

The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 182 Scriptures

You are in Christ to live through Him in this world just as He would. Because of the finished works of Jesus Christ, you were co-crucified, co-buried, co-resurrected and now are co-seated with Him in heavenly places. Having undeniable access to the Triune God—the Three in One—you also have co-perception, the mind of Christ. Your synergy with Holy Spirit and the Word of God reposition you to operate effectively in the spirit realm in your private and public ministry life. It is your time! It is your turn!

The sub-conscious mind never sleeps or slumbers. Job's vain imagination reproduced the word picture that did not accurately conform to the truth. He could not perceive satan as the thief nor his own breach. Because Job never stopped talking about "what may happen" the fulfillment of it manifested what he loved the most, the power of death. The adversary, satan, was so stirred about Job's death warmed over confession that he went into the Courts of Heaven. Job's defense was so impenetrable that it made it impossible for satan to even gain access into the enemy's own territory, the gates of hell. The effect was a multiple loss for Job: 1) material/financial, i.e., assets, income, succession, and business; 2) relational i.e., his family, employees; 3) functional, i.e., illness and injury; 4) role, i.e., sense of purpose, worth and value; 5) systemic, i.e., community; and 6) intrapsychic, i.e., the death of a dream. You will learn how to activate grief-relief supernaturally.

Similar to the court of law, God sees you innocent until proven guilty. Job operated independently from God at the time when all the other sons of God approached the throne of grace. That made Job the self-proclaimed judge. Job's no-show in the Courts of Heaven turned his victory into an immediate defeat on the battlefield. Although Job acknowledged the partial error of his ways in chapter 3 was his unrest, he couldn't see that it was his pride that prejudged his entire life in error. It wasn't until chapter 42 when Job admitted to God that he really didn't know Him although he thought he served Him, so he repented. Job recovered all after he humbled himself before God and He restored his territory twofold. Now God's retribution and restitution system increased so you receive sevenfold in the Courts of Heaven.

In the Old Testament, Elijah had a seamless connection with the Spirit of God. "Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he

prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual],” James 5:17-18 (AMPC). Still, what Elijah showcased was a foreshadow of things to come, the works of Jesus and the greater works He promised would be performed through you, a member of the Body of Christ: “...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working],” James 5:16 AMPC. Let Holy Spirit live big in you so you are the credible witness of the Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out. That is what makes your calling and election undisputable.

Abandonment from God breaches your territory

Job 1 King James Version (KJV)

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

²And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

³His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

⁴And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

⁵And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and satan came also among them.

⁷And the LORD said unto satan, Whence comest thou? Then satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

⁸And the LORD said unto satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

⁹Then satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

¹⁰Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

¹¹But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

¹²And the LORD said unto satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

¹³And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁴And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

¹⁵And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁶While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁷While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

¹⁸While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁹And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

²⁰Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

²¹And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

²²In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 2 King James Version (KJV)

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

²And the LORD said unto satan, From whence comest thou? And satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

³And the LORD said unto satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

⁴And satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

⁵But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

⁶And the LORD said unto satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

⁷So went satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

⁸And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

⁹Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

¹⁰But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

¹²And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

¹³So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

Alignment with God brings about total recovery

Job 3:25-26 King James Version (KJV)

²⁵For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

²⁶I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Job 33:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

²Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

³My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

⁴The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Job 33:12-26 King James Version (KJV)

¹²Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

¹³Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

¹⁴For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

¹⁵In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

¹⁶Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

¹⁷That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

¹⁸He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

¹⁹He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

²⁰So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

²¹His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

²²Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

²³If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

²⁴Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

²⁵His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

²⁶He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

Job 42:1-13 King James Version (KJV) [God approached Job chapter 38]

Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

²I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

³Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

⁴Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

⁵I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

⁶Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

⁷And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

⁸Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

⁹So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

¹⁰And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

¹¹Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

¹²So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

¹³He had also seven sons and three daughters.

Job 42:16-17 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

¹⁷So Job died, being old and full of days.

Job 14:7-14 King James Version (KJV)

⁷For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

⁸Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

⁹Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

¹⁰But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

¹¹As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

¹²So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

¹³O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

¹⁴If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Activate victory supernaturally with through prayer

I was first acquainted with the five stages of grief as I was reading a counseling book. It covered the topic during my own season of grief. The five stages are: 1) shock and denial; 2) anger; 3) depression and detachment; 4) dialogue and bargaining; and 5) acceptance.

The timing of that self-instruction occurred about a decade before the following life-changing testimony of grief-relief that resulted in supernatural time redemption. I vividly recall a former co-worker having committed suicide over that particular weekend in 1996. When we returned to work on Monday, most everyone seemed quite grief-stricken.

Later in the day, counselors arrived to help process the event and educate us about grief. I felt I was emotionally sound enough but I still decided to attend the counseling session with thoughts that maybe I could help my co-workers.

At the time of this death, I had been reviewing material that referenced the five stages of grief on my own. But when the counsellor started talking about its features, all of a sudden I had a revelation that grief had a personality indeed; and I said to a party I was with, "that thing is alive."

<https://funeralresources.com/grief-and-loss/five-stages-of-grief/>

That resonated over and over in my mind. After arriving home, I approached the Lord to help me sort that out. That's when Holy Spirit began to teach me about how to take dominion over the spirit of grief. He led me to Isaiah 61:1-4.

The Lord showed me how to command it using the binding and loosing prayer. So I bound the spirit of grief, heaviness, and destruction; then I loosed the oil of joy, the garment of praise, and the beauty of the Lord. I sent away what I wanted to be liberated from and I called back into place what had been stolen. Since that time, I have practiced grief-relief on myself as well as read the Isaiah reference virtually every day.

By Tuesday, a memorial was being planned in the next couple of days in the airport chapel. I asked if I would be able to be a part of the program and permission was granted. I commanded grief-relief over myself just prior to singing. This was the very first time I ever sung at a funeral or in this case a

memorial that I didn't feel any heaviness. In the past, I would feel the weightiness of grief whether or not I knew the person that passed. From that day on until now, I never felt that weight when I sang at such an event that could potentially be full of grief. The same results occurred even when I sang at my grandmother's and then my mother's funeral. This is a testimony of the miraculous power of God that He is bound to His eternal covenant with you to preserve you from even grief. Whatever the situation that caused the loss, it is our loving Father who rescues you and resuscitates you. His idea is for you to remember without the pain. He remains the Only Source who can guarantee that kind of breakthrough.

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Isaiah 61:1-3 King James Version (KJV)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

²To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

³To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Fulfilled

Luke 4:16-21 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

¹⁷And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

²⁰ And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Acclimate to the newness of life that is in Christ alone

Isaiah 61:1-4 is the scripture text Holy Spirit used to teach me just how the mechanics of grief function in the spirit realm. By the time I downloaded the revelation about grief and the manifestation of its relief, I had already been praying those same bible verses almost daily. I was sculpting the mission the Lord had given our ministry.

12. Band of Wickedness Has Been Exposed, so Oppose and Impose

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4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

I strongly suggest you discover Scriptures that are so apropos to the promise you desire that all you have to do is add your name to them. Armed with evidence of your faith, your trust in the presence and power of Holy Spirit fully develops with all doubts dissolved when the Word of God is present and active. Read them aloud so they become the treasures of your heart. The truth you believe fully activates the measure of your faith. Be

both disciplined and diligent to only speak the promised words of God with your mouth.

Research confirms that an individual can experience grief about just one loss for up to twenty years. Please know, I encourage you to use every available resource you have at your disposal to overcome grief. I recommend staying open to consider more than a natural prognosis.

God offers you His supernatural cure that Jesus Christ already paid for in full. There are at least two grief-relief benefits: 1) remembering the event without the pain of the past, no matter how traumatic; and 2) reducing the waiting time to receive your delivering and healing miracle so you can be cured.

Once you have spiritual illumination that God has already given you dominion, then deliverance from grief is ever present. It remains there for you to receive the benefits. At that point, the waiting time depends on your choice to experience freedom.

Your expectation is the eventuality of your experience. Do you desire deliverance and healing now or later? If you expect it later, you will receive it later. If you expect it now, you will receive it now. The assurance of faith labors to enter into the rest of the Lord because the Word of God is present and active. God's delivery of the finished work depends on you not exiting from resting in Him. If you are struggling to rest, Holy Spirit is always accessible to bring you into supernatural rest.

Real-time faith gets immediate supernatural results. Your life always follows the word picture you rehearsed; you believe it by faith so you receive it by faith. When you know you have it without a shadow of doubt, you say it because you expect to see it. With that much determination, you will always refuse to get your script from any prevailing contradiction.

My real-time faith experience has shown me that the five stages of grief can accelerate to be resolved, that the symptoms don't have to appear in any order, or begin at the actual time of loss, even delayed for over a year. That helps to confirm that grief has a hostile temperament in order to keep it from ever being resolved and you ever being free.

Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁹ Also, every man to whom God has given riches and possessions, and the power to enjoy them and to accept his appointed lot and to rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God [to him].

²⁰ For he shall not much remember [seriously] the days of his life, because God [Himself] answers *and* corresponds to the joy of his heart [the tranquillity of God is mirrored in him].

Matthew 11:28-30 The Message (MSG)

²⁸⁻³⁰ “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Abort all enemy influence from your life inside and out

The spirit of grief appears so overwhelming because it moves from the event that caused the loss into ruining the rest of your eventuality. What you won’t do is blocked by what you believe you can’t do, so the best use of the current is denied access. In reality, the spirit of grief: 1) rehearses the past through harassment; 2) pressures the present through heaviness; and 3) paralyzes the future through hopelessness.

The Spirit of Grief

Rehearses the past through harassment - torment

Pressures the present through heaviness - depression

Paralyzes the future through hopelessness – lack of vision

Grief is not a part of life as some suppose; it is a part of loss. It robs a party of their joy, praise, and beauty. Although lack takes shape, grief never leaves you empty-handed. Instead, it makes an uneven exchange and leaves you with mourning, heaviness, and ashes, i.e., some form of destruction.

Sculptured Relief

Bathed in the Oil of Joy

Adorned with the Garment of Praise

Surrounded by the Beauty of the Lord

"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."

a.Oil of Joy for Mourning (Grief)

b.Garment of Praise for the Heaviness (Depression)

c.Beauty for Ashes (Hopelessness; ruins, remains, fragments, debris, dusts, cinders, remnants, leftovers, residues)

1.Beauty H5278 – *no'am* agreeableness (i.e.) delight; suitability, splendor or grace; beauty; pleasantness; from H5276 *nâ'êm* to be agreeable, pass in beauty; be delight; be sweet; be pleasant

2.Agreeableness (1828) that quality that gives satisfaction; resemblance/likeness; conformity; consistency; constant customs

3.Beautiful – *Hebrew Honey* – to sit or dwell in rest or quiet

Mourning, heaviness, and ashes (destruction) are the effects of grief so you can better understand yours' or others' state of being. When beauty is present, there is an agreeableness, a delight, suitability, splendor or grace. When it's not, one may feel the loss, depressed, and/or hopeless. Psalm 84:1-7 shows how your praise moves you progressively through your problems. You will wade through the waters that the enemy tried to trouble. Instead of feeling like a recluse, you will be refreshed.

Psalm 84:1-7 Living Bible (TLB)

84 How lovely is your Temple, O Lord of the armies of heaven.

2 I long, yes, faint with longing to be able to enter your courtyard and come near to the Living God. **3** Even the sparrows and swallows are welcome to come and nest among your altars and there have their young, O Lord of heaven's armies, my King and my God! **4** How happy are those who can live in your Temple, singing your praises.

5 Happy are those who are strong in the Lord, who want above all else to follow your steps. **6** When they walk through the Valley of Weeping, it will

become a place of springs where pools of blessing and refreshment collect after rains! **7** They will grow constantly in strength, and each of them is invited to meet with the Lord in Zion.

NO WASTED TEARS
Every tear has watered the soil,
pressing through the ground.
Running deep down to the root, it fueled growth.
Now you shall see the fruit of all your labor
and as a memorial I have each tear in my bottle.
from God, Your Loving Father

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Isaiah 58:11-12 confirms the continual presence of God. It is just one of countless scripture text that verifies the Lord turning His face towards you in favor: He never abandons you, not even once. However, you may tend to walk away from Him. That could be physically and/or emotionally. As you give God permission to heal your wounded soul and set it back in union with His soul, you will become a well springing up whereby God mends all your brokenness and refills you to overflowing with His love. You are so transformed that you are able to reproduce the Garden of Eden not only in and around you, but also in and around others until they too will allow God to repair and restore their own lives. Ultimately, helping others to be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue and have dominion in their Garden of Eden.

Isaiah 58:11-12 King James Version (KJV)

11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Appropriate the authority that shows your power with God

Luke 4:16-21, The Voice

16 He eventually came to His hometown, Nazareth, and did there what He had done elsewhere *in Galilee*—entered the synagogue and stood up to read *from the Hebrew Scriptures*.

17 The *synagogue attendant* gave Him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, and Jesus unrolled it to the place where Isaiah had written these words:

18 The Spirit of the Lord the Eternal One is on Me.

Why? Because the Eternal designated Me

to be His representative to the poor, to preach good news to them.

Luke's audience doesn't divide the world into sacred vs. secular or religious vs. political. For them, life is integrated. And for them, these "religious" words from Isaiah have a powerful and "political" meaning: because they see themselves as oppressed by the Roman occupation, Jesus' words suggest that His "good news" describes a powerful change about to come—a change that will rescue the people from their oppression. His fellow Jews have long been waiting for a savior to free them from Roman oppression. Jesus tells them their hopes are about to be fulfilled. But then, just as people speak well of Jesus, He lets them know their expectations aren't in line with God's plans. He tells them not to expect God to fit into their boxes and suggests the unthinkable: that God cares for the Gentiles, the very people who are oppressing them! They aren't too pleased by this.

He sent Me to tell those who are held captive that they can now be set free, and to tell the blind that they can now see.

He sent Me to liberate those held down by oppression.

19 *In short, the Spirit is upon Me* to proclaim that now is the time; this is the jubilee season of the Eternal One's grace.^[a]

20 Jesus rolled up the scroll and returned it to the synagogue attendant.

Then He sat down, *as a teacher would do*, and all in the synagogue focused their attention on Jesus, *waiting for Him to speak*. **21** He told them that these

words from the Hebrew Scriptures were being fulfilled then and there, in their hearing.

Deuteronomy 32:4 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

⁴ He is the Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are law *and* justice. A God of faithfulness without breach *or* deviation, just and right is He.

Proverbs 6:30-31 King James Version (KJV)

³⁰ Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

³¹ But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Retribution (1828): To pay back; return accommodated to the action; the distribution of rewards and punishment

Isaiah 35:3-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

³ Encourage the exhausted, and make staggering knees firm.

⁴ Say to those with an anxious *and* panic-stricken heart,

“Be strong, fear not!

Indeed, your God will come with vengeance [for the ungodly];

The retribution of God will come,

But He will save you.”

Restitution (1828): The act of returning or restoring some thing or right of which he has been unjustly deprived; the act of making good or equivalent for any loss, damage or injury; indemnification; The act of restoring a former state or posture.

Isaiah 62:11-12 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹¹ Listen carefully, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth,

Say to the Daughter of Zion, “Look now, your salvation is coming [in the LORD];

Indeed, His reward is with Him, and His restitution accompanies Him.”

¹² And they will call them “The Holy People,

The Redeemed of the LORD”;

And you will be called “Sought Out, A City Not Deserted.”

Revelation 12:10-11, King James Version

¹⁰ And 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.

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

Matthew 6:10 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 16:18-19 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The following is an excerpt from “Promises” the musical theater stage production by Kathryn Joy Foster.

From the left stage, Narrator 3 enters but the spotlight remains off until the narration. The curtain is raised with Mimes frozen after entering from the right stage. Each mime comes to life with background music and sound effects. Mime 1 joyfully strolls

across the stage wearing a garment of praise while carrying a bottle of oil of joy in one hand, and a bouquet of flowers in the other hand (which represents the beauty of the Lord). Mime 2 overcomes Mime 1 and steals the oil of joy. As Mime 1 attempts to recuperate, Mime 3 overcomes Mime 1 and steals the garment of praise. Stills attempting to recuperate, Mime 4 overcomes Mime 1 and steals the bouquet of flowers. As Mime 1 sinks to the ground, Mime 2 returns with a black veil to assimilate the spirit of mourning and puts it over Mime 1's head. Mime 3 returns with a bag of bulk material to assimilate the spirit of heaviness and puts it on Mime 1's back. Lastly, Mime 4 returns with an urn of ashes to assimilate the spirit of destruction to show a compounding effect. Sign Props show characterization. As Narrator 3 encourages Mime 1 with Isaiah 61:1-3 he puts down the urn of ashes, throws off the bag of bulk material and casts off the black veil. He commands Mime 2, Mime 3, and Mime 4 to restore the oil of joy, the garment of praise and the beauty of the Lord. Mime 1 binds Mime 2, Mime 3, and Mime 4 with rope and leads them offstage [right stage]. Then Mime 1 balls his right fist up and raises his left knee and says triumphantly, Yes!

Narrator 3: *(proclaiming the Word of the Lord to Mime 1)* Isaiah 61:1-3 decrees "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Narrator 3: *(after the mime skit)* When experiencing grief because of some type of loss in life, the first thing the enemy desires to steal, kill, and destroy is your joy. If he is successful, the next thing he attacks is your praise. Gaining confidence he

doesn't stop there. He will eventually return to take the beauty from your life. The enemy then returns to torment you. Don't ever be deceived. It is always an uneven exchange which you tend to accept in place of your joy, praise, and the beauty of the Lord. No, he never leaves you empty-handed. Satan is determined to make you out of a failure to thrive: the spirit of mourning for your joy, and the spirit of heaviness for your praise, and the spirit of destruction for your beauty. Satan tries to tempt you to rehearse your past through harassment, pressure your present through heaviness, and paralyze your future through hopelessness. Jesus Christ has given us power and authority over all the power of the enemy; He personally triumphed over Satan through His death, burial, and resurrection. So we can stop Satan from hindering us and command him to release our possessions as we please and issue a lifetime restraining order.