

The Tsunami Blessing: Inside and Out, Part 45

Live as a very present, active force in the heart and hand of God. Be resolved to activate every supernatural tool that gives God the same advantage on earth as He enjoys in heaven. By faith, employ “*dynamis*”, i.e., the miraculous power of God at the same level as the riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Refrain from making the blood of the Lamb just seasonal, life is in the blood. Set a blood watch over everyone, in everything all the time. Don't use the name of Jesus without raising your expectation: every knee must bow and every tongue must confess Jesus as Lord of All, including the defeated foe, satan. Maturity is realized when you willingly change your schedule to live by the Word of God because you can't live without hearing His voice. Move from the milk of the Word to the meat of the Word. From worship to warfare, you hold the winning position, so refuse to give your triumph away through inactivity. Live as God's mouthpiece.

Framing Your World with the Word of God

[Romans 1:20](#): “For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal **power** and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

Hebrews 11:3 King James Version (KJV)

³Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Genesis 1:1-4 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

1 In the beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth.

²The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.

³And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

⁴And God saw that the light was good (suitable, pleasant) *and* He approved it; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:26-28 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

²⁶God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

²⁷So God created man in His own image, in the image *and* likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

Luke 1:26-37 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

²⁶Now in the sixth month [after that], the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth,

²⁷To a girl never having been married *and* a ^[a]virgin engaged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸And he came to her and said, Hail, O favored one ^[b]endued with grace! The Lord is with you! ^[c]*Blessed (favored of God) are you before all other women!*

²⁹But *when she saw him*, she was greatly troubled *and* disturbed *and* confused at what he said and kept revolving in her mind what such a greeting might mean.

³⁰And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace ^[d](free, spontaneous, absolute favor and loving-kindness) with God.

³¹And listen! You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

³²He will be great (eminent) and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David,

³³And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end.

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I have no [intimacy with any man as a] husband?

³⁵Then the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a shining cloud]; and so the holy (pure, sinless) Thing (Offspring) which shall be born *of you* will be called the Son of God.

³⁶And listen! Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is now the sixth month with her who was called barren.

³⁷For with God nothing is ever impossible *and* no word from God shall be without power *or* impossible of fulfillment.

³⁸Then Mary said, Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be done to me according to what you have said. And the angel left her.

John 1:1-5 King James Version (KJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²The same was in the beginning with God.

³All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:14 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 6:62-64 King James Version (KJV)

⁶²What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

⁶³It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

⁶⁴But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

John 10:15-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁵As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

¹⁷Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

¹⁸No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

John 12:48-50 King James Version (KJV)

⁴⁸He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

⁴⁹For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

⁵⁰And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Wisdom is Foreman that has the Foresight

[Hebrews 1:3](#): "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his **powerful** word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

Luke 2:41-52 King James Version (KJV)

⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

⁴³ And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

⁴⁴ But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

⁴⁵ And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

⁴⁶ And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

⁴⁷ And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

⁴⁸ And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

⁴⁹ And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

⁵⁰ And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

⁵¹ And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Proverbs 8 Living Bible (TLB)

8 ¹⁻³Can't you hear the voice of wisdom? She is standing at the city gates and at every fork in the road, and at the door of every house. Listen to what she says: ⁴⁻⁵"Listen, men!" she calls. "How foolish and naive you are! Let me give you understanding. O foolish ones, let me show you common sense! ⁶⁻⁷Listen to me! For I have important information for you. Everything I say is right and true, for I hate lies and every kind of deception. ⁸My advice is wholesome and good. There is nothing of evil in it. ⁹My words are plain and clear to anyone with half a mind—if it is only open! ¹⁰My instruction is far more valuable than silver or gold."

¹¹For the value of wisdom is far above rubies; nothing can be compared with it. ¹²Wisdom and good judgment live together, for wisdom knows where to discover knowledge and understanding. ¹³If anyone respects and fears God, he will hate evil. For wisdom hates pride, arrogance, corruption, and deceit of every kind.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶"I, Wisdom, give good advice and common sense. Because of my strength, kings reign in power, and rulers make just laws. ¹⁷I love all who love me. Those who search for me shall surely find me. ¹⁸Unending riches, honor, justice, and righteousness are mine to distribute. ¹⁹My gifts are better than the purest gold or sterling silver! ²⁰My paths are those of justice and right. ²¹Those who love and follow me are indeed wealthy. I fill their treasuries. ²²The Lord formed me in the beginning, before he created anything else.^[a] ²³From ages past, I am. I existed before the earth began. ²⁴I lived before the oceans were created, before the springs bubbled forth their waters onto the earth, ²⁵before the mountains and the hills were made. ²⁶Yes, I was born before God made the earth and fields and the first handfuls of soil.

²⁷⁻²⁹"I was there when he established the heavens and formed the great springs in the depths of the oceans. I was there when he set the limits of the seas and gave them his instructions not to spread beyond their boundaries. I was there when he made the blueprint for the earth and oceans. ³⁰I was the craftsman at his side. I was his constant delight, rejoicing always in his presence. ³¹And how happy I was with what he created—his wide world and

all his family of mankind! ³²And so, young men, listen to me, for how happy are all who follow my instructions.

³³“Listen to my counsel—oh, don’t refuse it—and be wise. ³⁴Happy is the man who is so anxious to be with me that he watches for me daily at my gates, or waits for me outside my home! ³⁵For whoever finds me finds life and wins approval from the Lord. ³⁶But the one who misses me has injured himself irreparably. Those who refuse me show that they love death.”

Footnotes:

- a. [Proverbs 8:22](#) The reference here is to Wisdom. If this verse refers to Christ, this alternate translation is possible from the Hebrew text: “The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work.”

Formula that Reproduces Fulfillment of the Promise

[Acts 1:8](#): “But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Isaiah 34:16 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

Deuteronomy 8:1-5 King James Version (KJV)

8 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

²And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

³And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might

make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

⁴Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

⁵Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

John 15:6-8 King James Version (KJV)

⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁷If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

⁸Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

John 16:22-24 King James Version (KJV)

²²And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

²³And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

²⁴Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

1 John 2:13-17 King James Version (KJV)

¹³I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

¹⁴I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

¹⁵Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

¹⁷And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Isaiah 55:10-12 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁰For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

¹¹So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

¹²For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Hebrews 6:17-19 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁷Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

¹⁸That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

¹⁹Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Matthew 8:5-13 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

A Believing Army Officer^(A)

⁵When Jesus went to Capernaum, a Roman army officer came to beg him for help. ⁶The officer said, "Sir, my servant is lying at home paralyzed and in terrible pain."

⁷Jesus said to him, "I'll come to heal him."

⁸The officer responded, "Sir, I don't deserve to have you come into my house. But just give a command, and my servant will be healed. ⁹As you know, I'm in a chain of command and have soldiers at my command. I tell one of them, 'Go!' and he goes, and another, 'Come!' and he comes. I tell my servant, 'Do this!' and he does it."

¹⁰Jesus was amazed when he heard this. He said to those who were following him, "I can guarantee this truth: I haven't found faith as great as this in anyone in Israel. ¹¹I can guarantee that many will come from all over the world. They will eat with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹²The citizens of that kingdom will be thrown outside into the darkness. People will cry and be in extreme pain there.

¹³Jesus told the officer, "Go! What you believed will be done for you." And at that moment the servant was healed.

Cross references:

A. [Matthew 8:5](#) : [Luke 7:1-10](#)

Foundation Fixed

[Second Peter 1:3](#): "His divine **power** has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

Psalm 107:20 King James Version (KJV)

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

Isaiah 51:12-16 King James Version (KJV)

¹²I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

¹³And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

¹⁴The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

¹⁵But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name.

¹⁶And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

Isaiah 59 King James Version (KJV)

59 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

²But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

³For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

⁴None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

⁵They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

⁶Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

⁷Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

⁸The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

⁹Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

¹¹We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

¹²For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

¹³In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

¹⁴And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

¹⁵Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

¹⁶And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

¹⁷For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

¹⁸According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

¹⁹So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

²⁰And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

²¹As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever.

Jeremiah 15:18-20 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁸Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

²⁰And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

Psalms 107:2-3 King James Version (KJV)

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

³And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

Fortified Fighting

[Second Corinthians 12:9](#): "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my **power** is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's **power** may rest on me."

Psalm 81:9-11 King James Version (KJV)

⁹There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

¹⁰I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

Psalm 103:1-5; 20

[A Psalm] of David.

¹Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul; and all that is [deepest] within me, bless His holy name!

²Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits—

³Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases,

⁴Who redeems your life from the pit *and* corruption, Who beautifies, dignifies, *and* crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercy;

⁵Who satisfies your mouth [your necessity and desire at your personal age and situation] with good so that your youth, renewed, is like the eagle's [strong, overcoming, soaring]!^(A)

²⁰Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Revelation 12:10-11 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁰And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the

accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

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

Philippians 2:9-11 King James Version (KJV)

⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 4:11-13 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹¹Let us therefore be zealous *and* exert ourselves *and* strive diligently to enter that rest [of God, to know and experience it for ourselves], that no one may fall *or* perish by the same kind of unbelief *and* disobedience [into which those in the wilderness fell].

¹²For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the ^[a]breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing *and* sifting *and* analyzing *and* judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

¹³And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open *and* exposed, naked *and* defenseless to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do.

Psalm 149 King James Version (KJV)

149 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

²Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

⁴For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

⁵Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

⁷To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

⁸To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

⁹To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Ephesians 6:16-20 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁶Lift up over all the [covering] shield of ^(a)saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit ^(b)wields, which is the Word of God.

¹⁸Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

¹⁹And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel),

²⁰For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly *and* courageously, as I ought to do.

Footnotes:

- a. [Ephesians 6:16](#) Marvin Vincent, *Word Studies*.
- b. [Ephesians 6:17](#) Charles B. Williams, *The New Testament: A Translation in the Language of the People*: Subjective genitive—a type of genitive of possession. Thus here the Spirit is the subject or agent of the verbal action.

Luke 4:1-13 King James Version (KJV)

4 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

²Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

³And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

⁴And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

⁵And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

⁶And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

⁷If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

⁸And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

⁹And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

¹⁰For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

¹¹And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹²And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

¹³And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Focused Faith

[Second Corinthians 4:7](#): "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing **power** is from God and not from us."

Ephesians 3:20 King James Version (KJV)

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

Ephesians 3:20 Living Bible (TLB)

²⁰Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.

Mark 11:11-26 King James Version (KJV)

¹¹And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

¹²And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

¹³And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

¹⁴And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever. And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

¹⁶And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

¹⁷And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

¹⁸And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

¹⁹And when even was come, he went out of the city.

²⁰And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

²¹And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

²²And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

²³For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

²⁴Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

²⁵And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

²⁶But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Isaiah 41:8-20 The Voice (VOICE)

The nations fashion new idols in the hopes these new gods will be able to protect them during the coming battles against the eastern hero, Cyrus of Persia. If powerful Babylon can fall before him and his mighty army, what chance do other nations have? But Israel has nothing to fear. For God's covenant people, Cyrus' rise to power is good news; his ascension and Babylon's defeat are God's answers to their anxious prayers. Cyrus' campaign to build his empire is not simply the will of man or a coincidence of history; it is the outworking of God's plan to redeem and restore His

scattered people. It was God who sent His disobedient covenant partners into exile; it will be God who brings them back home.

⁸ **Eternal One:** But you, My servant, Israel,

Jacob whom I have chosen and descendant of My friend, Abraham,

⁹ I have reached to wherever you are in the farthest corners of earth,
and the most hidden places therein.

I have called to you and said, "You are my servant.

I have chosen you, not thrown you away!"

¹⁰ So don't be afraid. I am here, with you;
don't be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you, help you.

I am here with My right hand to make right and to hold you up.

¹¹ Look, everyone who hated you *and sought to do you wrong*
will be embarrassed and confused.

Whoever challenged you *with hot-headed bluster*

will become as if they never were, and nevermore will be.

¹² You may go looking for them, but you won't find them;

because those who tried to fight with you will become as if they never
were.

¹³ After all, it is I, the Eternal One your God,
who has hold of your right hand,

Who whispers *in your ear*, "Don't be afraid. I will help you."

¹⁴ So don't be afraid, Jacob, though you are nothing but a worm.

People of Israel, *you little bug, you have nothing to fear.*

Eternal One: I will help you. I am One who saves you,
the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵ I will turn you into a *formidable* threshing sledge
with brand new sharp blades that will mow down entire mountains
and turn the hills into chaff.

¹⁶ You will separate *value from waste*, and a great wind
and a strong storm will take away what is *useless and unimportant*.
You will take joy in the Eternal.

You will glow with pride in the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁷ And when people thirst, when those poor souls with parched tongues

look in vain for something to drink,
I, the Eternal, the God of Israel, won't leave them *to suffer*. I will respond
¹⁸ By making the hard, brown hills *sparkle* with streams of fresh water
and causing valleys to come alive with springs.
I will see that *gentle* pools wait on the desert floor *for the weary traveler*,
and *great* fountains bubble up from dry ground;
¹⁹ In the desert, I will plant cedars, *woody* acacias,
myrtles, and olive trees.
I will establish *great* cypresses *to flourish* in the desert *places*,
plant oaks and pine trees side by side.
²⁰ They'll see *all this* and understand. They'll ponder together
and come to know that it is the power of the Eternal One that produced
this.
They will know that the Holy One of Israel created it

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²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see! Who has created these? He Who brings
out their host by number and calls them all by name; through the greatness
of His might and because He is strong in power, not one is missing *or* lacks
anything.

²⁷ Why, O Jacob, do you say, and declare, O Israel, My way *and* my lot are
hidden from the Lord, and my right is passed over without regard from my
God?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord,
the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is
no searching of His understanding.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint *and* weary, and to him who has no might He
increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound].^(A)

³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and [selected] young men shall
feebly stumble *and* fall exhausted;

³¹ But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change *and* renew their strength *and* power; they shall lift their wings *and* mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint *or* become tired.^(B)