

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 46:8-13, Isaiah 41:8-10, Isaiah 43:1-2, Exodus 14:13-14, Matthew 19:23-27, John 14:6-7, Psalm 51:10, Micah 6:8, Colossians 2:6-7

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

These last few weeks we have come to know the Bible as the precious Word of God. His thoughts are revealed, His character brought to light and His gracious love is given to all.

Isaiah 46:8-13

⁸ *“Remember this, keep it in mind,
take it to heart, you rebels.*

⁹ *Remember the former things, those of long ago;
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me.*

¹⁰ *I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.*

*I say, ‘My purpose will stand,
and I will do all that I please.’*

¹¹ *From the east I summon a bird of prey;
from a far-off land, a man to fulfill My purpose.*

*What I have said, that I will bring about;
what I have planned, that I will do.*

¹² *Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted,
you who are now far from My righteousness.*

¹³ *I am bringing My righteousness near,
it is not far away;
and My salvation will not be delayed.*

*I will grant salvation to Zion,
My splendor to Israel.”*

Confusion is laid to rest; the Holy Spirit of God brings clarity to all seekers. Satan is powerless and his darkness cannot stand up to the light.

God gives us what we need to do what He wants us to do at every moment. He reveals His will at just the right moment to those He has chosen.

Isaiah 41:8-10

⁸ *“But you, Israel, My servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
you descendants of Abraham My friend,*

⁹ *I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.*

*I said, 'You are My servant';
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.
¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

Our name is not fear, worry has no claim on us and we are not orphans wandering the land aimlessly. God the Father calls us by name and reveals His purpose for our life. A clear path is ours, one step at a time and with confidence. We can rest in God's plan, knowing He holds us tight.

Isaiah 43:1-2

43 *But now, this is what the Lord says—
He who created you, Jacob,
He who formed you, Israel:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.
² When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze."*

We are not fighting the evil one alone. If God is for us, who can be against us? Eternity is ours, and at Jesus's second coming we will never see the enemy again. Be still and let God be God.

Exodus 14:13-14

¹³ *Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."*

We are so richly blessed! The Spirit reveals to us the goodness of God. What the world has to offer will perish, but the things of the Kingdom are eternal. We are citizens of the Kingdom.

Matthew 19:23-27

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you; it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

²⁷ Peter answered Him, “We have left everything to follow You! What then will there be for us?”

We know Jesus, we know the Father and we know the Spirit. When we live this truth out, others come to know how precious a relationship with God is. And they come to know that Jesus is the ONLY way.

John 14:6-7

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”

This prayer is a precious song sung by all the saints, and yes, us too. Daily we are renewed in the very likeness of the Son. Because of Jesus showing us how to live in the extension of love and grace from the Father, others see Him as our God. It becomes our lifestyle to walk it out with God.

Psalms 51:10

*¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

We ask our Father for renewal, and He gives it to us. We know His revealed truth through His Word. We repent, we obey and we grow in Him. Over and over, getting more Christ-like as we learn. People see our authenticity and we are a reflection of the Son.

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Call to Action: Look up Micah 6:8. Colossians 2:6-7 and Proverbs 3:5-6. What is God’s will for your life based on these verses? Make a list and post it somewhere you will see it.