

Rest in God

Quietness/inactivity

Isaiah 28:9–13 (NKJV)

9“Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts?

10For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”

11For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people,

12To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear.

13But the word of the Lord was to them, “Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,” That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren *beloved* by the *Lord*, because God

from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our *Lord* Jesus Christ-. -(eternal future)

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast (stand firm as if bracing)and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. { 16

Now may our *Lord* Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good

hope by grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work. }

kyrios — *Lord*: the owner and possessor of a thing, the owner; of the vineyard Matthew 20:8 (NKJV)

8 “So when evening had come, the *owner* of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’

Matthew 21:38–40 (NKJV)

38 But when the vinedressers saw the *son*, they said among themselves, ‘This is *the heir*. Come, let us *kill* him and seize his

inheritance.’ 39 So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 “Therefore, when the *owner* of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” also Lord of the sabbath

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beloved: care - to have affection or care for or loyalty towards

Paul's prayer to the **Living God**

John 6:57–71 (NKJV)

57 **As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven**—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. **He who eats this bread will live forever.**" 59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. 60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" 61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 **Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" 71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

1 Timothy 4:6–11 (NKJV)

6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. 7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, **because we trust in the living God**, who is the Savior of all men, **especially of those who believe**. 11 These things command and teach.

John 5:17–18 (NKJV)

17. But Jesus answered them, **"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."** 18. Therefore the Jews sought all the more to **kill Him**, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Genesis 2:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, **were finished**. 2 And on the seventh day **God ended His work** which He had done, and **He rested on the seventh day** from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it **He rested** from all His work which God had created and made.

Hebrews 4:2–3 (NKJV)

2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter **that rest**, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world**.

works: the activity directed toward making or doing something. workmanship

foundation: founding - the act of starting something for the first time; especially referring to the creation of the world.

Isaiah 30:1–2 (NKJV)

1 "Woe to the rebellious children," says the Lord, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin; 2 Who walk to go down to Egypt, And have not asked My advice, To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!"

Isaiah 30:15 (NKJV)

15 For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and **rest** you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

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that **rest: (change) - a change of state from activity or work to a cessation**(inactivity) **from work that results in a feeling of refreshing, tranquility and an absence of tension or worry; especially that God provides**

Isaiah 40:27–31 (NKJV)

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God”?

1 Samuel 12:22. For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name’s sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people.

Psalms 94:12–15 (NKJV)

12. Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law, 13 That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked. 14 **For the Lord will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.** 15 But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it.

Isaiah 49:14–16 (NKJV)

14. But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me.” 15 “Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. 16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

Isaiah 41:17 “The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, Their tongues fail for thirst. I, the Lord, will hear them; **I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.**

Isaiah 42:14–16 (NKJV)

14. **“I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself.** Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. **These things I will do for them, And not forsake them.**

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, **Neither faints nor is weary.** His understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall **faint** and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,

31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall **renew** their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

faint : to physically exhaust oneself

Isaiah 44:12 (NKJV)

12 The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals, Fashions it with hammers, And works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint. (the blacksmith in fashioning an idol)

renew: to reestablish on a new, usually improved, basis or make new or like new. “like the eagles”- after molting the mature eagle has new feathers, beak, talons; during molting the mature eagle can’t fly (inactive)

Psalms 103:5 (NKJV)

5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. (renew/change)

Isaiah 31:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the Lord! 2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster, And will not call back His words, But will arise against the house of evildoers, And against the help of those who work iniquity. 3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; And their horses are flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord stretches out His hand, Both he who helps will fall, And he who is helped will fall down; They all will perish together.

Isaiah 40:23–24 (NKJV)

23. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. 24 Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.

I am not like you, I am not like your idols I am the Creator

1 Thessalonians 5:8–10 (NKJV)

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Romans 8:24–25 hope which is seen is not hope

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

2 Thessalonians 1:9–10 (NKJV)

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

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words of discouragement and misguided thinking

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forgetting the truths of old

Genesis 1:1–8 (NKJV)

1. **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.** 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Psalms 89:11–12 (NKJV)

11. The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. 12 The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

Deuteronomy 10:21–22 (NKJV)

21. He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. 22 Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

1 Samuel 12:7 (NKJV)

7 Now therefore, stand still, **that I may reason with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous acts of the Lord which He did to you and your fathers: Samuel continues— reiterating God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt and establishing their occupation/habitation in the promised land**

Jeremiah 32:17–19 (NKJV)

17. 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You. 18 You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them—the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts. 19 You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NKJV)

8. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 40:5 Many, O Lord my God, are **Your wonderful works Which You have done**; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

wonderful works = miraculous works

1 Samuel 14:6 (NKJV)

6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. **For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few.**"

1 Samuel 17:33–37 (NKJV)

33. And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, 35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 Moreover David said, "**The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.**" And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

God was with David, David knew God was responsible for his victories in caring for his father's flocks

Genesis 21:33. Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the Lord, the **Everlasting God**.

It was the teaching/testimony of Enoch (resurrection) that provided that provided the catalyst for faith in Abraham when he obeyed God in offering up Isaac.

by faith he was given a promise of this son—Isaac, and through the this promise God said Abraham would be a father of multitudes

Deuteronomy 32:7 (NKJV)

7 “Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you:

Deuteronomy 32:39–41 (NKJV)

39. ‘Now see that I, even I, am He, And there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand. 40 For I raise My hand to heaven, **And say, “As I live forever,** 41 If I whet My glittering sword, And My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, And repay those who hate Me.

Psalms 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

1 Kings 8:56–58 (NKJV)

56. “Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, **according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.** 57 May the Lord our God be with us, **as He was with our fathers.** May He not leave us nor forsake us, 58 that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, which He commanded our fathers.

Isaiah 37:26 (NKJV)

26 “Did you not hear long ago How I made it, From ancient times that I formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, That you should be For crushing fortified cities into heaps of ruins.

Isaiah 44:24–28 (NKJV)

24. Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: “I am the Lord, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

25 Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness;

26 Who confirms the word of His servant, And performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, ‘You shall be inhabited,’ To the cities of Judah, ‘You shall be built,’ And I will raise up her waste places;

27 Who says to the deep, ‘Be dry! And I will dry up your rivers’;

28 Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, “You shall be built,” And to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.” ’

Psalms 8:3–4 (NKJV)

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

Isaiah 40:21–25 (NKJV)

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

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23 He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless.

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Isaiah 40:24 (KJV 1900)

24 Yea, they shall **not be planted**; Yea, they shall **not be sown**: Yea, their stock shall **not take root in the earth**: And he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, And the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

25 "To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.

Remember the works of God

Exodus 14:10–18 (NKJV)

10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.

11 Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?"

12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

15 And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen.

18 Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."