

Valiant for the Truth

Obedience = Blessed

- Isaiah 1:2–3 (NKJV)
- 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: “I have **nourished and brought up children**, And they have **rebelled** against Me; 3 The ox **knows** its owner And the donkey **(knows)** its master’s crib; But Israel **does not know**, My **people** do not **consider**.”
- While **nourished** and “**brought up**” aren’t the same word they mean basically the same thing: to bring up/care for a child until it is an adult
- **does not know: to know (experientially) - to or have knowledge about (someone or something); normally as acquired through observation or the senses.**
- **My people** : Exodus 3:7–10 (NKJV)
- 7 And the Lord said: “I have surely seen the oppression of **My people** who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.
- 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.
- 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.
- 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring **My people**, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”
 - Jeremiah 12:14–17 (NKJV)
 - 14 Thus says the Lord: “Against all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused **My people Israel** to inherit—behold, I will pluck them out of their land and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. 15 Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and have compassion on them and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land. 16 And it shall be, if they will learn carefully the ways of **My people**, to swear by My name, ‘As the Lord lives,’ as they taught My people to swear by Baal, then they shall be established in the midst of **My people**. 17 But if they do not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation,” says the Lord.
- Proverbs 8:32 “Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.
- Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.
- 1 Kings 3:14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”
- 1 Kings 11:33 (NKJV)
- 33 because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David.
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- Psalm 95:10 (NKJV)
- 10 For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'
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- **consider: to understand (cognitive) - to perceive (an idea or situation) mentally.**
- Jeremiah 3:1–5 (NKJV)
 - 1 "They say, 'If a man divorces his wife, And she goes from him And becomes another man's, May he return to her again?' Would not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet return to Me," says the Lord.
 - 2 "Lift up your eyes to the desolate heights and see: Where have you not lain with men? By the road you have sat for them Like an Arabian in the wilderness; And you have polluted the land With your harlotries and your wickedness.
 - 3 Therefore the showers have been withheld, And there has been no latter rain. You have had a harlot's forehead; You refuse to be ashamed.
 - 4 Will you not from this time cry to Me, 'My Father, You are the guide of my youth?
 - 5 Will He remain angry forever? Will He keep it to the end?' Behold, you have spoken and done evil things, As you were able."
- Jeremiah 9:3–6 (NKJV)
- 3 "And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. They are not **valiant** for the **truth** on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, And they **do not know** Me," says the Lord. 4 "Everyone take heed to his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; For every brother will utterly supplant, And every neighbor will walk with slanderers. 5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity. 6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the Lord.
- Not **valiant: to be great - to be or become great in size, scale, magnitude, or importance.**
 - **Numbers 24:1–5 (NKJV)**
 - 1 Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him. 3 Then he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, The utterance of the man whose eyes are opened, 4 The utterance of him who hears the words of God, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open: 5 "How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel!
 - **Numbers 24:13–18 (NKJV)**
 - 13 'If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the Lord, to do good or bad of my own will. What the Lord says, that I must speak'? 14 And now, indeed, I am going to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days." 15 So he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, And the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened; 16 The utterance of him who hears the words of God, And has the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open: 17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult. 18 "And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a

possession, While Israel does valiantly. Numbers 24:19 Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, And destroy the remains of the city.” 20 Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his oracle and said: “Amalek was first among the nations, But shall be last until he perishes.”

- Numbers 22:1 Then the children of Israel moved, and camped in the plains of Moab on the side of the Jordan across from Jericho. 2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 And Moab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Moab was sick with dread because of the children of Israel. 4 So Moab said to the elders of Midian, “Now this company will lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. 5 Then he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying: “Look, a people has come from Egypt. See, they cover the face of the earth, and are settling next to me! 6 Therefore please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.”

- **truth: honesty - the quality of being honest.**

- These introductory verses set the tone for the entire book 66 chapters
- Isaiah 1:18–20 (NKJV)

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword”; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

- Isaiah 1:4 (NKJV)
- 4 Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward.
- Sinful - called to righteousness
- Laden with sin -

Laden: great (extent) - relatively large in size or number or extent; larger than others of its kind. Heavy; oppressing; weighty; difficult

Sin: guilt - the state of having committed an offense.

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