

## **The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 226 Scriptures**

**This is Section R of a multi-part instruction. You are a chosen ambassador of the kingdom of God to reproduce heaven-born possibilities on earth. You have been appointed as a king-priest [non-gender specific]. Authority and power have been conferred to you to release miraculous provision into every sphere of influence. Your acknowledgement of the Kingdom of God within activates heaven on earth.**

**You have the crown. You wear the signet ring and hold the scepter. People even call you king. Your seat in heavenly places awaits your arrival. In fact, it is next to Jesus Christ who is already sitting at the right hand of our Heavenly Father, Abba. Will you grant permission to God to transform you into a ruling king and a representing priest unto Him?**

**Your invocation: "Abba Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Thank you giving us the days of heaven upon the earth. I believe to receive the kingdoms of this world have become [generated into] the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever. For Thine alone is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. In Jesus' name, Amen!"**

### **KNOW THE TRUTH AMIDST ALL LIES**

**Jesus makes His prevailing and compelling distinction between the Good Shepherd and the thief, satan in John 10:9-11. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who opens the door to always give you the clear advantage. On the other hand, satan, the thief only has one motive i.e., to always take advantage of you once you open the door to him.**

John 10:9-11 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

<sup>9</sup> I am the Door; anyone who enters in through Me will be saved (will live). He will come in and he will go out [freely], and will find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). <sup>11</sup> I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd risks *and* lays down His [own] life for the sheep.

**The devil looks for access through unguarded areas. Ecclesiastes 10:8 (KJV) confirms his stratagem is to stay focused on biting, not**

**breaching. The enemy lusts for anyone to give him the breakthrough. "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."**

**The very life of God includes the abundant life, the eternal life, and the resurrection life. First, the abundant life Jesus shares repositions us to live through Him on earth successfully when we always allow Holy Spirit to take the lead. Secondly, Jesus' perfect blood sacrifice remains the foundational truth we believe to receive eternal life alongside our New Birth that begins on earth. Thirdly, Holy Spirit indwells us at the onset of our born-again experience whereby we are supernaturally empowered with resurrection life. That is the same time the *dunamis* power resides in us to do the Jesus' miraculous works as well as the greater works He promised through Holy Spirit.**

**Accepted in the Beloved admits you into the kingdom of God by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. That is where you have undeniable access to the throne of grace. God's oath authenticates all His promises that are in the New Covenant as the absolute truth, dissolving every doubt. Therefore, you can absolutely trust everything God has ever said.**

**All of God's vowed promises to you is the assurance you already have what He has already given you, i.e., all things to enjoy richly on earth. The overflowing life that Jesus mirrored is after heaven's model. That is what He coached all His disciples including you to pray to bring to earth. It is drawn from what is commonly known as the Lord's Prayer. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," Matthew 6:10, KJV.**

**Contrariwise, every deception, lie, and error satan feigns through the deceitfulness of sin is counterfeit. The enemy attempts to blind both the heart and the mind. First, he wants you to think he is not behind the scheme as its perpetrator. Then, satan pitches it in such a way that you believe it as the absolute truth. Anything he conspires is likely to have a trace of truth in it, only to make it seem credible.**

**Ephesians 1:17-23 give you the petition to make before the Lord to open the eyes of your heart as well as your mind so you can have 20/20 vision and x-ray vision. As you pray these scriptures aloud daily, what you receive from Holy Spirit will be perpetually.**

Ephesians 1:17-23, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

<sup>17</sup> [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,

<sup>18</sup> By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know *and* understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),

<sup>19</sup> And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable *and* unlimited *and* surpassing greatness of His power in *and* for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

<sup>20</sup> Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places],

<sup>21</sup> Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age *and* in this world, but also in the age *and* the world which are to come.

<sup>22</sup> And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church],

<sup>23</sup> Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].

**It is the Word of God in concert with the Spirit of God that liberates your mind and your heart so they can experience 20/20 vision and x-ray version. 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 illustrates how they collectively work in you after you grant them undeniable access on a daily basis.**

2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

<sup>12</sup> Since we have such [glorious] hope (such joyful and confident expectation), we speak very freely *and* openly *and* fearlessly.

<sup>13</sup> Nor [do we act] like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze upon the finish of the vanishing [splendor which had been upon it].

<sup>14</sup> In fact, their minds were grown hard *and* calloused [they had become dull and had lost the power of understanding]; for until this present day, when the Old Testament (the old covenant) is being read, that same veil still lies [on their hearts], not being lifted [to reveal] that in Christ it is made void *and* done away.

<sup>15</sup> Yes, down to this [very] day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies upon their minds *and* hearts.

<sup>16</sup> But whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off *and* taken away.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom).

<sup>18</sup> And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His *very own* image in ever increasing splendor *and* from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

**Luke 4:18 describes one of Jesus' finished works on Calvary fulfilled as "...recovering the sight to the blind..." For that reason, He has made the way for you to have 20/20 vision and x-ray vision. Because we have inherited the ministry of Jesus, He also sends us not to just open blind eyes physically, but also spiritually, which includes both minds and hearts as well.**

**Until Paul's conversion, he never saw Jesus, as He really is since he could not see what he needed to correct spiritually. Paul literally thought what he believed was true; therefore he acted on what he believed was absolute to his doctrine, although he was revolting against the absolute truth of God. Paul accused Jesus' disciples while he excused himself.**

**After Jesus' light blinded Paul's eyes, he saw the absolute truth of his calling and his election. Jesus prophesied Acts 26:18 to Paul as his divine assignment to fulfill, "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from satan unto the power of God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me." Subsequently, Paul faithfully completed God's purpose and plan to unmask satan as the mind-blinder and the heart-blinder.**

**First, Paul unmasks satan as the mind-blinder: "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them," 2 Corinthians 4:1-4.**

**Secondly, Paul unmasks satan as the heart-blinder: "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness," Ephesians 4:17-19.**

**In John 8:44, Jesus identifies satan as the father of lies and a murderer, giving the following two reasons: First, satan is the father of lies and there is absolutely no truth in him at all. Secondly, satan was a murderer, even from the very beginning. You see an assassin targets the mind and the heart.**

**Never forget that it remains impossible for satan to give you something he cannot even access at all, the Spirit of truth. Therefore, he is looking to have offspring that carries his distorted nature. Conversely, you have the mind of Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of Jesus, the Spirit of Truth. Equally as important, as a member of the Body of Christ, you also have a new heart. And it is God's heart that was supernaturally transplanted during the New Birth.**

John 8:44 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>44</sup>Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

**Jesus as your Good Shepherd ensures us that we can rest in God's everlasting love. The entire Psalm 23 uniquely serves as the portrait of our Good Shepherd. Jesus already completely surrendered His life for you, as you. That remains your assurance that God's mercy and His goodness will follow you all the days of your life.**

Psalm 23, Complete Jewish Bible

**23** <sup>(0)</sup> A psalm of David:

<sup>(1)</sup> *ADONAI* is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He has me lie down in grassy pastures,  
he leads me by quiet water,

<sup>3</sup> he restores my inner person.

He guides me in right paths  
for the sake of his own name.  
<sup>4</sup> Even if I pass through death-dark ravines,  
I will fear no disaster; for you are with me;  
your rod and staff reassure me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table for me,  
even as my enemies watch;  
you anoint my head with oil  
from an overflowing cup.  
<sup>6</sup> Goodness and grace will pursue me  
every day of my life;  
and I will live in the house of *ADONAI*  
for years and years to come.

**Not only is satan the accuser of the brethren or “sistern,” Daniel 7:25-27 demonstrates the precise plot he endeavors to use even against God. Refuse to allow the enemy to be successful in first, talking to you and secondly, telling you lies against God. Any defamation of God’s character is an attempt to war against you, wear you out, and weaken you. That will only make you believe you cannot absolutely trust God to be the absolute truth for you.**

Daniel 7:25-27 The Voice (VOICE)  
<sup>25</sup> This king will speak out against the Most High,  
and *try to wear down His holy ones;*  
He will seek to alter the *sacred times and special law God gave them,*  
and they will be under his control  
for time, times, and half a time.  
<sup>26</sup> After this, the *heavenly court will sit in judgment,*  
his authority will be taken *from him,*  
and *his supremacy over the earth will come to a permanent end.*  
<sup>27</sup> Then the great ruling authority  
of the kingdoms under the heavens  
Shall be handed over to the *covenant people,*  
the holy ones of the Most High;  
Their kingdom will last forever,  
and all the *remaining kingdoms will worship and serve Him.”*

**The enemy stays on the lookout to find any area of vulnerability in order to extract our dominion from us. The blood of Jesus is your supernatural force field that supernaturally shields you when you continue to sprinkle what Jesus already shed for you.**

**I heard of an account where someone asked a demon why the blood of Jesus terrified him. The reply was because it is so RED and it is so HOT! Therefore, your transcending command against the defeated foe is to say aloud, "In the name of Jesus, satan, the blood of Jesus stands against you because the blood of Jesus always speaks on my behalf. Therefore, in the name of Jesus, satan withdraw!"**

**What that does is confirm your acknowledgement of what Jesus has already accomplished on the Cross for you. Follow the lead that is taken from Revelation 12:10-11. You simply agree with the finished works of Jesus: You overcame satan by the blood of the Lamb. And you overcame satan by the word of your testimony.**

**You declare actually what Jesus as your Advocate with the Father would declare about you. You testify of your innocence that is undisputable documented evidence. That proof of Jesus' blood testified your innocence before the foundations of the world when He was slain for you. Therefore, it validates God's judgment for you as the absolute truth that can be absolutely trusted.**

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him [satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

**Allow the finished work of Jesus to be your resolve now, perpetually, and forever. Jesus already destroyed satan who had the power of death. At the same time, Jesus already delivered you from all fear of death, so you never have to dread living.**

**Although there may be struggles that surface against you, first always give honor and humble yourself before the Lord. Then resist the devil and watch him flee from you in failure. Please know, the devil is deathly afraid of the greater One on the inside of you. Remain resistless in battle. Never give away any ground Jesus already conquered for you, as you.**

**David is a classic example of it does not matter if your beginning appears to be insignificant to others. As author of Psalm 23, his role as a shepherd of his father's flock gives him experiential knowledge. During that time, David also received revelation knowledge about**

**God as his Good Shepherd. That was paramount in David having experiential knowledge with God.**

**In the end, David was absolutely convinced he was fighting from the place of victory, never defeat. Even in his first battle, David invoked God into the battle which is clearly demonstrated in 1 Samuel 17:45-46. David decreed just what his God was going to do to Goliath. Those were the last words Goliath ever heard. Everything David pronounced happened because David gave the God of the armies of Israel the right of way.**

1 Samuel 17:45-46, King James Version

<sup>45</sup> Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

<sup>46</sup> This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

**I Samuel 22:1-2 classified David as a captain over four hundred men who were in debt, distressed, or discontented. Still, the scripture characterizes them as a guerilla band. This small group is known for fighting larger forces. In the natural realm, that seems like a failure going somewhere to happen quickly.**

**However, in the supernatural realm, that is the position where the grace of God is more than enough to raise the barrier so the *dunamis* power of Christ easily rests upon you. God's supernatural strength is finished in your weakness, which represents the finished work of Christ operating by the grace of God. That is how God has every opportunity to come to you in full strength because you are no longer an obstruction to Him to receive your breakthrough. You are hidden in Him. Therefore, you are out of His way.**

**That is how the super on the natural co-exist; they remain in sync. The odds of losing ended after David preserved His absolute trust in God's absolute truth alone. What the troop conceivably or inconceivably could accomplish alone was removed completely from the entire equation. That is what happens when we advance "as one" with Him. Jesus, the Head is seamlessly connected to Body of Christ, the Church. That begins with you first binding together with Jesus through God's inseparable love. That is how you become more than a conqueror through Christ.**

1 Samuel 22:1-2 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. <sup>2</sup> And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

**God confirms to us that we can always absolutely trust the absolute truth of His magnificent presence and miraculous power. His everlasting love holds us together as well as upholds everything around us together throughout all eternity. From that prearrangement, you can experience His supernatural strength that surpasses both acumen and adolescence.**

**Binding together gave you God's supernatural reinforcement at your disposal. Your strength changes because now He is carrying you inseparably. Together, you soar to the heavenly places in Christ as can be seen in Isaiah 40:26-31. Strong's Concordance publishes the word "wait" in Hebrew as *qâvâh* in verse 31. Its definition is "to bind together (perh.) by twisting i.e. collect." Therefore, your expectation of waiting is active, rather than passive. So hold on and refuse to let go of Jesus Christ.**

**In 1932, Navy Apprentice Seaman Charles M. "Bud" Cowart was involved in a catastrophe. He was the only one from the incident who did not sustain any injury. The other three sailors fell: two died instantly and the third broke his arm.**

**Seaman Cowart gave his testimony how he managed to tie himself into the rope and just hung on for dear life. He courageously outlasted the opposition by just holding on for two hours. He said, "I just hung on. . . I saw the other fellows fall and it didn't make me feel any too good, but there was nothing I could do about it—'ceptin' to hang on tighter. I wouldn't do it again for love or money."**

<https://www.blimpinfo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/USS-Akron-Tragedy.pdf>

Isaiah 40:26-31 The Message (MSG)

<sup>25-26</sup> "So—who is like me?

Who holds a candle to me?" says The Holy.

Look at the night skies:

Who do you think made all this?

Who marches this army of stars out each night,

counts them off, calls each by name  
—so magnificent! So powerful!—  
and never overlooks a single one?  
<sup>27-31</sup> Why would you ever complain, O Jacob,  
or, whine, Israel, saying,  
“God has lost track of me.  
He doesn’t care what happens to me”?  
Don’t you know anything? Haven’t you been listening?  
God doesn’t come and go. God *lasts*.  
He’s Creator of all you can see or imagine.  
He doesn’t get tired out, doesn’t pause to catch his breath.  
And he knows *everything*, inside and out.  
He energizes those who get tired,  
gives fresh strength to dropouts.  
For even young people tire and drop out,  
young folk in their prime stumble and fall.  
But those who wait upon [bind together with] God get fresh strength.  
They spread their wings and soar like eagles,  
They run and don’t get tired,  
they walk and don’t lag behind.

**Isaiah 35:4 and Isaiah 62:11 promise that you have courage to face any opposition. It is the Lord of hosts who renders judgment against satan on your behalf. This scripture spells out God’s retribution system against your enemy and His restitution system for you.**

Isaiah 35:4 Amplified Bible (AMP)  
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.”

Isaiah 62:11, Amplified Bible  
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.”

**I Kings 18:40-46 showcases just what happens when the glory of the Lord is active. Prophet Elijah outran the king’s chariot, which prevented him from getting drenched by heaven’s rains. The distance was about twenty-five miles. Similar to the aforementioned**

**account, the odds of losing were removed when Elijah absolutely trusted in the absolute truth of God's character, not what he could possibly achieve on his own.**

1 Kings 18:40-46 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>40</sup> And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. <sup>41</sup> And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. <sup>42</sup> So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, <sup>43</sup> And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. <sup>44</sup> And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not. <sup>45</sup> And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. <sup>46</sup> And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

**The approved character composition that ensures victory every time is in 2 Peter 1:3-16. Interweaving each value with one another prevents unraveling at any time. The first quality is the faith of God and the last quality mentioned is the love of God that holds all the rest in place as well as together in one accord. The divine outcome manifests that you too cannot become fragmented either. Let those identical qualities that are fully functional in Christ be fully functional in you. Since God is unrivaled in everything, you can remain unraveled in anything. Therefore, you will see into the spirit by Holy Spirit and never be blinded by satan.**

2 Peter 1:3-16 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>3</sup> According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

<sup>4</sup> Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

<sup>5</sup> And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

<sup>6</sup> And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

<sup>7</sup> And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

- <sup>8</sup> For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>9</sup> But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
- <sup>10</sup> Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
- <sup>11</sup> For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- <sup>12</sup> Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.
- <sup>13</sup> Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;
- <sup>14</sup> Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.
- <sup>15</sup> Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.
- <sup>16</sup> For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

**What is at stake? The harvest you believe you would receive from God as a joint heir with Christ. Live so your heart always finds rest in God's love. Again, God even rests in His own love. Resting in His love is the exclusive residence for His faith in you to do the impossible. The faith of God works perfectly by the love of God.**

**Whomever or whatever else you place your trust in may tend to waver back and forth, even if you try to depend on yourself. Be vested in God's love alone. Remember, God does not just have love. He is love!**

**Zephaniah 3:17 testifies just how passionate and compassionate the Lord is about you residing in His love. God tenderly sings over you because He always looks out of His love at you. He is not singing the blues either. He is singing your praise.**

**The Lord sees you triumphantly and gloriously residing in His love. He never contemplates any punishment, but the pleasure you bring to Him. In the Strong's, the Hebrew word for "rest" is *chârash* which means to scratch, i.e., to engrave. From that definition, Abba Father has already engraved you on His heart. You are permanently tattooed on God's heart so you know as you are known by the love of God.**

Zephaniah 3:17 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>17</sup>The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

**Reserve Jesus Christ as your focal point. He is the One who fuels your faith, finishes your faith, and moves you forward, faster, further so you will not quit before receiving the fulfillment of God's vowed promises fully. With Jesus' example as your model, be sure to follow Holy Spirit's direction to the destiny God has set before you.**

**Hebrews 12:1-3 challenges us to get rid of any sin and hindrance that could interrupt your perfect pace with Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Breakthrough. Since Jesus already finished the work of Calvary for you, He remains breachproof about working in you to be breachproof and through you so you receive His breakthrough.**

**Be quick to apply the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Your repentance along with your commitment testifies that Jesus is your Lord. You no longer have any desire to serve the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life. You have reset your affections on Him above and not on the earth. You have gone back to the top where there is no low level living.**

Hebrews 12:1-3 The Voice (VOICE)

<sup>1</sup> So since we stand surrounded by *all those who have gone before*, an enormous cloud of witnesses, let us drop every extra weight, every sin that clings to us *and slackens our pace*, and let us run with endurance the long race set before us.

**We may feel alone, but we aren't. We are surrounded by an army of witnesses. They have run the race of faith and finished well. It is now our turn.**

<sup>2</sup> Now stay focused on Jesus, who designed and perfected our faith. He endured the cross and ignored the shame *of that death* because He focused on the joy that was set before Him; and now He is seated beside God on the throne, *a place of honor*. <sup>3</sup> Consider *the life* of the One who endured such *personal attacks and hostility* from sinners so that you will not grow weary or lose heart.