

# *Purity*

***How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. With my whole heart I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments! I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:9-11)***

- And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I command you this day for your good? (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)
- Although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie with her or to be with her. But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, she caught him by his garment, saying, 'Lie with me.' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and got out of the house. (Genesis 39:10-12)
- They presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country, although neither the ark of the covenant of the Lord, nor Moses, departed out of the camp. (Numbers 14:44)
- There was not a city too high for us; the Lord our God gave all into our hands. (Deuteronomy 2:36)
- You shall not fear them; for it is the Lord your God who fights for you. (Deuteronomy 3:22)
- This commandment which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it far off... But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. (Deuteronomy 30:11-15)
- Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)
- David strengthened himself in the Lord his God. (1 Samuel 30:6)
- David won a name for himself... In the spring of the year, the time when kings go forth to battle... David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking upon the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. (2 Samuel 8:13; 11:1-3)
- Now King David was old and...could not get warm. Therefore his servants said to him, 'Let a young maiden be sought for my lord the king, and let her wait upon the king, and be his nurse; let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may be warm.'... The maiden was very beautiful; and she became the king's nurse and ministered to him; but the king knew her not. (1 Kings 1:1-4)
- Solomon... stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying... 'that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.' (1 Kings 8:54-61)

- King Solomon loved many foreign women... Solomon clung to these in love... and his wives turned away his heart... and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father... And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel... (1 Kings 11:1-10)
- How long will you go limping about with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. (1 Kings 18:21)
- Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually! (1 Chronicles 16:11)
- God left him to himself, in order to try him and to know all that was in his heart. (2 Chronicles 32:31)
- Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach his statutes and ordinances in Israel. (Ezra 7:10)
- Thou art God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forlorn, savior of those without hope. (Judith 9:11)
- 'Give me strength this day, O Lord God of Israel!' And she struck his neck with all her might, and severed his head from his body. (Judith 13:7-8)
- I love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18:1-3)
- Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:3-5)
- Therefore let every one who is godly offer prayer to thee; at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. Thou art a hiding place for me, thou preservest me from trouble; thou dost encompass me with deliverance. (Psalm 32:6-7)
- Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)
- He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. (Psalm 40:2)
- As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. (Psalm 42:1-2)
- He will deliver my soul in safety from the battle that I wage. (Psalms 55:18)
- O grant us help against the foe, for vain is the help of man! With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes. (Psalm 60:11-12)
- He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62:6-8)
- You who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord hears the needy, and does not despise his own that are in bonds. (Psalm 69:32-33)
- Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are the highways to Zion... They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion. (Psalm 84:5-7)

- Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation. (Psalm 91:14-16)
- The Lord loves those who hate evil... Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. (Psalm 97:10-11)
- I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; I will not set before my eyes anything that is base... Perverseness of heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. (Psalm 101:2-4)
- Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in affliction and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. Their hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men! For he shatters the doors of bronze, and cuts in two the bars of iron. (Psalm 107:10-16)
- Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. With the Lord on my side I do not fear... All nations surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! They surrounded me like bees, they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. (Psalm 118:5-6;10-14)
- We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:7-8)
- Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. (Psalm 127:1)
- O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted on its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. (Psalm 131)
- My son, if you came forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation. (Sir 2:1)
- Turn away your eyes from a shapely woman, and do not look intently at beauty belonging to another; many have been misled by a woman's beauty, and by it passion is kindled like a fire. (Sir 9:7-8)
- When a sieve is shaken, the refuse remains; so a man's filth remains in his thoughts. (Sir 27:4)
- O evil imagination, why were you formed to cover the land with deceit? (Sir 37:3)
- So if a man fasts for his sins, and goes again and does the same things, who will listen to his prayer? And what has he gained by humbling himself? (Sir 34:26)
- To keep from wickedness is pleasing to the Lord, and to forsake unrighteousness is atonement. (Sir 35:3)
- Men of perverse mind are an abomination to the Lord, but those of blameless ways are his delight. (Prv 11:20)
- Perverse thoughts separate men from God...because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, nor dwell in a body enslaved to sin. For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will rise and depart from foolish thoughts... (Wis 1:3-5)

- He who fears the Lord will accept His discipline, and those who rise early to seek Him will find favor. (Sir 32:14)
- Those who work with My help will not sin. (Sir 24:22)
- No balance can weigh the value of a chaste soul. (Sir 26:15)
- Blessed also is the eunuch whose hands have done no lawless deed, and who has not devised wicked things against the Lord; for special favor will be shown him for his faithfulness, and a place of great delight in the temple of the Lord. For the fruit of good labors is renowned. (Wis 3:14-15)
- For you shall be ashamed of the oaks in which you delighted; and you shall blush for the gardens which you have chosen. For you shall be like an oak whose leaf withers, and like a garden without water. (Isaiah 1:29-30)
- For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it. (Isaiah 28:20)
- For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, 'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.' (Isaiah 30:15)
- All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. (Isaiah 40:6-8)
- He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:29-31)
- I have given you as a covenant to the people.... to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. (Isaiah 42:6-7)
- I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. (Isaiah 46:4)
- Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him. To our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7)
- Let not the eunuch say, 'Behold, I am a dry tree.' For thus says the Lord: 'To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast to my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which shall not be cut off. (Isaiah 56:3-5)
- Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?... Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. (Isaiah 58:6-9)
- My people have changed their glory for that which does not profit... for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. (Jeremiah 2:11-13)

- Your wickedness will chasten you, and your apostasy will reprove you. Know and see that it is evil and bitter for you to forsake the Lord your God; the fear of me is not in you, says the Lord God of hosts. (Jeremiah 2:19)
- ‘Return, O faithless sons, I will heal your faithlessness.’ ‘Behold, we come to thee; for thou art the Lord our God. Truly the hills are a delusion, the orgies on the mountains. Truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.’ (Jeremiah 3:22-23)
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)
- You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:27-28)
- The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! (Matthew 6:22-23)
- ‘Have mercy on us, Son of David.’ ... ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ ... ‘According to your faith be it done to you.’ (Matthew 9:27-29)
- He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:38-39)
- Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light. (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother... (Matthew 12:50)
- Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘O man of little faith, why did you doubt?’ (Matthew 14:29-31)
- If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 16:24-25)
- There are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it. (Matthew 19:12)
- But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.’ (Matthew 22:11-14)
- What comes out of a man is what defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. (Mark 7:20-22)
- ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!... Son of David, have mercy on me!’ ... And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus... ‘Master, let me receive my sight’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. (Mark 10:47-52)

- Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much... (Luke 7:47)
- When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he passes through waterless places seeking rest; and finding none he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. (Luke 11:24-27)
- For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Luke 12:34)
- Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required... (Luke 12:48)
- Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. (Luke 13:24)
- If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26-27)
- He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)
- The good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and every one enters it violently. (Luke 16:16)
- When you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' (Luke 17:10)
- Truly, I say to you, there is no man who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive manifold more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life. (Luke 18:29-30)
- Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation. (Luke 22:46)
- Not my will, but thine, be done. (Luke 22:42)
- Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them... 'Woman, I do not know him.' (Luke 22:54-62)
- 'Peace to you... Why are you troubled, and why do questionings arise in your hearts?' (Luke 24:36-38)
- Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (John 4:14)
- 'Do you want to be healed?'... Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.' And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. (John 5:6-8)
- I do not receive glory from men. But I know that you have not the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me... How can you believe, who receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? (John 5:41-44)
- Jesus looked up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again.' (John 8:10-11)
- You will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he. (John 8:24)

- Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not continue in the house forever; the son continues forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:34-36)
- Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him. (John 12:24-26)
- He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. (John 14:21)
- Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. (John 15:4-8)
- I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. (John 17:26)
- Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself... 'Are not you also one of his disciples?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' (John 18:15-27)
- I am ascending to my Father and your Father... (John 20:17)
- He who through faith is righteous shall live. (Romans 1:17)
- God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen. (Romans 1:24-25)
- Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind... (Romans 12:2)
- Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (Romans 13:14)
- He who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1Corinthians 6:17-20)
- Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1Corinthians 10:12-13)
- Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to your right mind, and sin no more. (1Corinthians 15:33-34)
- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body. (2Corinthians 5:10)

- If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. (2Corinthians 5:17)
- Take every thought captive to obey Christ. (2Corinthians 10:5)
- My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. (2Corinthians 12:9)
- I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)
- When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir. (Galatians 4:4-7)
- For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)
- I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are plain: immorality, impurity... those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:16-24)
- I bow my knees before the Father... that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you may be rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)
- Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24)
- Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light... take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. (Ephesians 5:8-11)
- Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him... (Philippians 3:8-9)
- I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded. (Philippians 3:14-15)
- As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6-7)
- If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: immorality, impurity,

passion, evil desire... On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away... (Colossians 3:1-8)

- For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in passion of lust like the heathen who do not know God... (1Thessalonians 4:3-5)
- Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. (1Thessalonians 5:8)
- Train yourself in godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. (1Timothy 4:7-10)
- We must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it... how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? (Hebrews 2:1-3)
- Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today', that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end... (Hebrews 3:12-14)
- For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16)
- If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. (James 1:5-6)
- Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)
- Each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death. (James 1:14-15)
- God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you. (James 4:6-10)
- For a little while you may have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls. (1Peter 1:6-9)
- Therefore gird up your minds, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who has called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' (1Peter 1:13-16)

- Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul. (1Peter 2:11)
- Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1Peter 5:6-11)
- Whatever overcomes a man, to that he is enslaved. For if, after they have escaped the defilement's of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overpowered, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog turns back to his own vomit, and the sow is washed only to wallow in the mire. (2Peter 2:19-22)
- He who says, 'I know him', but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: he who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1John 2:4-6)
- For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1John 5:3-5)
- But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; they said to you, 'In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.' It is these who set up divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And convince some, who doubt; save some, by snatching them out of the fire; on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.
- To him who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. (Revelation 2:7)
- And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. (Revelation 12:9-11)
- After this I heard what seemed to be the mighty voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just; he has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication...' (Revelation 19:1-2)
- It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life. He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for

idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Revelation 21:6-8)

- And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of the God is its light, and its light is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates shall never be shut by day-- and there shall be no night there; they shall bring into it glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 21:22-27)
- Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. (Revelation 22:12)