here in my heart, where You abide with me, in our Sanctuary, I can meet with You and rest in Your embrace. Your Presence is to me, 'the eye of the hurricane'. In You there is Light, Peace and absolute Well-being. What can withstand the awesome Force of Your Covenant Love? You are the Living God of heaven and earth and all Creation! What can defeat me now that You and I are One in the Eternal Covenant?

You eternally exalt and glorify Your beloved Son. I am One with Him. To betray and forsake me, would be to betray and forsake Him. How could any mind even imagine such a thing? I am hidden with Him, in You, O God. You have filled me with Your Spirit and eternally commit Yourself to be My solid granite underlying Support. I rest in You. I am built upon You. You see to it that I do not collapse. You cause me to thrive before my enemies. Your everlasting Lovingkindness is my support. You confound whatever comes against me and glorify Your Name in the raw material of my every need. I rejoice in You. Your Name is my cry of total triumph—'The Lord my God, He is my Victory!'

Day 29

Lord, You Are My Holiness

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your Presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me." (Psalm 51:10-12)

My Lord, in myself I am naked and bankrupt before Your awesome Holiness. I was conceived in sin and have fallen far, far short of Your awesome, holy standards since the day of my birth. I have sinned in ignorance and I have sinned against You many times, in cold blood and total rebellion. Yet, in Christ, I dare to approach You.

When David finally came before You, to repent of his cold blooded sins, he recalled the heart-breaking sight of stubborn, arrogant King Saul when he failed to repent before You. He saw what was left of that poor man—nothing but an empty shell. You took Your Holy Spirit from him and allowed him the separation from You that comes from the radical independence he insisted upon having and maintaining.

David remembered the heart-breaking, bone-chilling sight of Saul, and in his sin, he came before You and pleaded, 'Do not cast me from Your Presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from me!' Because He trusted You, especially when

He was at his weakest and his worst, You were free to reach out to him and cleanse and restore and reinstate him by Your awesome Grace. There was nothing he could say or do to atone or make it up to You. If there had been, he would have done it.

There is nothing I can do either. However, My Lord Jesus, Who has made me One with Him according to Your Eternal Covenant, came to You in my name, to offer Himself as the Perfect Sacrifice and totally satisfied Your holy Justice forever. Because You sent Him to us all, for that very purpose, I acknowledge You, my Lord, my God, my Perfect, Infinite, Airtight Redemption, Restoration and Holiness.

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” (Psalm 51:15-17)

“My beloved, I am overjoyed when you believe, trust in and rely on Me so completely. I love to see you approach Me without fear or shame, or a sense of Sin. Then I know that you have believed, surrendered to and embraced the One I sent to you as your Redeemer and Deliverer. Through Him, I can draw you to Myself. The All-Consuming Fire of My Presence and My Nature can then be burned into you by My Spirit and His Life’s Blood. In Him, I AM truly—your perfect Holiness.”

Day 30

Lord, You Are My Satisfaction

Beloved Lord, You are everything to me. My eyes continually leave everything else and focus only upon You. The Wisdom and the Truth You have given to me have set me free from bondage to created things. You have delivered me from the wisdom, ways and devices of this idolatrous, demon-possessed, fallen world.

You have created everything. All things that are good come from You and lead to You, for You are their Creator, their Ultimate Source. To have You is to have everything else as well. To bask in Your Covenant Love and in the tender mercy of Your Fatherhood, is to be the richest and most secure child imaginable. To be One with Your beloved Son Jesus, the Lord of Glory, is to be co-heir with the One by Whom and for Whom all things were made.

“He is the Image of the invisible God, the Firstborn over all Creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the Body, the Church; He is the Beginning and the Firstborn from among the dead, so that in

everything He might have the Supremacy. For God was pleased to have **ALL HIS FULLNESS DWELL IN HIM**, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His Blood, shed on the cross.” (Colossians 1:15-20 emphasis added)

*“My beloved, those who worship and pursue false gods are utterly blind fools. In their lust for things, they bypass and reject My Son. It has always been My plan and purpose to bless all men and women with all good things, **THROUGH HIM AND IN HIM!** If they would only surrender to Him, and entrust themselves entirely to Him, they would be in position to receive all other good things besides!”*

*Beloved Lord, I see it. I finally see it! To forsake all in order to know and belong to Christ is Your Ultimate Love and Wisdom! To be crucified to self-life and taking matters into our own hands, and trusting in Him instead, is to be in perfect position to receive all good things from You according to Your Eternal Covenant! Your thoughts and your ways are not our thoughts and ways. I thank You, O God, that such is the case! I thank You that You have taken on the responsibility to personally satisfy, fulfill and consummate the nature, needs and appetites that You Yourself put into us. You give us hunger because You plan to fill us to overflowing. Because You are so good and gracious and wise, You have always planned to satisfy us as only You could do—**PERFECTLY!** Thus, You, beloved Father, are my complete and total Satisfaction. I look to You, in Christ, and to You alone.*

Day 31

Lord, You Are My Eternity

“I have seen You in the Sanctuary and beheld Your Power and Your Glory. Because Your (Covenant) Love (Hesed) is better than (self) life, my lips will glorify You. I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your Name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You.” (Psalm 63:2-5 emphasis added)

Beloved Lord, You have set me free from ever again having to worry about myself and my fate. The Lord God Almighty has taken on total, personal responsibility for being my Provider and Protector. Oh, how awesome is that Truth! How You comfort and put my soul at rest as You reveal this to me, my God.

Infinite Wisdom and Love Himself is eternally vigilant and active, to see to my best and highest good. You have given Yourself to me, to be my awesome, eternal, Infinite Birthright, Inheritance and Reward. Christ, and all of us who are in Him, are the Fulfillment of Your Promise given to Abraham, so long ago:

“...the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your Shield, YOUR VERY GREAT REWARD!’” (Genesis 15:1 emphasis added)

Father, you actually made that promise to Your Son, through Abram. My Lord Jesus Christ has made all of this happen. It is Finished. It is here. You are here, to make good on Your Blood Covenant Word and Promises. Father I believe You. I believe the Lord Jesus. I believe the Holy Spirit's Revelation. Because I have already been crucified with Christ and baptized into His death, everything alien, corrupt and condemned has been stripped from me. In myself, I own nothing, I can be nothing, and I can do nothing. But in Christ, I am and have everything You desire!

Because of the total regeneration of my inner being by Your Holy Spirit, and my new birth as a citizen in Your Eternal Kingdom, I am Your beloved child, and You are my beloved Father. We are One. You have made it so. It is not by the will or performance of man that I have this Life. It is by Your holy, eternal will.

What is my reward for gladly, wholeheartedly receiving the One You sent to rescue me? What is my reward for believing Your Good News of Salvation? What is my reward for joining Christ in His death and burial? It is absolute and total union with You. It is the Resurrection Life of Christ, throbbing within my innermost being and imparting to me the Vitality and Eternity and Endless Well-being of Christ Himself. Christ is my Life, and He proceeds from You, the Eternal Father.

You, O incomprehensible Lord God, are my reward forever! Therefore, I am eternally content!

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

Beloved Covenant Friend of God,

Now that the New Covenant is fully in force, the Kingdom of Heaven can now be present on earth, operating in full force—from within those who believe.

“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all Creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. AND THESE SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE: IN MY NAME THEY WILL DRIVE OUT DEMONS; THEY WILL SPEAK IN NEW TONGUES; THEY WILL PICK UP SNAKES WITH THEIR HANDS; AND WHEN THEY DRINK DEADLY POISON, IT WILL NOT HURT THEM AT ALL; THEY WILL PLACE THEIR HANDS ON SICK PEOPLE, AND THEY WILL GET WELL!’” (Mk. 16:15-18 emphasis added)

What awesome words the Lord Jesus spoke. What stupendous promises He gives to those who believe! Many in Christendom claim to be believers. **But in what do we believe?** That is the question. It is obvious to us all that not many of us who claim to believe, have such signs following in our wake. These signs follow ‘God Bringers’.

When will these promises be fulfilled in us? What is preventing it? What is blocking and preventing the Power of the Holy Spirit from coming through the Body of Christ on earth? Why are there so many empty words and so little Power?

Such incredibly miraculous things can only appear from within and among truly crucified disciples. Crucified to what? Crucified to self-life, souliness, and to reliance on

what originates in any created, fallen flesh. When we are crucified to that religious form of corrupt, soulish self-life, Christ Himself will become our one and only Life.

When the Son of God is free to live and operate from within us, those signs will follow. The Power of the Holy Spirit is only unleashed in testimony to the Lord Jesus. He is the One in whom the Father is well pleased. He is the One to whom He testifies. He is the Minister. He is the Anointed. His is the Ministry. It is the Presence and Activity of His Son that the Father always, unfailingly validates.

That will happen in and through us when Christ actually lives and reigns in us. It will happen when Christ is really and truly our Lord, Owner and Master. From that moment we will become full-fledged, Spirit-filled, 'God-Bringers'.

God is our Infinite, Indwelling **RESOURCE!** Thanks to the risen Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit has become our ever-present, Infinite 'Reservoir' of Eternal Covenant Grace. As He endlessly fills us with all that Christ is, does and means, we can become Christ's overflowing fountain of Covenant Blessing for the rest of the world.

That is the Life that the historical, Jesus of Nazareth lived as He walked the earth in space in time. In the spiritual realm, that is what was going on in Him and through Him. He did everything in obedience to His Father's will and purpose. Now He wants to live that very same Life and produce the very same fruit, and greater, in us and through us who are willing to embody and reveal Him as He lives in us!

That very same Life that the Holy Spirit was transmitting into Him, is now able to be transmitted into you. Now that your self-life has been crucified, Christ Himself, has

become your New and Eternal Life. Thus, God can reveal His Son, and His perfect, God-approved Humanity, in Spirit and in Truth—to you, in you, and through you, as soon as you effectively renew your mind and transform accordingly.

This is an awesome mystery of God's Love and Grace. Although our finite minds and brains cannot even begin to grasp and comprehend the magnitude of this Reality, our little lives on earth can truly embody it. God Himself will see to it for His endless Agenda on earth is—to reveal His Son in the midst of His people.

Beloved of God—that's where you come in. New Covenant Levites bear God's Presence as He lives within them! They have total, continuous access to His Living Reality. They never have to search for Him. He has come to abide within them! That is your New Covenant birthright.

Soak your mind and heart and imagination in Christ's indwelling Reality. Identify with Him. Live in Him. Live from Him. **BELIEVE!** Stop searching after Him as if you don't have Him. Start thinking, acting and reacting on the absolute truth that He actually abides within you! It's not something that's going to happen, **IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED! IT IS FINISHED!**

Everything has changed for you. All things have become new. Let your mind and brain catch up with these awesome spiritual New Covenant facts. Repeat what God has revealed. Repeat it to yourself in every way you can think of. Drum it in. Sow the New Covenant Reality Seed into your own soul and brain. Plant it in massive amounts. **Harvest Time is coming!** Use the time that leads up to it, wisely.

“At that time the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the Bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The Bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.”

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him!’”

“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’”

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’”

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the Bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with Him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.”

“Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’ But He replied, ‘I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON’T KNOW YOU!’”

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.” (Matthew 25:1-13 emphasis added)

These daily devotionals are assembled to create a monthly cycle for you, by which you can create a new, Christ-in-me paradigm for yourself. When your paradigm changes, you change. And when you change, the whole world will change in the way it appears and affects you. Every issue, feeling, circumstance and relationship of your entire experience on this earth will change in character, meaning, quality and impact. If you send out a new message to the world, the world will respond to that new message in a new way.

May God bless you for caring, responding and obediently bowing at the feet of the risen Lord of Glory. As you become more and more One with Him, may Father and the Holy Spirit be pleased to reveal Him in you and through you, in ever-increasing power and astounding fruitfulness.

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Can I Really Change?

Do you know anyone who has received Jesus Christ as their personal savior yet continues to struggle with various issues in their life? We have all met people like that. In fact, if we are honest with ourselves, we probably see someone like that each time we look in the mirror.

Why is it that all of the sin and dysfunction in our lives doesn't disappear the minute we have an encounter with the living God? Before we get too far down this road, we need to acknowledge the life-changing power of God and how often times people are set free from issues in their lives instantaneously. But even for those who are set free from certain issues in their lives instantaneously, it usually is only part of their issues that are dealt with. Thus, leaving them to walk out the other issues in their life.

Why don't people change? Is it because they don't really want to change or that they simply don't love God enough? Those things can play a part, but the altars of our churches are filled with people who love God and who desperately and sincerely want to change, but they feel powerless. What about them? What about you? What about me?

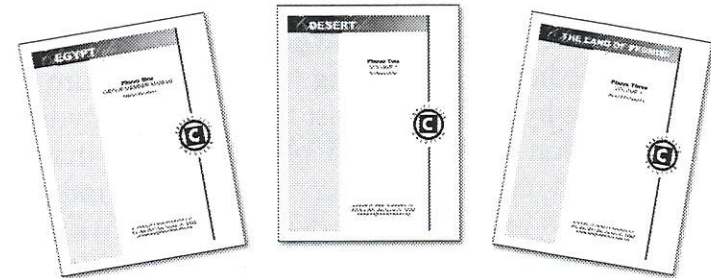
So, how do we experience the true Life-Changing power of God?

Romans 12:2 says “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind.” Obviously, God anticipates that certain areas of our lives will not be instantaneously changed, but that they will need to go through a transformation process and that renewal of the mind is the key to this transformation. So, the real issue is, how do we renew our minds?

Real transformation that results in a heart change, rather than just a futile attempt at a forced behavioral change, takes place when we change our thinking patterns. Unfortunately, religion primarily focuses on our behavior and what we should or shouldn't do.

The Christ-Life Solution focuses on the biblical model of effectuating real change by renewing our minds, or in other words, by changing our thinking patterns. This process takes place in three phases.

The Christ-Life Solution



Phase 1: This is an honest evaluation of where you are. By looking at the past events of your life, you will be able to identify what your current thinking patterns are and where they came from. Often times we have developed patterns of thinking that are such a part of us that we do not even recognize them. Phase 1 helps you recognize where you have been conformed to the thinking (or pattern) of this world so that you can break away from it and bond to the life God has for you.

Phase 2: In this phase, you will identify the pattern of thinking that God wants you to have. We accomplish this through an in-depth study of the airtight Blood Covenant relationship that God wants to have with each of us. You will experience God's Solution to your guilt, shame, fear, anxiety or pressure to perform as you explore the incredible love relationship He wants with you. God is a God of Truth. As you learn more about what God thinks, you will get a clearer picture of how you should be thinking. The target we are shooting for is to view life through the truth of God's eyes and to begin to think as He thinks. If we see as He sees and think as He thinks, we will experience

dramatic Life-Change at the very core level of who we are and it will permeate every area of our life.

Phase 3: Unfortunately, understanding where we are and seeing what the target is doesn't get the job done. Somehow, we must be able to pull out the old wiring and put in the new. That's where Phase 3 comes in. Phase 3 is dedicated to learning how to restructure your mind and life by allowing Christ to live through you. In this phase, you will be given practical tools that will allow you to take the power of God beyond head knowledge and into the reality of your everyday life with Him. You will learn the practical meaning of Romans 12:1 where Paul urges us, in view of God's mercy, to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. We learn that sacrifice doesn't mean torture and misery as we attempt to deny ourselves of certain things. It means choosing daily to exchange our old thought patterns and ideas for His thought patterns, thereby changing our lives from the inside out. As we exchange our old thinking patterns for His Christ-Life in us, we will be transformed by the renewing of our mind and experience real Life-Change.



Testimonies of The Christ-Life Solution Participants

“I was sexually abused multiple times as a child. I tried to mask the hurt and turned to sex, drugs, alcohol and crime. Even after I became a Christian and stopped using drugs, I lived a life full of shame, guilt and anger about my childhood. I had never told anyone of the abuse, but I found a safe place in Christ-Life Phase 1 where I could finally be honest about my past and allow God to truly set me free.”

“My parents wanted a boy, but I was a girl. I spent years trying to be something I wasn't. Through Christ-Life, I have learned to accept myself as God created me. I am now learning what it means to be God's little girl and I love it.”

“I was devastated at age 7 when my parents got divorced and dad moved out. I began looking to other males for the affirmation I should have received from my dad. My life has been a string of broken relationships where I would seek affirmation from men but then run from them when I thought they might leave me like dad did. Through Christ-Life, I was able to see the pattern of running from male relationships when I would become scared. I originally came to Christ-Life because I was about to end my second marriage and was already in the middle of an adulterous relationship. Christ-Life has helped me to find my true approval in Christ, which has set me free from seeking approval out of relationships with men and from the fear of abandonment. My life and my marriage have been restored.”

“My wife and I were ready to get divorced. We were both hurting and unable to meet each other’s needs. Through Christ-Life, we have both been able to receive healing from the baggage we each brought into our marriage and are now free to love each other unconditionally rather than worrying about our individual needs being met.”

“I am a 74-year-old man, married (48 years), with children and grandchildren. Christ-Life Solution has opened my eyes and helped set me free from wrong patterns that have been controlling my life for years.”

“I struggled with a pornography addiction for over 20 years. I am a Christian and have gone to numerous counselors, pastors, and friends over the years for help but

nothing made a difference. Christ-Life has given me a safe place to experience the true love of God. As I have experienced the unconditional love and acceptance of God through the other members of my group, I have been able to begin changing how I view myself and overcome my low self-esteem and the symptoms, including my pornography addiction.”

“Nothing was ever good enough for my dad. No matter how well I did something he always expected more. Dad could never just say “good job” or “I’m proud of you just for being you,” he always had to critique everything. Competition and the drive for perfection have dominated my adult life and have cost me more than I probably even know. Through Christ-Life, I am learning to rest in the all sufficiency of Christ and accept others and myself just the way God made us.”

“I received a lot of my affirmation and approval from my dad, but then he died when I was a teenager. I spent the next 20 years of my life trying to fill the void left by my dad’s death. I became a people pleasing workaholic. Christ-Life helped me to see that my self-worth is not wrapped up in others and what I can do to gain their approval, but in the unconditional love of Christ.

Even though I had been a pastor for over 40 years and had preached numerous sermons about God’s love and acceptance, I had continued to struggle with feelings of inadequacy and inferiority. Ministry can be a difficult and challenging place when we feel others are judging us. I now realize that I was my own worst critic. Through *The Christ-Life Solution*, I have been able to go back and receive healing for hurts experienced early in my

childhood. Now I can accept myself just the way I am, and more importantly, receive the unconditional love and acceptance of God that I have taught about for so many years.”

“I grew up in the “perfect” Christian home. My parents were very performance oriented and I learned how to run on the treadmill of performance trying to earn God’s approval. Because of Christ-Life, I am off the treadmill and resting in His arms.”

“I was the youngest of 7 children in a very poor family. It was clear that I was not planned and that I was a “mistake”. Every time there was a financial need in our home, my parents would fight and I would hear them say, “We wouldn’t have all of these problems if we didn’t have so many kids.” I always felt like I was a burden and that I didn’t belong. I tried hard just to blend into the woodwork and not be noticed and learned not to express any of my own needs. Christ-Life has helped me to see that I am not a mistake in God’s eyes and that I have value and that my needs are important. I am finally free to live the life God gave me.”

“I was born out of wedlock and was always the source of shame and guilt for my mother. My mother blamed me for ruining her life and was and is verbally abusive to me. I grew up with no self-worth and as a result married into an abusive relationship. I hated myself but learned to put on a mask so that others would not see my pain, but I was dying inside. Through Christ-Life, I have learned to forgive my mother, husband and more importantly myself. For the first time I am learning what it really means to have a father and what it means to be a child of God.”

“I never heard my dad tell me that he loves me. I spent most of my childhood trying to earn his approval. Consequently, as an adult, I found myself trying to earn the approval others. Christ-Life helped me to understand the unconditional love of God and the truth that He created me to be who I am. Now that I have truly experienced God’s unconditional love, I don’t feel like I have to earn the approval of others.”

“I was put up for adoption as a baby. I have struggled for years with issues of rejection and fear of abandonment. While I know it doesn’t make logical sense, I have always wondered what was wrong with me and why my parents didn’t want me. Christ-Life has helped me to understand that my parents abandoning me was not about what was right or wrong with me, but about the issues going on in my parents lives at the time. Now, I have an intimate, airtight, Blood Covenant relationship with my Heavenly Father, who promises never to leave me or forsake me. Because I am secure in Him, I am now free to enter other relationships without the fear of rejection or abandonment.”

Under the Old Covenant, God established the Tribe of Levi to bear the Ark of the Covenant, to stand before the Lord to minister unto Him, and to bless in His Name.

In the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, every believer is called by God to be a Levite. We carry the Ark of the Covenant, because we are the Ark of the Covenant. We are God's Temple. We carry His presence with us wherever we go.

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