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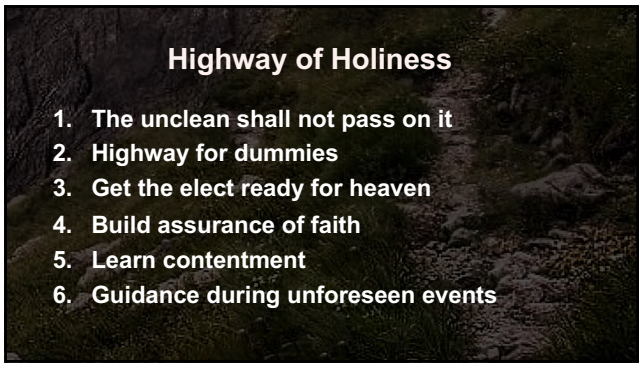
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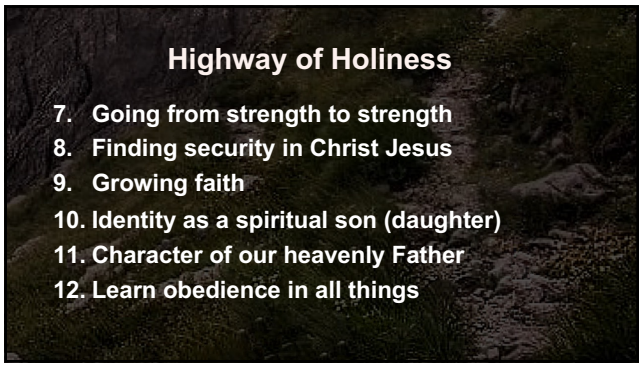
Highway of Holiness

The highway of holiness is God's pre-prepared passageway where we are separated, made morally and spiritually pure from the world, saved from the power of sin, as we travel toward heaven.

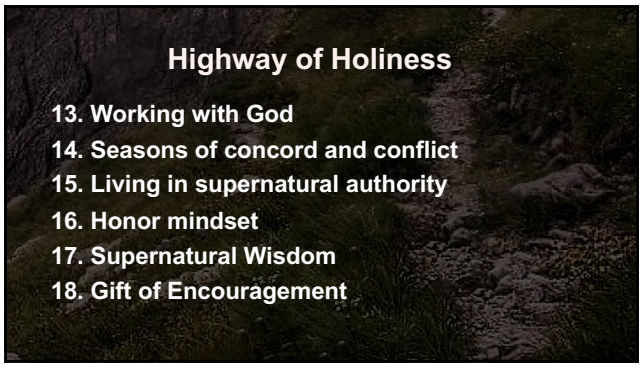
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Highway of Holiness
1. The unclean shall not pass on it
2. Highway for dummies
3. Get the elect ready for heaven
4. Build assurance of faith
5. Learn contentment
6. Guidance during unforeseen events

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Highway of Holiness
7. Going from strength to strength
8. Finding security in Christ Jesus
9. Growing faith
10. Identity as a spiritual son (daughter)
11. Character of our heavenly Father
12. Learn obedience in all things

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Highway of Holiness
13. Working with God
14. Seasons of concord and conflict
15. Living in supernatural authority
16. Honor mindset
17. Supernatural Wisdom
18. Gift of Encouragement

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Comforter

Greek Parakletos: Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby. Name for the Holy Spirit

Literally means 'one called alongside' to give help. In secular Greek it most often referred to a legal advocate or helper in court.

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Encouragement

inspiring someone with courage, spirit, or hope, or providing support that helps them to continue or improve.

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How to climb out of a pit of discouragement?

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Psalm 37 Overview

Psalm 37 is a wisdom psalm attributed to King David that provides guidance on dealing with the apparent success of the wicked while emphasizing trust in God and the eventual reward for the righteous.

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Psalm 37

1 Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

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Psalm 73

1 Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. 3 For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

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Fret

to become vexed or worried or anxious. It is associated with feelings of anger, frustration or emotional strain.

Hebrew: 'Glow, to get heated,'; heart burn

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Psalm 37

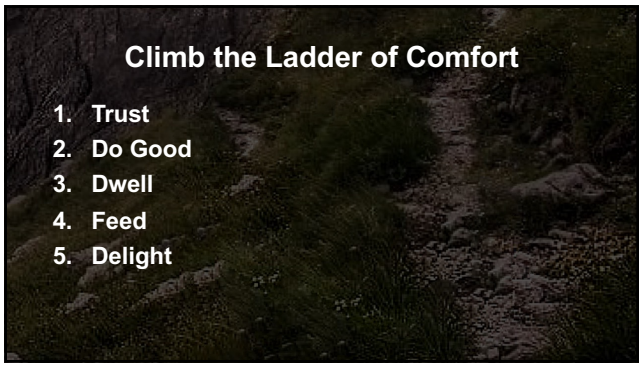
3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

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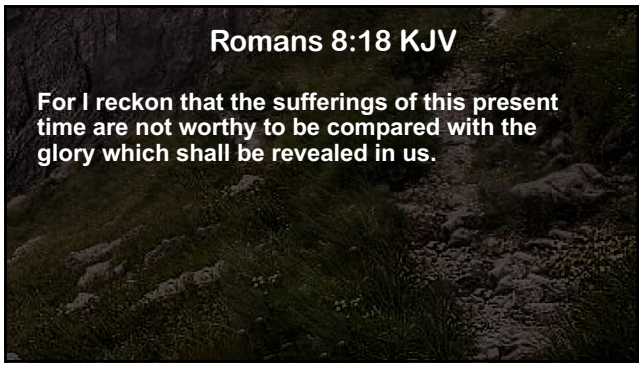
What To Do When We Start to Fret?

We are to turn our focus away from all that's wrong in the world (evildoers) and rest in God's faithfulness, feed on it, and be constantly nourished and sustained by it. The world says to distract yourself on pleasant thoughts and recreational activities. 1 John 1:5) says light displaces darkness. (Law of Displacement)

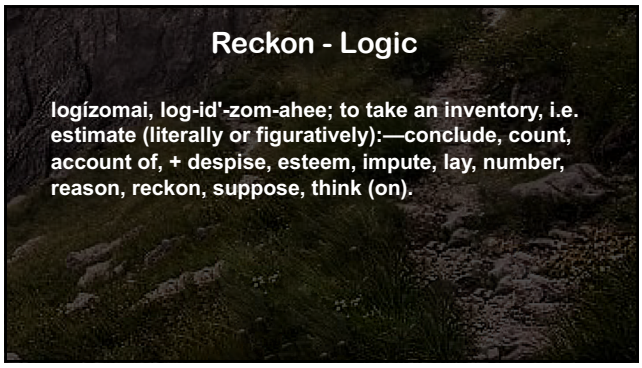
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Climb the Ladder of Comfort
1. Trust
2. Do Good
3. Dwell
4. Feed
5. Delight

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Romans 8:18 KJV
For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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Reckon - Logic
logízomai, log-id'-zom-ahee; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):—conclude, count, account of, + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

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Reckon

Reckon in the Greek means to tally, to count, to carefully value and weigh. The world teaches us to get our minds off our problems, distract us with a movie or a game or an interesting outing. Or to engage your mind in research to find the answer to your problem. The Bible teaches that we need more thinking, not less thinking, especially when we are suffering. But we need the right kind of thinking that focuses on who Christ is and what He has done in the past, and what He has promised to do in the future.

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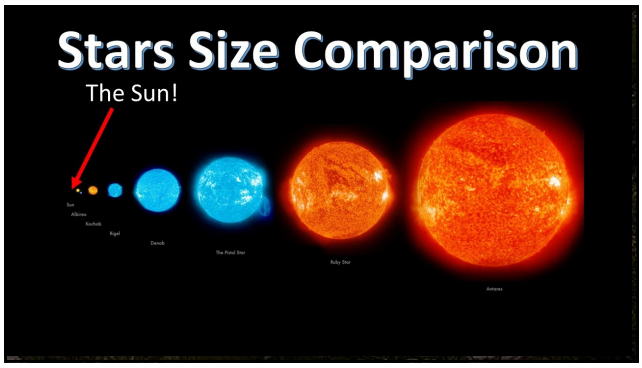
Microscope vs Telescope

Microscopes make small things appear big.

Telescopes make something that appears small because of distance to be seen as it actually is: huge, beautiful, and majestic.

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Stars Size Comparison



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Magnify the Lord to Right Size our Problem

We start with our problems feeling like they are huge and God seems small. This mindset waxes and wanes over time in the presence of progress and setbacks. When we begin to consider and speak of the Lord's glory and His grandeur, we magnify the Lord. Our problems shrink to their actual size and the Lord is magnified to His actual size and our courage is renewed. We are encouraged.

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The Big Questions of Life

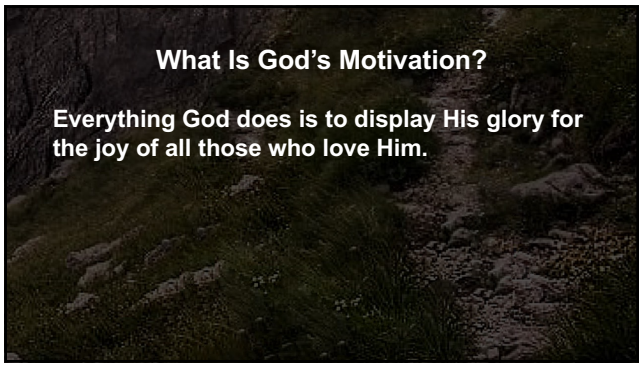
1. What are we here for?
2. Is Jesus really the son of God?
3. Did He really come to earth? Die for you? Rise again to sit at the right hand of God?
4. Did He really endure infinite suffering for you so that someday He could take you to Himself so He could wipe away every tear from your eyes?

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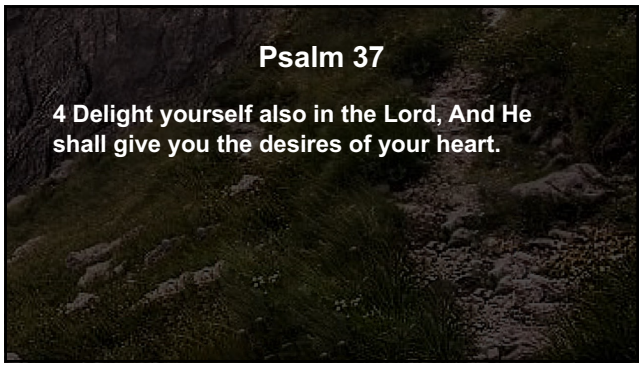
We Can't Add to God's Glory

Christians are not called to upsell God, to make Him seem bigger and better than he actually is. It's quite impossible to make God appear bigger than he actually is because God is so vast and amazing. We can never add or take away from God's glory because He never changes. The Christian is called to magnify the Lord so that He is seen in all His grandeur and glory to those who don't have a good means to view Him.

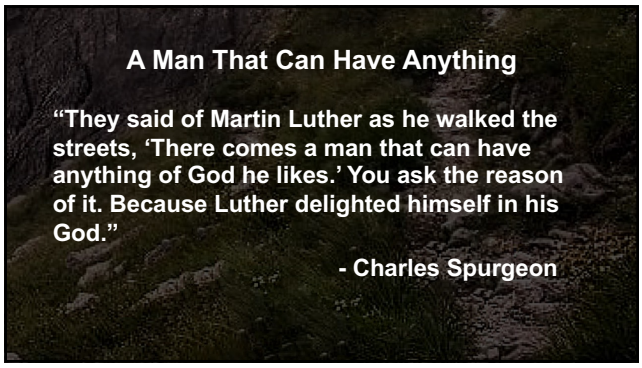
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What Is God's Motivation?
Everything God does is to display His glory for the joy of all those who love Him.

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Psalm 37
4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

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A Man That Can Have Anything
"They said of Martin Luther as he walked the streets, 'There comes a man that can have anything of God he likes.' You ask the reason of it. Because Luther delighted himself in his God."
- Charles Spurgeon

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Psalm 37:11

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

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Inheritance: Focus on the Future

v9 [those who wait on the Lord] shall inherit the earth
v11 But the meek shall inherit the earth
v18 [the upright's] inheritance shall be forever
v22 those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth
v29 righteous shall inherit the land
v34 He shall exalt you to inherit the land

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