

# **Standing at the Gates**

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## Forward

I am love's witness, nothing special, nothing more than that. I hope that is enough, my intention to speak. My purpose to see the Kingdom of God come in fullness, his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, Amen.

“Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, which hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.” Source – King James Bible, Psalm 118: 26 - 28.

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### **One - The Water and the Blood**

The water and the blood, the Gentiles and the Jews, fashioned together as one.

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” Source – King James Bible, Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12.

“Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.” Source – King James Bible, Zechariah 8: 23.

“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made

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by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world; But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace: And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers, and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”  
Source – King James Bible, Ephesians 2: 11-22.

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“This is he that came by water, and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.” Source – King James Bible, 1 John: 6-8.

“But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.” Source – King James Bible, St. John 19: 33-35.

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn son.” Source – King James Bible, Zechariah 10: 12.

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“Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.”

Source – King James Bible, Isaiah 42: 1.

Who would not want a gift from God? Who would return it unused? To whom would you return it, and where? It is God’s choice to include the Gentiles, to graft them into a single tree, one root with many branches.

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### **Two – Why Have You Forsaken Me**

“We abuse, we betray, we are cruel. We destroy, we embitter, we falsify. We gossip, we hate, we insult. We jeer, we kill, we lie. We mock, we neglect, we oppress. We pervert, we quarrel, we rebel. We steal, we transgress, we are unkind. We are violent, we are wicked, we are xenophobic. We yield to evil, we are zealots for bad causes.” Source – Jewish Prayer Vidui.

Such terrifying words your Son has spoken.

“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabach-thani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” Source – King James Bible, St. Matthew 27: 46.



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### **Three - Jacob and Esau**

“And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.” Source – King James Bible, Genesis 25: 31-34.

“Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” Source – King James Bible, Hebrews 12: 12-17.

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“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.” Source – King James Bible, Psalm 24.

### Four – A Betrayal of Love

In the beginning, towards the end, somewhere in the middle, a disgusting betrayal of love, the fowls of the air eat the corpses of men rotting in the sun. See how easily the words glide across the page. Evil deeds done on an evil day, the murderer walks away dripping with the victims' blood, as souls are lost, forever seeking a home.

The stars cry and heaven shut its eyes, as witnesses step forth to speed the conviction, terror seizes the hearts of men as bodies lay uncovered, naked to the eye, twisted, tortured, abused by men, fate stands on the gallows, tried and convicted by false prophets, liars all.

Relentless beasts, who kill for thrill and pleasure, not to eat but to enjoy the thralls of death, the tortured look when the end is near with no escape, one sees death in the eyes of the killer, with no remorse and without conscience, a smile pursed on the lips, like a cigarette after sex or a cold drink guzzled under the sun.

This is why men die before their time, to wipe the memory of all this from before their eyes. The souls of

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the slaughtered rage as their blood cries out to a deaf world of fear turned to stone. Cold, hard, unfeeling, you hide behind the mask you show the world. Inside you cower like a child afraid of the dark, too ashamed to step into the light.

Lights flicker against the night walls as you hide in the bed you made to cover your fear, like a den in the woods hidden under a log. You stand cowering in the corner, afraid to even gaze on the spectacle before you. The self-righteous gathered together in a large room, each one a misfit, yet together like a horde, armed to the teeth with vengeance on their mind.

Why do you wink and smile? You know who you are. Murderers run and hide, the blood of your brothers cries out to me. He who lives by the sword dies by the sword. You slay yourselves. You are already dead!

A cataclysm of the highest order and magnitude, never seen before and never to be seen again, appalling, ungrateful beasts prowl the sacred grounds, unfeeling brutes, without soul or conscience to convict them of their folly, they harm one another.

### **Five – Yesterday Is Gone**

Yesterday is gone, though its memories haunt the globe. Around the world pain and sorrow, from words spoken and actions taken under philosophies of hatred, leading to violence and revenge, death and despair, injustice, and man's inhumanity to man.

Do not let these wounds become infected and lead to death through disease of the soul. Embrace each other and walk together to a new home of the heart and mind. Let love take us home together. No more fear, no more hatred, no more violence. Let the armies march no more. It goes without saying that no one should die homeless in the street.

Do not forget what we look like, smiling from ear to ear, with an unwrinkled forehead, an open hand and a lively gait. With thoughtful words and loving kindness, make the journey together and come home in peace.

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### Six – Just Men Made Perfect

“And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us, for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.” Source – King James Bible, Exodus 34: 4-9.

“For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness,

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and darkness, and tempest. And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that you refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may

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serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:  
For our God is a consuming fire.” Source – King James  
Bible, Hebrews 12: 18-29.

Love your enemies, give no place to evil, be forgiving,  
and let God be the judge. He loves us with an  
everlasting love. He fashions us into the image of his  
Son. Let justice and mercy prevail. Let not God’s  
angels be hindered in doing their work, as they observe  
the commands of the Father in Heaven, as just men are  
made perfect.



### Seven – The Redeemer Comes To Zion

When the rains came and the waters rose high, the Ark of the Lord was seen against the sky. A branch was offered the world for peace, a crutch for the lame and a staff for the blind. Everyone knows that syrup is sweet, the illusions of life we desperately keep, the raisin in the roll, the icing on the cake, the last drop of coffee, the crumbs on the plate, the bottle is dry, and the guests are all late.

The Messiah comes, rubbing two sticks together, cross timbers from heaven to kindle a fire and light up the world and the souls of the saints. The axe is laid to the tree and the world is set on fire. The forest stands amidst the flames, each and every tree with branches reaching up, old flames burning bright with the memory of a name, too easy come and too easy go.

God accepts the trials and tribulations of men as they plod along, each one making a trail for the next to follow. Here a garden, there a shade tree, there a place of rest with a lovely view. And all of these take us further down the road to the next sunrise. Yet heaven

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and earth sing a song that man has forgotten, one that is sung in God's own voice.

My true friend and companion revealed, I sing a song of what is seen and unseen, of what we know and what we long for, of things past and yet to come. I do not lose sight of his promise, to reveal and restore all things to his children's, children's, children.

Ancient words echo of life in a kingdom without darkness, where the light shines in every heart and mind, where bodies once corrupted have become sons and daughters of God Most High. Worlds collide causing a chain reaction of God's glory in red, white, black, yellow, and brown. He redeems the time, forgives all sins, and covers all debts. You have found him and made a friend.

We arise as the beginning of wisdom and understanding, the fulfillment of the law and the embodiment of grace, with mercy and truth ready to do God's will and accomplish his purpose. He assures us that we belong to him and that he belongs to us, that we are all one with the Father in Heaven who is our God. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the

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foundation of the world. You have been purchased with blood.

The Redeemer comes to Zion to deliver his people, to rule his kingdom in righteousness, to bring peace to the nations and establish his throne. Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and see his salvation.

Who will deliver God's people from their sins? Only their true King, made perfect in love and obedience, tried and true, who knows our sins and weaknesses, who pleads our case before God Most High.

### **Eight - Surely They Will Honor My Son**

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.” Source – King James Bible, Psalm 2: 1-12.

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“And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the wine-fat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And at the season he sent to the husbandmen, a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. Again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying they will reverence my son. But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner: This was the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes?” Source – King James Bible, St. Mark 12: 1-11.

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“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” Source – King James Bible, St. Matthew 23: 37-39.

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.” Source – King James Bible, Isaiah 45: 22-25.

“The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.” Source – King James Bible, Psalm 110: 1.

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“And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.” Source – King James Bible, Jeremiah 24: 7.

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.” Source – King James Bible, St. John 3: 14-21.

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“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain.” Source – King James Bible, Psalm 127: 1.

“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.” Source – King James Bible, St. Luke 6: 47-49.



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### **Nine - A City on a Hill**

Jerusalem shines in God's sight, a city on a hill, the treasure of God's people everywhere. All nations come to bear witness for all know him from the greatest to the least. Peace today if you hear his voice and harden not your hearts. Glory to him who dwells on high, he now abides with men forever. Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

Who can stand in his presence? There is no more room for sin. God has cleansed his house of all iniquity. Salvation begins at the household of God.

“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.”

Source – King James Bible, Isaiah 9: 7-8.

The Day of the Lord approaches with forgiveness, mercy, and love. God himself provides the sacrifice. No one merits their place or portion in his Kingdom. It is a gift from the Father of Lights. The anointed King

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sits upon his throne, firstborn of many sons and daughters, all kings and priests unto God, holy and set apart for his loving kindness, restored by the power of his Word, a gift from God, a perfect lamb without spot or blemish, the Savior of the world.

### Ten - Restoration

Behold what I saw with my own eyes in Jerusalem. My testimony is true. I saw people praying - Jews, Christians, Muslims, all asking to be heard by God, to know and do his will, asking for Messiah to come and restore all things. So let it be according to their words, and may their prayers be answered.

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” Source – King James Bible, 1 Peter 4: 11.

“And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” Source – King James Bible, St. Luke 17: 20-21.

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside,

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sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.”  
Source – King James Bible, Revelations 5: 1-5.

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.” Source – King James Bible, Revelations 5: 9-10.

Blessed is he who sacrifices for his people Israel and for all mankind, the embodiment of the Torah, the seal of faith and redemption. All hail the anointed King, sitting at the right hand of God the Father, with true kingship and authority over all creation; by the power of God’s Holy Word, to keep the whole world in peace.

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“Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God.” Source – King James Bible, St. Matthew 5: 9.



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### Eleven - The Acceptable Sacrifice

So what will become of the sinner and transgressor unless they turn and repent, coming to him as a living stone, rejected by the builders but now become the chief cornerstone? All creation waits in expectation for the return of the King, salvation to the Jews, a light to the Gentiles, all one in his glorious kingdom of light.

“But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Source – King James Bible, St. Matthew 9: 13.

Too long forgotten, the Word of the Lord, and the day when God will judge the earth in righteousness, when truth and justice will prevail. Obtain mercy while it may be found. Do not neglect his salvation. Today if you hear his voice, redeem your soul in love and mercy. Be faithful and true to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Receive your King, who is faithful in all his ways, who sacrificed himself for you.

“Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For all

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these things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.” Source – King James Bible, Isaiah 66: 1-2.

Worship God in spirit and truth, with mercy not sacrifice, faith not fear, truth not deceit, patience not intolerance, forgiveness not hatred, peace not violence, hope not despair, salvation not destruction, peace not war, kingdom not submission, truth not falsehood, destiny not dispersion, home not alienation, joy not sorrow, life not death, good not evil, with praise not mourning.

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.” Source – King James Bible, Ephesians 5: 1-2.

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up. Strive to do well to your fellow man. With faith, hope, and charity be remembered for good. We have one Father, and that is God. We are one holy family, all God’s children in the Lord.

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“If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.” Source – King James Bible, 1 John 4: 20.

What would you do for love, for a time of peace and gladness? The game is nearly up, with hindsight, foresight, losses and wins, one season ends and another begins, all set against the wheel of time. We cannot stop the clock. The bells around us toll.

“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift.” Source – King James Bible, St. Matthew 5: 23-24.

Root out greed, self indulgence, hypocrisy, and wickedness. Love your enemies, give no place to evil, be forgiving, and let God be the judge.



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“Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Source – King James Bible, Hebrews 13: 1-5.

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be

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fulfilled.” Source – King James Bible, St. Matthew 5: 13-18.



### The Mount of Olives

Where Jesus often went to pray and many devout souls are now buried

### Twelve – The Good Shepherd

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He leaves the ninety-nine to find and save the one that is lost. The angels in heaven rejoice over the one that is found. He still searches and speaks of love in a heavenly tongue. His sheep know his voice and they will not follow another.

“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” Source – King James Bible, St. John 10: 14-18.

Out of all those that God has given him, he has lost not one, except the son of perdition, who sold the Lord for thirty pieces of silver.

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine: no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gathereth them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hast loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” Source – King James Bible, St. John 15: 1-12.

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Accept his gift of love and do what he commands. For if the light in you is darkness, how great is that darkness? Nothing can fill the void when there is separation from God.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not

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come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.”  
Source – King James Bible, St. John 15: 13-27.

### Thirteen – Leave No One behind

One candlestick out of place is enough to destroy the human race. We keep the world in balance, with our souls richly endowed, fearless, forthright, humble, meek, kindhearted, forgiving and compassionate. Wash each others' feet and remove the stain of the world. Remove fear and doubt, the cause and effect of sin born of improper thoughts, words, and actions.

The truth of God, we are his workmanship, the sheep of his pasture, his beloved children, one family, all brothers and sisters. With perfect submission to God, love your neighbor as yourself, forgive your brother, have mercy and compassion, speak the truth with unfeigned love, be faithful and persevere. He has shown us justice, tempered with mercy and grace.

The darkness runs for cover and hides from the light. Who is the faithful watchman of the house of Israel? Your night watch will end. But with God's help, we will always be faithful and true to the cause of peace.

The Son of Man comes bearing gifts of love and peace, hope and joy, truth and comfort, mercy and grace,

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sanctification and redemption. To these add harmony and accord, and to these add your very own life.

To see and know God is to love your fellow man. God is witness and pleased to be called your Father. Let the Holy Spirit descend and give God a home in your heart. His life is in his Son, firstborn of many sons and daughters, all children of God Most High.

Wisdom calls out to its own, bringing treasures from the storeroom both old and new. There is forgiveness for all. Leave no one behind. You stand at the bottom of a sacred ladder looking up to heaven for God's help. It is a good place to be. Take a walk along past memories of people, places, and things. Do not be afraid. Embrace your fear. Give God the glory due his name. For it is better to live one day with him, than to die a thousand deaths daily.

“Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they will obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.” Source – King James Bible, Isaiah 51: 11.



### Fourteen - Love's Witness

We know what is, and what was, but who knows what will be? Angels stand witness at the table of God spread before you. Come and dine. Nothing will harm you. You are the bearer of light for the Eternal Son of Glory, the way, the truth, and the life. Even right now give him your heart, for where your heart is there will be your treasure also.

Speaking in parables he preached to men and angels with metaphor and simile. Now he removes the veil to reveal mansions in glory. There is no separation from Him when you dwell in the mansion that God has prepared for you, when his Holy Spirit abides within you. His Kingdom does not come by observation, it is within you.

Make a true return with steadfastness and faith, for without faith you will not see the Lord. One circle engulfs all worlds and that is love. We make our circle around God's Son. Inherit the crown of life and live in the mansion that God provides. One vine with many branches, the light has come to show us the incomparable things of God, once hidden but now

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revealed, with true knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, come to know him, the God of the Living.

It is time to move to new heights, to reach out to those around you and bring them into the ark, for the ark is moving ever closer to home. Be holy and practice your religion in spirit and truth, undefiled before God. Care for the orphan and widow, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and set the captives free. Do everything as unto the Lord.

Arise and ascend with glorified bodies, mansions of light, perfect in his presence, without spot or blemish, sons and daughters of God Most High. He grants his Spirit without measure, that you may serve him in righteousness to do his will.

### Fifteen - Wisdom Has Many Fathers

Wisdom has many fathers but not many children. Wisdom calls out to its children. God's love is not exclusive to a singular race of people, but inclusive to all mankind. A covenant has been made and will not be broken.

“Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form or comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his

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mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Source – King James Bible, Isaiah 53: 12.

We rise together to greet the King of Heaven and worship God upon his throne. The revelation of Jesus Christ, the hope of glory, is God’s anointing in you.

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Return to him the purchased possession. Love the Lord your God, with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.

“Hallowed and enhanced may He be throughout the world of His own creation. May He cause His sovereignty soon to be accepted, during our life and the life of all Israel. And let us say: Amen. May He be praised throughout all time. Glorified and celebrated, lauded and praised, acclaimed and honored, extolled and exalted may the Holy One be, beyond all song and psalm, beyond all tributes which man can utter. And let us say: Amen. May the prayers and pleas of the whole House of Israel be accepted by our Father in Heaven. And let us say: Amen. Let there be abundant peace from Heaven, with life’s goodness for us and for all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen. He who brings peace to His universe will bring peace to us and to all the people Israel. And let us say: Amen.” Source – Jewish Prayer Kaddish Shalem.

Keep love alive in your heart until it is a natural occurrence, until you know that you are a vessel of light, a beacon from a single source, reflecting God on the universe, steadfast, unchanging, strong and sure.

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“Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Source – King James Bible, Ephesians 6: 13-17.

It is the time of beauty and peace, the time of redemption and love, the time of God’s presence and his Kingdom on earth. The time is past for the evil eye and secret sin, weakness and helplessness, despair and confusion, hatred and violence, war and famine, pestilence and disease, fighting and bickering, loss of respect and dignity, lack of trust and loyalty. The tree of life still grows in his garden. His table is always set before you. Enter into his rest.

“The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea

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though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Source – King James Bible, Psalm 23: 1-6.

Ascend to your throne and wear your crown, wield your scepter of righteousness and judge the earth, redeem Israel and establish your Kingdom! Be complete in him, who stands before the King of Heaven and opens the Book of Life, who with God judges the world, the Lamb of God on his throne.

“But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

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from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Source – King James Bible, St. Matthew 6: 7-15.

He sits at God’s right hand. With a pure and contrite heart, with praise and thanksgiving on his lips, with a scepter of righteousness, he holds the keys to heaven and hell. Who is worthy to open the Book of Life and the seals thereof? Who can redeem the sinful soul? He is the perfect tool of redemption. He touches the hearts and minds of men and returns man to God. He is the faithful and true witness.

“Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.” Source – King James Bible, St. Mark 3: 28-29.

Receive the King in honor. Give him the glory due his name. Sing unto the Lord a new song. Praise him with a thankful heart.



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“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God. For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.” Source – King James Bible, Psalm 69: 30-36.

### Sixteen - The Tree Of Life

“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bear twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the

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sayings of this book: worship God. And he sayeth unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book

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of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.” Source – King James Bible, Revelation 22: 1-21.

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## About the Author



Mark (Moshe) Bernard Sostrin was raised in love by his blessed mother Rose, and blessed grandmother Rebecca. He owes his faith-based life to them. Before she died, his mother Rose told him, “You must go to Israel”, a country she dearly loved and supported whole-heartedly. Here he is standing on the walls of the Old City, Jerusalem, with the temple mount and Mount of Olives in the background. Before his grandmother Rebecca died, she told him, “I don’t know why they did to him what they did to him. I wish he (Jesus) were here right now, so I could kiss his feet”. Now, what do you think about that!