

NOVEMBER 1 - MATTHEW 5:8-10

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God. 9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. 10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. - NLT



**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called
the children of God. 10 Blessed are they which are
persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. - KJV**



How does the purity our hearts enable us to see God?

How is keeping peace and indicator that we are children of God?

What kind of persecution is rewarded?

My Prayer:



2 - MATTHEW 5:11-12



Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- KJV

“You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me. 12 Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you. -CSB

How can persecution be a blessing?

Where is the reward for remaining faithful?

Who are we able to identify with when we experience persecution?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 3 - MATTHEW 5:13

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. - ESV



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. - KJV

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Why use salt as an illustration?

What is the main purpose of salt and what if it has lost that use?

What is left for that to used for?

My Prayer:



**Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 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. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. -
KJV**



NOVEMBER 6 - MATTHEW 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.

- NET

What is the purpose of light?

What would be the purpose of lighting a candle and then hiding it?


What is light connect to in our lives as believers?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 7 - MATTHEW 5:17-19

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. - NASB



AM THE LORD THY GOD
THOU SHALT HAVE NO
OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE
THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE
NAME OF THE LORD THY
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HONOUR THY FATHER AND
THY MOTHER
THOU SHALT NOT KILL
THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT
ADULTERY
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL
THOU SHALT NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
THOU SHALT NOT COVET

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 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 fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. - KJV

Why didn't Jesus just destroy the law?

Why is the law so precious?

What does it mean Jesus fulfilled the law?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 8 - MATTHEW 5:20

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. - KJV



“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven! - NLT



What did the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees look like?

How can our righteousness exceed that standard?

Why is this righteousness necessary to enter heaven?

My Prayer:



Then he issued a decree in Nineveh: By order of the king and his nobles: No person or animal, herd or flock, is to taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink water. 8 Furthermore, both people and animals must be covered with sackcloth, and everyone must call out earnestly to God. Each must turn from his evil ways and from his wrongdoing. 9 Who knows? God may turn and relent; he may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish. - CSB



NOVEMBER 9 - JONAH 3:7-9

And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? - KJV



Why would the king call for a fast with no promise of God relenting on His judgment?

Why use fasting with prayer to appeal to God?

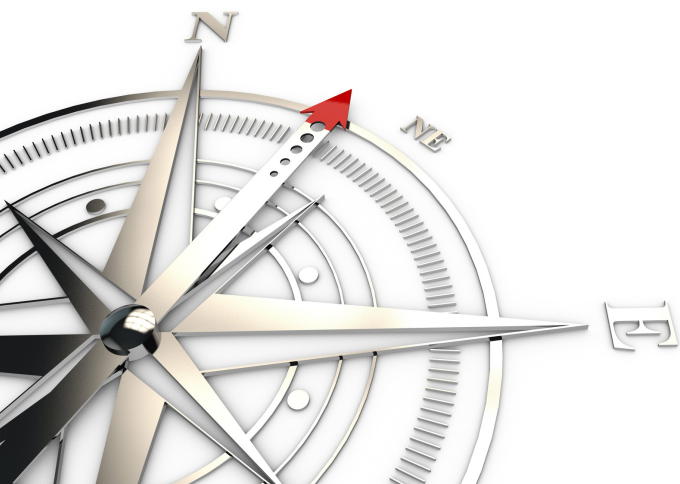
Was the repentance necessary for God to turn back from His judgment?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 10 - PSALM 107:1-3

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south - KJV



Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. - ESV



How is steadfast love different from just love?

What does it mean that “the redeemed of the says so”?

Where are the redeemed coming from?


My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 13 - 2 SAMUEL 7:22

**Therefore you
are great, O
Sovereign Lord,
for there is none
like you. There is
no God besides
you! What we
have heard is
true. - NET**

**Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none
like thee, neither is there any God beside thee,
according to all that we have heard with our ears. - KJV**



What does it mean that God is Sovereign?

Why are there none like Him?

Why is it important to investigate what is
told to us about God?

My Prayer:





NOVEMBER 14 - DANIEL 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. - KJV

**Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king,
“O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an
answer concerning this matter. 17 If it be so, our God
whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace
of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand,
O king. 18 But even if He does not, let it be known to
you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods
or worship the golden image that you have set up.” -**

NASB



Why won't the 3 guys give Nebuchadnezzar an answer?


Which is a stronger declaration of faith verse 17 or 18? Why?

Why are they so firm to not kneel even if it cost them their lives?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 15 - AMOS 3:7



Indeed, the Sovereign Lord never does anything until he reveals his plans to his servants the prophets. - NLT

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. - KJV



Why does God not do anything without letting the Prophets know?

Why use the Prophets and not someone else?

Is it comforting to know God has a plan? Why or why not?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 16 - ACTS 16:29-34

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

- KJV



The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He escorted them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house. 33 He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized. 34 He brought them into his house, set a meal before them, and rejoiced because he had come to believe in God with his entire household. - CSB


Why wouldn't Paul and Silas escape when they had the chance?

What does it mean the whole household would be saved if he believes?

Why would the jailer bring them into his own house?

My Prayer:





NOVEMBER 17 - PSALM 19:7-11

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. - ESV

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. - KJV



How is the law perfect?

What does “the fear of the Lord is clean” mean?

How valuable is the law?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 20 - 1 CHRONICLES 16:34-35

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise. - KJV



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his loyal love endures. 35 Say this prayer: “Deliver us, O God who delivers us! Gather us! Rescue us from the nations! Then we will give thanks to your holy name, and boast about your praiseworthy deeds.” - NET

How is His love and mercy related?

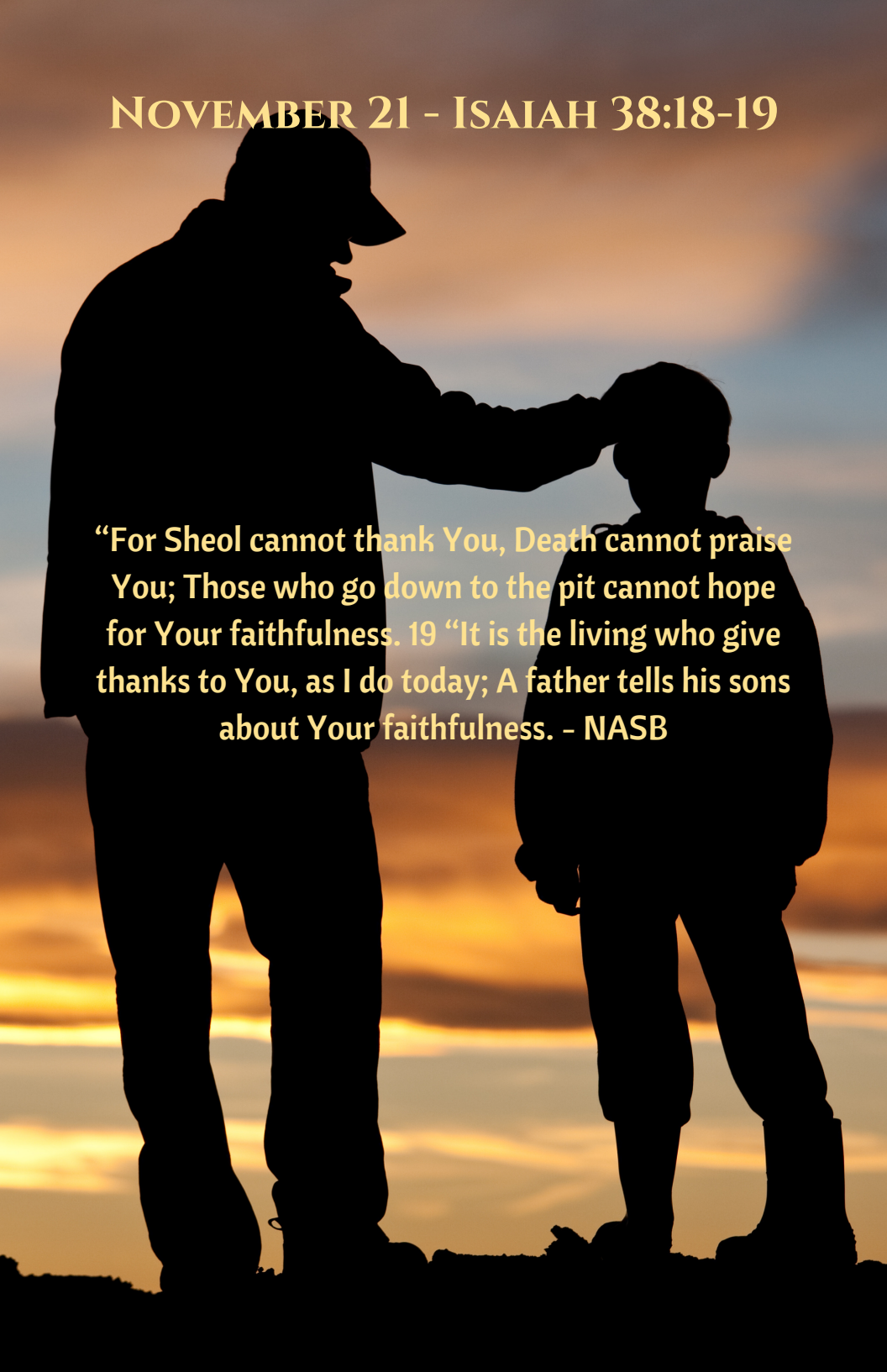
Why are they telling other to pray this prayer of deliverance?

Why is the opportunity to praise enough of a reason to be rescued?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 21 - ISAIAH 38:18-19

A silhouette of a man wearing a cap and a jacket, standing on the left and placing his hand on the head of a child standing on the right. They are positioned against a background of a sunset or sunrise, with a warm orange and yellow glow. The man is looking towards the child.

“For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot praise You; Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your faithfulness. 19 “It is the living who give thanks to You, as I do today; A father tells his sons about Your faithfulness. – NASB

For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. - KJV



Why can't Death praise Him?

Why is it important for the living to praise Him?

Why do we need to pass down the truth to our children?

My Prayer:





NOVEMBER 22 - 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. - KJV

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. - NLT

Why can't we just naturally receive the things of the Holy Spirit?

Why do they sound foolish?

Why do we need the Spirit to understand?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 23 - HEBREWS 12:28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, - CSB



Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: - KJV



Why can't His Kingdom be shaken?

Why should we be thankful for it?

How do we serve God in an acceptable manner?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 24 - PSALM 105:43-45

And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness: 44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people; 45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord. - KJV



So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. 44 And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,45 that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord! -ESV



Why does God joyfully bring His people even when they have failed Him?

How did God prepare for for them to arrive?

Why are they in this special place?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 27 - MICAH 5:2

As for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, seemingly insignificant among the clans of Judah— from you a king will emerge who will rule over Israel on my behalf, one whose origins are in the distant past. -

NET



But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. - KJV



Why would God use the smallest tribe to bring forth a ruler?

How old will this ruler be?

Who is this passage speaking about?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 28 - ISAIAH 7:14

THEREFORE THE LORD
HIMSELF WILL GIVE
YOU A SIGN.
BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN
SHALL CONCEIVE
AND BEAR A
SON, AND SHALL
CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

- ISAIAH 7:14

**Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son,
and she will call His name Immanuel. - NASB**

Why the emphasis on the Lord Himself giving the sign?

What is the sign?

If His name is Immanuel, why did she name Him Jesus?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 29 - ISAIAH 9:6-7



For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! - NLT

**For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting
Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 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 with
justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of
the Lord of hosts will perform this. - KJV**

Who is the “us” the son is given to?

What do these names say about this Son?

How determined was God to do this?

My Prayer:



NOVEMBER 30 - ZECHARIAH 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. - KJV



**Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout in triumph,
Daughter Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you;
he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a
donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. - CSB**



Whose daughter is Zion and Jerusalem?

How is this King described?

Why would he ride a donkey?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 1 - PSALM 10:12-14

Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. 13 Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, “You will not call to account”? 14 But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. - ESV



Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble. 13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it. 14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. - KJV



Why would the Psalmist feel forgotten?

Does God see the wickedness in this world even if it seems He does nothing about it?

Who will God help?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 4 - ISAIAH 11:1

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**"There shall
come forth**

a shoot from

the stump of Jesse

and a branch from

his roots shall bear fruit."



A shoot will grow out of Jesse's root stock, a bud will sprout from his roots. - NET



Why does God uses a plant to describe the coming one?

Why is Jesse's name used here?

What does the bud sprouting indicate?

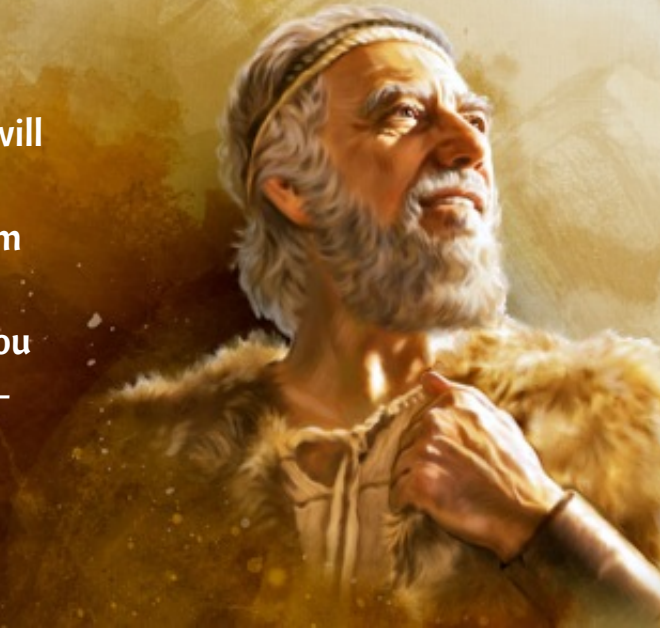
My Prayer:



DECEMBER 5 - DEUTERONOMY 18:15

“The Lord your God will
raise up for you a
prophet like me from
among you, from
your countrymen, you
shall listen to him. -

NASB



**The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet
from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me;
unto him ye shall hearken; - KJV**



How will this Prophet be like God?

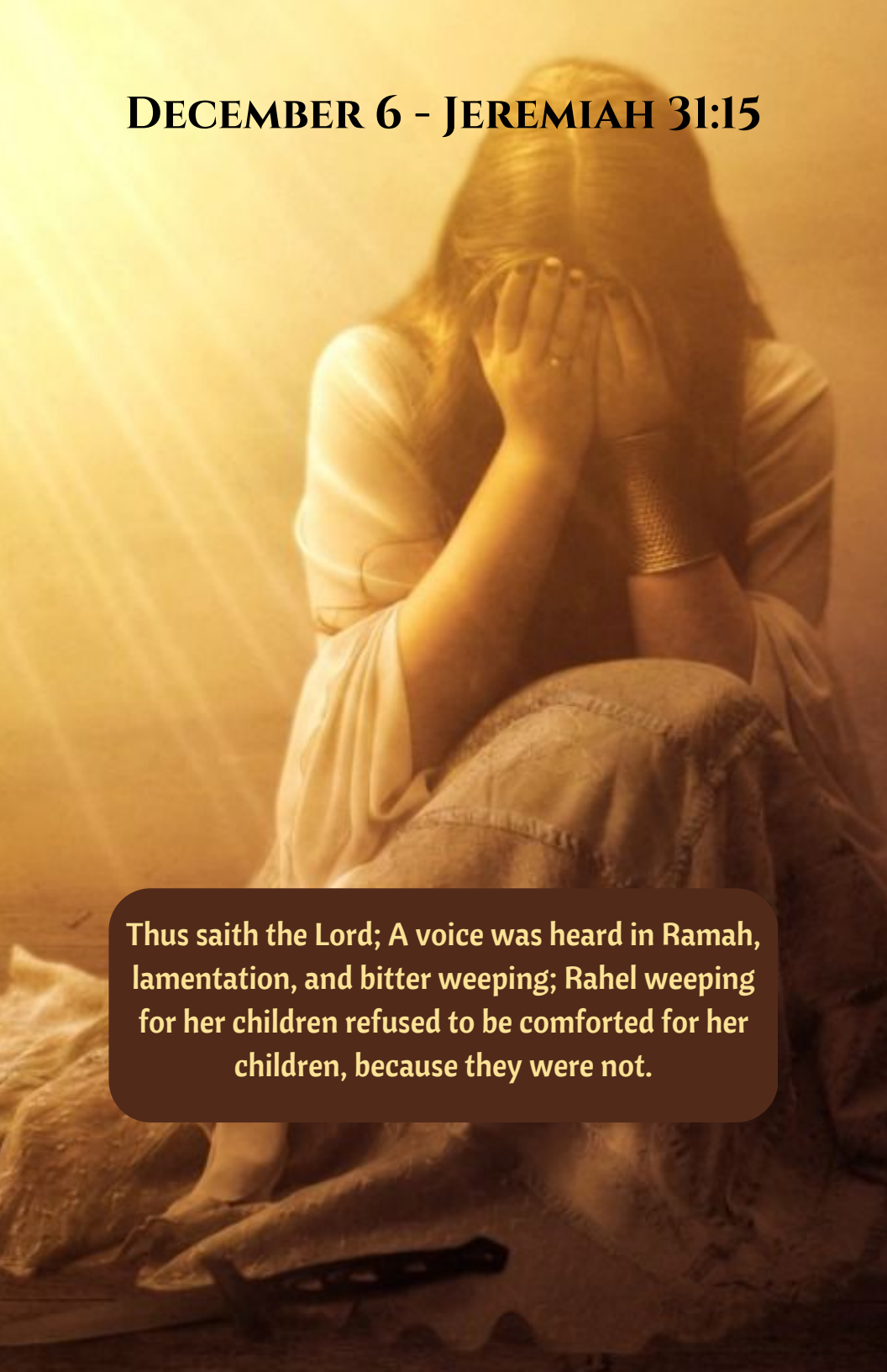
Why is it important that he come from among
them?

Why will they listen to Him?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 6 - JEREMIAH 31:15

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a white long-sleeved dress and a wide, textured gold bracelet, is sitting on a pile of fabric. She has her hands pressed against her face, covering her eyes, in a gesture of deep grief or sorrow. The background is a warm, golden light with rays of light filtering through, creating a dramatic and somber atmosphere.

Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

This is what the Lord says: “A cry is heard in Ramah— deep anguish and bitter weeping. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted— for her children are gone.” - NLT



Is God causing something to happen or simply warning them it will?

Who is Rachel, a person, or a people??

Why won't she allow herself to be comforted?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 7 - MALACHI 4:5-6

Look, I am going to send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse.” - CSB



**Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:
6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. - KJV**

How will Elijah come if he is no longer on the Earth?

What is the great and terrible day of the Lord?

Why is his message so important?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 8 - ISAIAH 9:1-2

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. - ESV



Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and *afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. - KJV



What has made the difference from affliction to showing glory?

From where is this glory going to be seen?

What will the result be?

My Prayer:

NOTE - *THE KJV MISTRANSLATES THE END OF VERSE 1. IT USES THE WORDS "GRIEVOUSLY AFFICT". IT IS ACTUALLY QUITE THE OPPOSITE. THE WORDS MEAN TO SHOW GLORY, OR TO MAKE GLORIOUS.

DECEMBER 11 - GENESIS 28:14

**And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth,
and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and
to the east, and to the north, and to the south:
and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families
of the earth be blessed. - KJV**



Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west, east, north, and south. And so all the families of the earth may receive blessings through you and through your descendants. - NET



Why is God continuing this blessing through Jacob?

How are all the families of the Earth blessed by his descendants?

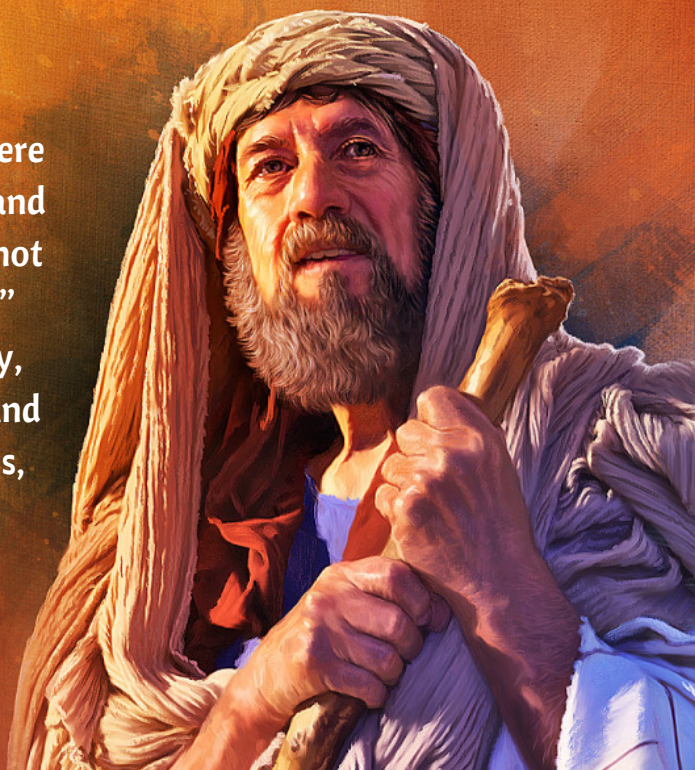
How are you blessed because of Jacob and his descendants?

My Prayer:

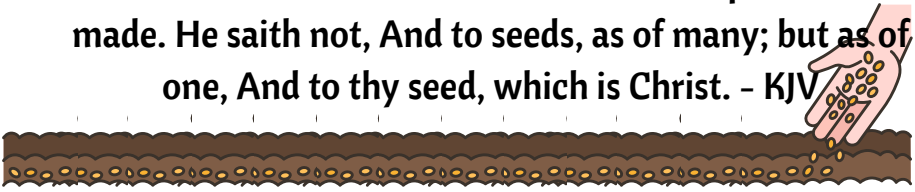


DECEMBER 12 - GALATIANS 3:16

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. - NASB



Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. - KJV



Why is it important to understand to whom and about whom prophecies are given?

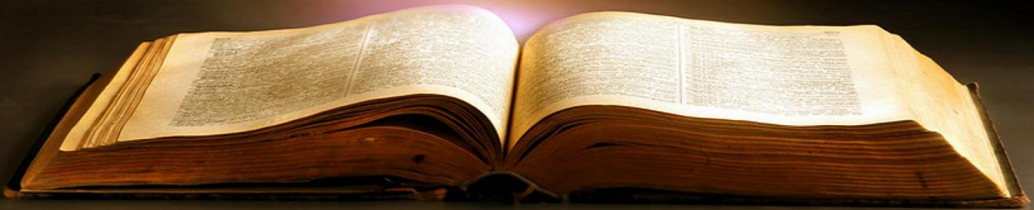
Why is the plural wrong?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 13 - GENESIS 17:19

But God replied, “No—Sarah, your wife, will give birth to a son for you. You will name him Isaac, and I will confirm my covenant with him and his descendants as an everlasting covenant. - NLT



And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. - KJV



Why was God specific that it was Sarah who would bear a son?

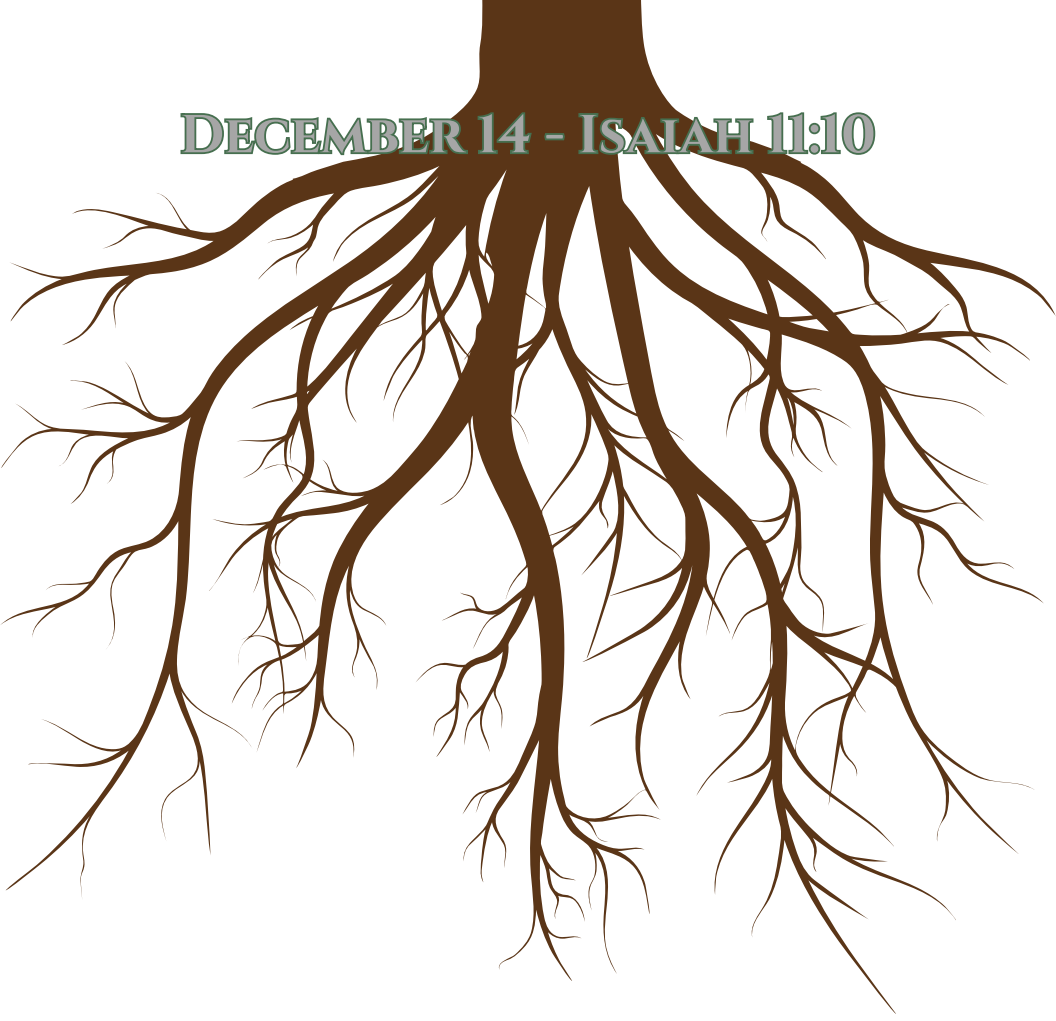
Why dictate the name and not allow them to name them whatever they wanted?

Why is God specific about who His covenant would pass through?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 14 - ISALAH 11:10



**And in that day there shall be a root of
Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of
the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek:
and his rest shall be glorious. - KJV**

On that day the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples. The nations will look to him for guidance, and his resting place will be glorious. - CSB



How is the root like a banner?

Who will look to Him?

How are we able to rest in Him?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 15 - PSALM 2:7-8

I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. - ESV



**I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me,
Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask
of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine
inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for
thy possession. - KJV**



Does this mean God created Jesus? Why or Why NOT?

What belongs to Jesus?

How much of the Earth is His?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 18 - ISAIAH 61:1

**In the year that king Uzziah
died I saw also the Lord sitting
upon a throne, high and lifted
up, and his train filled the
temple. - KJV**

**In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the
Lord seated on a high, elevated throne. The hem of his
robe filled the temple. - NET**



What is important about the timing here?

Why is God on a throne when Isaiah sees Him?

What is the significance of His hem?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 19 - NUMBERS 24:17

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth. - NASB



I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. - KJV



Who is Balaam longing to see?

Why use the name of Jacob?

What is the significance of the scepter?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 20 - MATTHEW 1:18-21

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. - KJV



18 This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. 20 As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” - NLT

How do you think Mary was looked upon by those who saw her?

What would have happened if Joseph had not decided to make this a private affair?

What does this say about Joseph that he obeyed from a dream?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 21 - MATTHEW 1:22-25

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel, which is translated “God is with us.” 24 When Joseph woke up, he did as the Lord’s angel had commanded him. He married her 25 but did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. And he named him Jesus. - CSB



Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus. - KJV



Did Jesus come just to fulfill prophecy?

Why did Joseph marry her right away?

Did Jesus get His name because Joseph didn't know what Gabriel had told Mary?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 22 - LUKE 2:1-5

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. - KJV



In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. - ESV



Why are the 1st two verses included here?

Why was it important for Mary to go with Joseph for this registration?

How hard would this trip have been?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 25 - LUKE 2:6-20

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 8 Now there were shepherds nearby living out in the field, keeping guard over their flock at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were absolutely terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: 11 Today your Savior is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a vast, heavenly army appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people[with whom he is pleased!]" 15 When the angels left them and went back to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, that the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they hurried off and located Mary and Joseph, and found the baby lying in a manger. 17 When they saw him, they related what they had been told about this child, 18 and all who heard it were astonished at what the shepherds said. 19 But Mary treasured up all these words, pondering in her heart what they might mean. 20 So the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; everything was just as they had been told. - NET

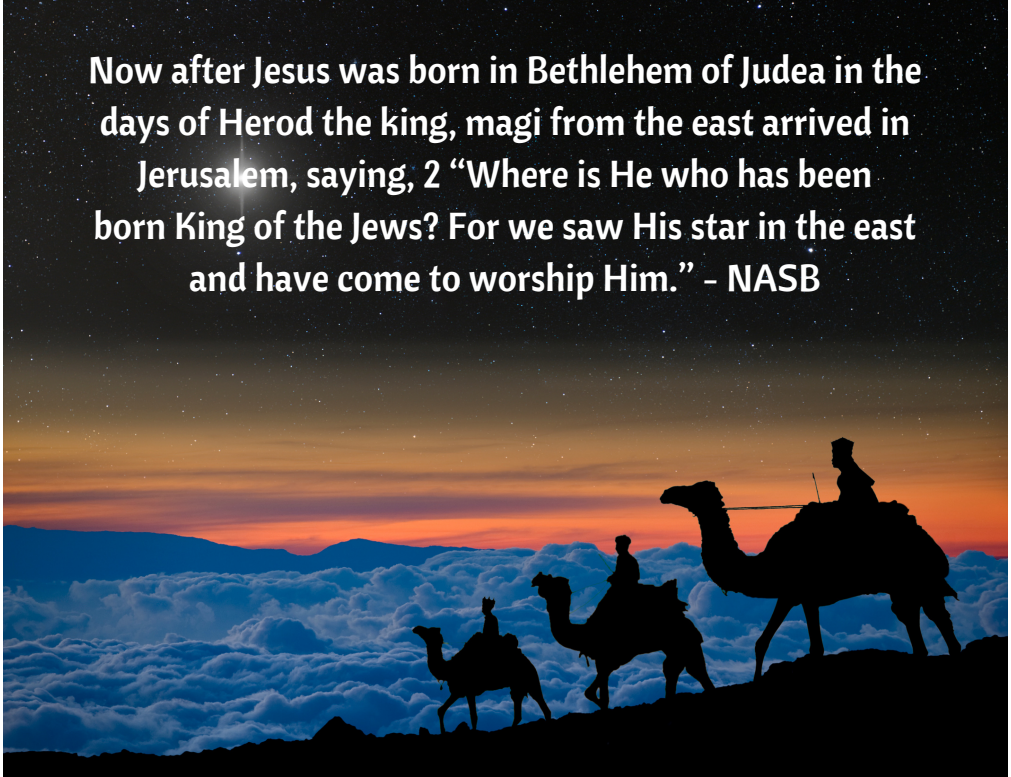
And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. - KJV

Merry Christmas



DECEMBER 26 - MATTHEW 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” - NASB



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. - KJV



Why did they go to the palace if they were following a star?

Why use a star to direct them?

How did they know they needed to come and worship Him?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 27 - HOSEA 11:1

**When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called
my son out of Egypt. - KJV**



**“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called
my son out of Egypt.” - NLT**



What are the parallels between Israel and Jesus here?

Why emphasis His love?

Why call Him out of Egypt?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 28 - LUKE 2:29-32

Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, as you promised. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation. 31 You have prepared it in the presence of all peoples— 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel. - CSB

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; 32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. - KJV

What is Simeon asking for now that he has seen Jesus?

What kind of faith did Simeon have?

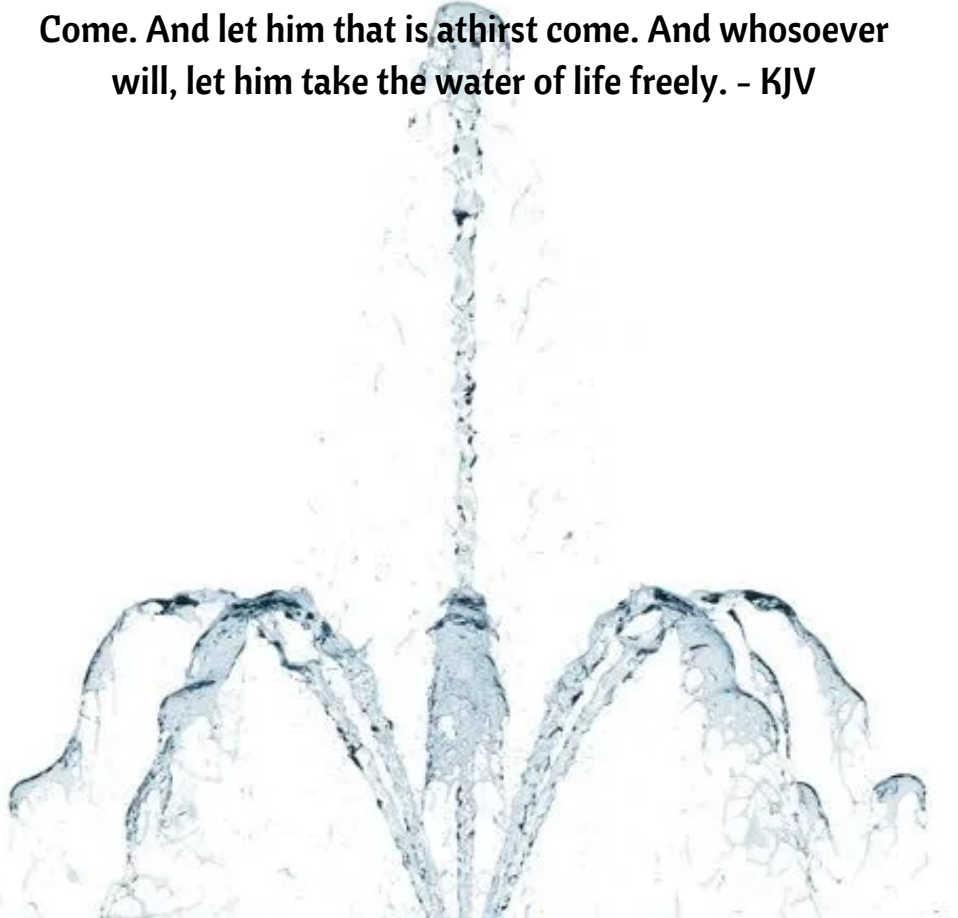
How did Simeon that Jesus came for the Gentiles too?

My Prayer:



DECEMBER 29 - REVELATION 22:16-17

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. 17 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. - KJV



“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” 17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. - ESV



What things did the angel testify about?

Why use these descriptions of Himself?

Who gets the water of life?

My Prayer:

