

# Open the Light

*For God, who commanded the light  
to shine out of darkness,  
hath shined in our hearts,  
to give the light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.  
2 Corinthians 4:6*

*Character Building  
In A Relationship with God*

*He that believeth on me, as **the scripture hath said**, out  
of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [John 7:38](#)*

# Study 1

Remember, in the introduction of these studies you learned how to mark verses of scripture in your Bible. You may like to mark any of the verses given in your Bible, or you can also do the same in these studies if you printed them out. In these studies, some verses are looked at repeatedly, this is so you get to learn the verses and you will start to remember them off by heart. In parts, I have allowed the word of God to speak instead of me, as God's Word speaks for itself. Please carefully pace your way through the study, no need to rush, do as much as time allows each day.

## The Potter

*Before opening God's word, Talk to God in prayer, asking God for the Holy Spirit to guide you and to bless you with understanding in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.* Jesus said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" [Luke 11:13](#). So please always ask our Heavenly Father for the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, before you study His Word.

From the beginning of time God, His Son, and Holy Spirit has always been in existence. God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. They work together as one. As we will see in the following verses.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters." [Genesis 1:1-2](#). "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ..." [Genesis 1:26](#). The meaning of us refers to the speaker or writer and another person or other people and the meaning of the word our, of, belonging to, or associated in some way with us (Collins on line Dictionary).

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" [Matthew 28:19](#).

"No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father**, he hath declared him." [John 1:18](#).

And John bare record, saying, I saw **the Spirit descending from heaven** like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: **but he that sent me** to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." [John 1:32-34](#).

Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. ... But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." [John 14:16-18 and 26](#).

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." [John 16:28](#).

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." [John 17:5](#).

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." [1 John 5:7](#).

**Jesus is The Word and was with God before the world began.** Look-up and read these verses, [John 1:1-18](#); [1 John 1:1-3](#); [1 John 5:7](#); [Revelation 19:9-13](#); [Proverbs 8:22-30](#).

As you study Scripture you will continue to see God, Son, and Holy Spirit working together. For they are one. Even if only one is mentioned the Three are there, for They are one and work together as one.

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Open your Bible to Jeremiah 18 and read verses 1 to 6

When we study scripture, we can learn many lessons and receive many blessings. We are going to study these verses and look at the blessings God has in this passage of scripture.

What are the last 8 words in verse 2 of Jeremiah 18?

Please write them on the lines below.

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What does this mean?

At the first in these studies, I have placed prayer reminders in to help you to remember to pray at the start of study and for the end of a study. Because I do not know how much time you have each day for your worship, I have placed prayer reminders after a section of study, this includes reading the verses given, that may take you 20 to 30 minutes to study. You do not need to follow these; they are a guide only.

*Whenever you finish your study time or start your study time REMEMBER to Pray. When you finish, pray again for the Holy Spirit to guide you through the day and remember to pray for others and then your needs, asking these things in the Name of Jesus.*

... I will cause thee to hear my words. [Jeremiah 18:2](#)

When God talks to His People, He uses many ways to teach us the message He is wanting to give to us.

The Holy Spirit/Ghost is the One that abides with us today, teaching us the Truth and comforting us in Truth. The Holy Spirit given/gifted to us by God,

through Christ and in His name. Please look up and read to see to truth of these words. [John 14:13-18, 26.](#)

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. [2 Corinthians 5:5](#)

Even in the times of the Old Testament God's people were given His Spirit "And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." [Ezekiel 36:27.](#) To cause us to hear His Word is to say, I will speak to you through My Spirit.

... "I will cause thee to hear my words" in [Jeremiah 18:2](#) is the Lord speaking through His Spirit. Read [Jeremiah 18:1-6](#) again. You may not see it yet, but in these verses the Three, God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are working together as one. As we continue to study and do what God has said to do, we will have our eyes opened as we open the light of God's Word.

The following verses show other ways how God gives of His Holy Spirit to Guide His People. Read each one and focus on how the Holy Spirit is given, used, and works in our lives and how God, Son, and Holy Spirit work for our salvation. If you printed the studies out, you may underline any part that you desire to help you see this truth stand out to you.

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. [Psalms 143:8-10](#)

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. [Isaiah 48:16-17](#)

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God

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may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. [2 Peter 1:20-21](#)

[Isaiah Chapter 30 verse 21](#) Says “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. [Ezekiel 2:2](#)

... the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name. [Isaiah 63:14](#)

Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place. [Ezekiel 3:12](#)

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. [Psalms 25:8](#)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. [2 Samuel 23:2](#)

Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, ... [Nehemiah 9:20](#)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: [Isaiah 42:1](#)

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses. [Deuteronomy 34:9](#)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, [Exodus 31:1-3](#)

But the spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, [Judges 6:34](#)

[Regarding Samson](#), “And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.” [Judges 15:14](#)

And the spirit of the LORD came upon him, ... [Judges 3:10; 14:19](#)

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. [1 Samuel 16:13](#)

And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

[1 Samuel 19:20](#)

And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. [Numbers 11:25](#)

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, [Revelations 1:10](#)

[The Holy Spirit was upon Jesus. We learn this in the Prophecy of Jesus.](#) “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow

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out of his roots: **And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him**, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;” [Isaiah 11:2-1](#)

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

The fulfillment of these Prophecy of Jesus we just read, “And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.” [Luke 2:40](#); Look up and read the following that show the fulfillment of [Isaiah 11:2-1](#) and [Isaiah 61:1-3](#). Read, [Luke 4:17-19](#); [Matthew 3:16-17](#); [John 3:5-8](#). Please read all scriptures given, as these lessons are Studies of the Word of God. The Word of God is why these studies were written and why, you, the reader is reading them, to study more on the Word of God. Therefore, please read the scriptures given.

In [John Chapter 14 verse 26](#) “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”.

[John Chapter 15 verse 26](#) “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:”

Read again [John Chapter 14](#) from [verse 13](#), but this time read to [verse 31](#). As you read through you will see God, Son, and Holy Spirit and how They work together. Jesus uses several different names that describe The Holy Spirit.

What are some of the names used for the Holy Spirit in this reading of the Scriptures?

[See verse 16](#)

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[See verses 17](#)

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Another name for the Holy Spirit is Water. We can see this when we read the following verses.

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: [Isaiah 44:3](#)

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. [John 4:14](#)

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) [John 7:37-39](#)



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God wants us to have truth, comfort, holiness, and peace; we can only receive them from the Spirit of truth, The Comforter, Holy Ghost and Peace, the Peace Jesus gives us through Him.

Read 1 John 2:20-28, the word unction in verse 20 means **an unguent or smearing, that is, (figuratively) the special endowment (“chrism”) of the Holy Spirit: - anointing, unction; The same meaning for the word anointing in verse 27. (References from the Strong’s Concordance)**

The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit, are one. Working together from the beginning of time and working together now and forever. We have learnt that the Holy Spirit is a blessed Gift given to us by God in the name of Jesus and “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:” James 1:17-19. When we ask of God for His Holy Spirit, He will answer thee and cause us to hear His Spirit when we ask in the name of Jesus, His Beloved Son.

*REMEMBER whenever you finish your study time, pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you through the day and remember to pray for others and then your needs, asking these things in the Name of Jesus.*

*REMEMBER before opening God’s word, pray to God and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you in the Name of our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

Open your Bible to Jeremiah 18 and read verses 1 to 6 again.

Now look up and read Isaiah 64:8 and answer the following.

Who is the clay?

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Who is the Potter?

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Looking at verse 4 of Jeremiah 18 we know that the Potter is making a vessel out of clay. What word is used that tells us there is something wrong with this vessel? Please write the word below.

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If you were to look up the word marred in a dictionary or thesaurus you would see that this word means **a disfiguring mark; blemish- spoiled, blemished, and damaged.**

**A primitive root; to decay, that is, (causatively) ruin (literally or figuratively): - batter, cast off, corrupt (-er, thing), destroy (-er, -uction), lose, mar, perish, spill, spoiler, X utterly, waste (-r).**

**(References from Collins online Dictionary and the Strong’s Concordance)**

This is the sin that we have allowed in our life, we all have been marred by sin. We have been damaged by sin; we have been spotted and blemished because of sin. We have all sinned as Romans Chapter 3 verse 23, tells us “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

Read verses 5 and 6 in Jeremiah 18.

The Lord asks a question, what is it? Please write it down on the lines below.

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After the question the Lord said in verse 6 of Jeremiah 18, “Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel”.

Think about this, what is God really saying here?

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God is asking us, why can I not do the same with you?

Read verse 4 in Jeremiah 18 again.

The Potter remakes the marred vessel “as it seemed good to him”. This means that He remolds it, and shapes it, in a way that He desires it to be.

Isaiah 64:8 says “... we all are the work of thy hand.” And Job says “The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. Job 33:4. And verse 6 of Job 33, “Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.” And Isaiah 26:12 “LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.”

The clay / vessel became marred in the Potters hand (an enemy has done this) and the Potter remakes it, and molds it, in a way that He desires it to be. This is God wanting to reshape us in the way He would have us to be. Sin, as you know, entered this world and we became marred. God would like to remake us, as the potter did with the marred vessel; by working on our hearts and minds, for He knows what is best for us. When God begins to remold us, He is reshaping us to be good Vessels for His Heavenly Kingdom. What a loving God we serve.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. [Philippians 2:13](#)

King David prayed and asked God to remake him. “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.” [Psalms 51:5-12](#)

Our remolding is only possible through Jesus Christ. Only in Jesus are we made new. He will continue to work in us till the time of His coming.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: [Philippians 1:6](#)

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. [Romans 5:21](#)

... bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. [Isaiah 43:6-7](#)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. [Ephesians 2:10](#)

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. [Galatians 6:15](#)

..., seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: [Colossians 3:9-10](#)

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. [Hebrews 13:20-21](#)

*REMEMBER whenever you finish your studies for the day, end it with prayer as you did the day before. And ask God to help you remember the lessons learnt in your studies, asking these things in the Name of Jesus.*

*Also Remember, before opening God's word, say prayer asking of God for the Holy Spirit to guide you in the Name of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ.*

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Open your Bible to Jeremiah 18 and read verses 1 to 6 again

And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.  
Jeremiah 18:4

What do you think happens to the marred vessel of clay, before the Potter can make a new vessel of clay that is marred in his hand?

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What did God say to Jeremiah in verse 2 of chapter 18? He told Jerimiah to, “Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words”. We may not be able to literally go to a potter's house today, but we can study and look at what happens at the potter's house when he is making a vessel or remaking a marred vessel.

When a potter starts making any piece of pottery, he needs to start with moist clay, moldable clay. He begins to knead it with a little water on his hands to soften the clay even more; always keeping his hands wet with water. Once the clay is softened enough, he starts making a ball, continually putting water on his hands, then with a little thrust; he tosses the ball onto the dead center of the potter's wheel, turning the ball into a dome like shape. Once the clay is on the center of the potter's wheel, he starts spinning the wheel, and then he starts to shapen the clay by placing his wet hands onto the clay and begins the molding. Always with the wheel spinning and always with water on his hands, keeping the clay wet as he works the clay to his desired shape.

Now, to remake a vessel that has become marred, the potter must take it back to the beginning by making it into the dome like shape again. To do this, the marred vessel needs to be kept on the center of the potter's wheel; flattening the clay and molding it with his hands; bringing the clay back to the dome like shape again. Or the potter may have to start from the very beginning,

turning the clay upside down and kneading it again, making the ball, then with a little thrust, tossing the ball back onto the dead center of the potter's wheel, turning the ball into a dome like shape again. Then he'll start spinning the potter's wheel, placing his hands onto the clay as he starts the re-molding of the clay to his desired shape; molding and shaping, working with his hands, always having water on his hands to keep the clay moldable, for it is impossible to work the clay without the water on his hands.

When we put this into Spiritual terms, the clay / vessel represents us, you, and me. The Potter is God our Father, “But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.” Isaiah 64:8. The water is the Holy Spirit, as we have learned from John 7:37-39. “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” The Hands of the potter represent Jesus; As John 3:35 tells us “The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.” And in John 13:3 we are told, “Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;” and again in Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” Here in the lesson of “The Potter” in Jeremiah 18:1-6, we see God, The Potter, Jesus Hands, and the Holy Spirit, The Water.

Without the Water, it is impossible to mold clay. I suggest you try it some time. Keeping this in mind, that it is impossible to mold clay without the water; what is also impossible to do without the Holy Spirit? Or should I ask, what is the unforgivable sin?

Look up Ephesians 4:30 and write it down below.

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Romans 8:11 tells us, “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” This tells us that without the Spirit that was in Christ, we cannot be raised up to heaven to live with Him, whether we be dead in the grave, or alive. It is the Holy Spirit that softens us in the work of Jesus. By grieving the Spirit, we stop all the work Jesus is longing to do to save us from our sins. God’s call is “Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.” Isaiah 48:16-19

Think of all the lessons learned in this Study, then read Romans chapter 8 verses 1-17, or to the end of the chapter if you will. The lessons learned help us to understand deeper the Word of God, which draws us ever closer to Him.

*REMEMBER whenever you finish your studies, Pray and ask God to reshape you as it is good to Him, that you will be a good vessel for His Heavenly Kingdom. Remember to pray for others, as we are all marred and need God. Thank God for His Love for you, in the Name of Jesus.*

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Isaiah 29:16 says, “Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay: ...” No one particularly likes to go through trials or sudden changes in life, a change which changes the course of life, turning

everything upside down. You may be making plans for your life and then something in your life happens, changing everything.

Trials are not all necessarily bad; they can range from good trials, a bad trial, or in-between. Think about this following example.

You have just been left a fortune of money. We would call this good, yes? A blessing from God? Or is it a trial? This would seem to be a good thing; yet others around you may expect money from you or jealousy sets in, and they turn on you. These may be family or people you may have considered good friends. Also, what you do with the wealth, could be your trial, or whether you end up loving or trusting the wealth more than God. ... if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. Psalms 62:10. Therefore we truly need to always walk with God regardless of what comes our way. Keeping our heart for Him and letting nothing take His place.

When your trials are bad, you may find it hard to understand why these things are happening to you, Think of Job, he really was tried in such a hard way. But have you ever questioned why good things have happened to you? Think of King Solomon, he was blessed with many good things, yet in this he was tried? I can tell you, I even found it hard when good things have happened. I thank God for them, but because I have experienced hard trials from good things; I pray God for His guidance in all things, good or bad. These trials are allowed, for they are part of our remolding, shaping us for eternity, and helping us to grow closer to God.

You need not to fear the trials that come to you, for God said “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10.

Read the following verses and know that God is there for you, in this sinful diseased world, forever willing to lift you up, drawing you to Him, that you may be with Him forever, for eternity. Read through each verse, take your time, and think on the blessed promises God has made. Hold fast to them and believe Him at His Word. Underline or high light any of the scriptures that

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move your heart. You can do this in these studies if you printed them out, or carefully in your Bible.

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. [Isaiah 41:13-14](#)

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. ... But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. [Isaiah 40: 29, 31.](#)

But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them. [Deuteronomy 4:29-31](#)

[King David Said](#), “so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.” [1 Samuel 26:24.](#)

...God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; ... [1 Samuel 10:19](#)

[God said](#), “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” [Jeremiah 29:11-13](#)

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that

heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. [Matthew 7:24-27](#)

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. [Psalms 139:23-24](#)

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. [Jeremiah 31:3](#)

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. ... But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. [Isaiah 64:6 & 8](#)

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. [Psalms 73:26](#)

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. [Ezekiel 11:19-20](#)

[Psalms 56:3.](#) “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.” ... [and in verse 11](#) “In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.”

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. [Psalms 57:1-3](#)

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Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. [Romans 5:1-6](#)

“Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: ...” [Isaiah 29:16](#)

In all the above, remember to ask at His will be done for you and remember to wait on the LORD and trust Him in His timing. Also remember that He knows all things from the end to the beginning.

Look up and read [Psalms 27:14; 37:34; Proverbs 20:22; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Isaiah 46:10](#)

[Hebrews 3:12-15](#) tells us to, “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.”

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength: [Isaiah 26:3&4](#).

*REMEMBER whenever you finish your studies, Pray, and ask God to reshape you as it is good to Him, that you will be a good vessel for His Heavenly Kingdom. Remember to pray for others, as we are all marred and need God. Thank God for His Love for you, in the Name of Jesus.*

*Also, before opening God's word, say prayer asking God for the Holy Spirit to guide you in the Name of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ.*

### **O house of Israel.**

Open your Bible and re-read [Jeremiah 18](#) and verses 1 to 6 again.

You will know the Story of The Potter and clay well by now. But what does “the house of Israel” mean?

O house of Israel.

Please do not read on until you have looked up the following scriptures given.

Read [Exodus 3:13 to 16; Romans 3:29-31](#)

In [Exodus chapter 3](#), God is making Himself known to the generations of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, telling the children of Israel He is the God of their fathers, and the God of all generations. In [Romans](#), Paul the apostle is also teaching that God is the God of the Gentiles, just as He is of the Jews, which are of the Children of Israel.

The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him. [Isaiah 56:8](#)

I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; [Isaiah 42:6](#). Also read [chapter 49 verse 6](#)

Read [Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-21; 17:1-27](#) regarding the promise given to Abraham. Please do read as the more we read God's Word the more He reveals to us from His Word.

In [Exodus 3:15](#) God said, “moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”

God is The God of all generations, Jews, and Gentiles, shown here in [Exodus 3:13-16](#) and [Romans 3:29-31](#) and even in the first chapter of the Bible. From the son of God, which was Adam, see [Luke 3:38](#)

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What does God call Himself in Exodus 3:13 to 16? Write out what God said in verse 15b after the : colon.

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When God calls His people the “children of Israel” he is talking about the generations that came from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Why then does he not call them the children of Jacob or Abraham or Isaac? Read in your Bible Genesis 32:28; & 35:10-13

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Here God shows us that He changed Jacob’s name to Israel, also in Isaiah 43:1 “But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine”.

Open your Bible to Jeremiah 18:1-6 and read it again.

Read now Exodus 19:5 & 6.

Also in Deuteronomy 7:6 “For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.”

Note 1Peter 2:9 & 10 can you see the same precept here for us.

The children of Israel are a chosen people. Yet, 1Peter 2:9 & 10 tells us we who are not of Israel are the same as those who are.

There are some things God requests for us to be His special people in Exodus 19:5 & 6 what is it? You will find it at the start of verse 5.

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Why did I say, us and not the children of Israel?

Look up and read The following. This may take you a morning’s study time to read it all, but that’s fine, take your time and take in what God has for you to know. Reads Romans 3:29-31; 4:13; 9:23-26; 10:9-13; 11:1-36; 1Peter 2:9 & 10.

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In Romans 11:1-36, the apostle Paul shows us how God has made the way for both the Israelites and Gentiles, for those that believe and obey Him.

And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and **all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him**? Genesis 18:17, 18.

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall

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all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. [Galatians 3: 7-9](#)

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. John 10:16 (**this fold = Jewish nation/Israelites; Not of this fold = Gentiles, not Jewish nations/ people; there shall be one fold = one church that keep the Commandments of God, including No other gods, keeping the Seventh day Sabbath and not making or have graven images; One Shepherd = Jesus our Lord and Saviour.**) See Ezekiel 37:24.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; **that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man**. [Hebrews 2:9](#)

*REMEMBER whenever you finish your studies, pray and ask God to come into your heart and lead you to Him, The I Am. Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you through the day and remember to pray for others and then your needs, in Jesus Name.*

*Also Remember, before opening God's word, say prayer asking God for the Holy Spirit to guide you in the Name of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Turn to Romans 9:23-26 again, these verses talk about the vessels of mercy, and not for the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles. The Jews are the children of Israel. Those who are not Jewish were known in Bible times as Gentiles, meaning not Jewish. Here, God's word is showing us that we are all His vessels of mercy. We are "CALLED THE CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD." "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." [Galatians 3:14](#). "That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles." Acts 26:23. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek ([Greek is another word meaning Gentile, non-Jewish](#)), there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor

female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." [Galatians 3:26-29](#).

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. [Galatians 3:6-9](#) See [Verses 10-14 of Galatians 3](#). See also [James 2:23-24](#); [Hebrews 11:9-10](#); [Genesis 12:1-5](#); [15:1-6](#)

Read [Ephesians 2:11-22](#), keeping in mind that in verse 11 the Circumcision represents the Jewish nation/people Note [Genesis 17:9-22](#), also in [Ephesians 2](#) verse 11 it tells us that the Gentiles are called Uncircumcision.

If you are a Gentile, like me, how are we made nigh to Christ Jesus? See verse 13 of [Ephesians 2](#) and [2 Timothy 2:19](#)

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Jesus had broken down the middle wall that was between us and the Jewish Nation. See verses 13, 14, and 15 of [Ephesians 2](#).

Who do we have access to, through Jesus, by one Spirit? See verse 18 of [Ephesians 2](#).

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Read Ephesians 2:11-22 which also help us understand that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One, working together, that through Christ Jesus we are all One. "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." Verse 22

Please read Romans 2:16-29; 15:4-16

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4

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God instructed Peter to go to the Gentiles to preach the Word of God to them. Some of these Gentiles were already living and obeying The Word. There were others who were ready to receive and obey God's Word. They were hungry for the Word of God. Please read about this in Acts 10:1-48; 11:1-18 Note verses 28 of chapter 10.

**Many Today Like Cornelius.**--There are many today who are in the same position as Cornelius. They are living up to the light they have received, and God speaks to them, as He spoke to Cornelius, and brings them by His appointed agencies to the place where they will receive the truth into good and honest hearts. God reveals Himself to those who are striving to form characters that He can approve. The prayers of those who fear Him, who recognize their obligations to Him, are heard and answered. The Lord takes special notice of those who walk in the light that He has given them, who testify by their deeds that they are trying to honor God. Through a Peter He will present the pearl of great price, and through a Cornelius and his family many souls will be brought to the light (RH Aug. 8, 1899). {6BC 1060.6}

Some who are numbered among merchants and princes will take their position to obey the truth. God's eye has been upon such as they have acted according to the light they have had, maintaining their integrity. Cornelius, a man of high position, maintained his religious experience, strictly walking in accordance with the light he had received. God had His eye upon him, and He sent His angel with a message to him. The heavenly messenger passed by the self-righteous ones, came to Cornelius, and called him by name. And he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God" [Acts 10:4]. Then instruction was given to him as to what he should do to receive greater knowledge. He was to become acquainted with the disciples of Christ. {13MR 9.2}

This record is made for the special benefit of those who are living in these last days. Many who have had great light have not appreciated and improved it as it was their privilege to do. They have not practiced the truth. And because of this the Lord will bring in those who have lived up to all the light they have had. And those who have been privileged with opportunities to understand the truth and who have not obeyed its principles (page 10) will be swayed by Satan's temptations for self-advancement. They will deny the principles of truth in practice and bring reproach upon the cause of God. {13MR 9.3}

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Now I say that **Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision (Jew) for the truth of God**, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall

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the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. [Romans 15:8-13](#).

Now read [Matthew 15:21-28](#) here is an example of Jesus and the Gentile woman from Canaan who had great faith in Jesus.

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. [2 Timothy 3:14-17](#)

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. [Romans 15:4](#)

Look up and Read [John 3:16 & 17](#)

Here in [John](#) Jesus is telling us that “God so loved the world” (us) “that he gave his only begotten Son” (Jesus). Jesus Said, “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” [John 14:21](#)

Read [John 3:33-36](#)

God wants us all to obey Him and keep His covenant, His Ten Commandments, all of them, His Word; this is because He knows what is best for us. God re-shapes us the way He would have as be, for His thoughts are for us. God tells us in [Jeremiah 29:11](#) “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end”. [The expected end is eternal life with Him. He loves us so much He wants us to be with Him.](#)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. [1 Peter 2:9-10](#)

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Open your Bible and read [Jeremiah 18:1-6](#)

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. [Romans 8:16-17](#)

Open your Bible and read through [Romans Chapter 9](#). Though, there is a little bit to read, with the Holy Spirit's guidance you will remember what we have been learning over the last few days, which will help you understand [Romans Chapter 9](#) better. Just before you read [Romans 9](#), Pray, and ask God again to bless you with the Holy Spirit, to help you understand His Word. Read slowly and listen to the words you are reading.

Now you have prayed, read all of [Romans Chapter 9](#). Note verses 4-8, 9-15, 21-26, which clearly teaches us that we all are the children of the Living God; we are Israelites by adoption.

How? [Galatians 3:26-29](#) tells us that, “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the

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promise.” And Ephesians 1:3-6 says it this way, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

Also read Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:3-14.

We are adopted into the seed of Abraham as children of God, by Christ Jesus, when we are, in Jesus Christ by faith. “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26. In whom we obtained the inheritance. See Ephesians chapter 1: verses 5, 11, 14. Read and note Ezekiel 47:22, 23. For this was a practice of the Old Testament times also.

Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. Romans 9:4, 5.

Can you see why and how important it is for as to understand who the house of Israel is?

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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ... If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:32, 36

With all that you have learned in the last few days, open your Bible, and re-read Jeremiah 18:1-6.

You can see that even though God is talking to the house of Israel here, He is also talking to us, for we are a vessel of mercy. He longs to reshape us all in the way He would like us to be.

Look up and read Isaiah 64:8. What do we become when we let God be our potter?

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Just as it was at the start of creation were the God Head of Three made man in their own Image as the scripture tells us. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Geneses 1:26, 27. When God finished Creation “... God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31. So when we let Him re-mold us “as seemed good to the potter to make it.” God will look at us through Jesus our Lord and see we are very good in His image.

Satan was exulting that he had succeeded in debasing the image of God in humanity. Then Jesus came to restore in man the image of his (P38) Maker. None but Christ can fashion anew the character that has been ruined by sin. He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will. He came to lift us up from the dust, to reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character, and to make it beautiful with His own glory. {DA 37.3}

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The following reading is a prayer David prayed when he knew he was marred, damaged, spotted, and blemished by sin, in his life. We should pray this prayer with all our hearts, in faith.

Read carefully and prayerfully David's prayer in Psalm 51:1-19. When you are finish reading, re-read verses 10 to 12 and apply these blessed Words to yourself with all sincerity.

*With these words in mind, pray this prayer and ask God to create in you a clean heart and to renew a right Spirit within you, that you may be a good vessel for His Heavenly Kingdom. Remember to pray for others then your needs. Thank God for His Love and all that He has done for you, in the Name of Jesus. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. [1 Timothy 1:17](#)*

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. [Psalm 100:1-5](#)

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. [Romans 15:4](#)

[Amen.](#)