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*This one thing I do,
forgetting those things which are behind. . .
I press toward the mark for the prize of the
high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Father, I will that they. . .whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me—I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day—He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible—Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus.

PHIL. 3:13-14; JOHN 17:24—2 TIM. 1:12—PHIL. 1:6; 1 COR.
9:24-25—HEB. 12:1-2.

Sing unto the LORD a new song.

Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery—He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest—The joy of the LORD is your strength—Paul. . .thanked God, and took courage.

Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the LORD Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

ISA. 42:10; PS. 81:1-2—PS. 40:3; JOSH. 1:9—NEH. 8:10—ACTS 28:15—ROM. 13:11-14.

He led them forth by the right way.

He found [Jacob] in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the LORD alone did lead him—Even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

The LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not—For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Who teacheth like him?

*Ye are not as yet come to the rest
and to the inheritance,
which the LORD your God giveth you.*

This is not your rest—There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God—Within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also—With Christ; which is far better.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away—There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also—Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

DEUT. 12:9—MIC. 2:10—HEB. 4:9—HEB. 6:19–20; JOHN 14:2–3—PHIL. 1:23; REV. 21:4—JOB 3:17; MATT. 6:20–21—COL. 3:2.

We which have believed do enter into rest.

They. . .weary themselves to commit iniquity—I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest—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.

He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works—Not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith—This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing.

HEB. 4:3—JER. 9:5—ROM. 7:23–24; MATT. 11:28—ROM. 5: 1–2;
HEB. 4:10—PHIL. 3:9—ISA. 28:12.

*Let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us:
and establish thou the work of our hands.*

Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD—We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the LORD, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord—The spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you.

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee—Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure—Our LORD Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Think upon me, my God, for good.

Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness—I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant—I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you. . . . 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.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts—I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number—Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

NEH. 5:19; JER. 2:2—EZEK. 16:60 JER. 29:10–11; ISA. 55:9—JOB
5:8–9—PS. 40:5.

*They that know thy name will put their trust in thee:
for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken
them that seek thee.*

The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe—I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread—For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off—The LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people—Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.

Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The LORD is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

PS. 9:10; PROV. 18:10—ISA. 12:2; PS. 37:25—PS. 37:28—I SAM. 12:22—2 COR. 1:10; HEB. 13:5-6.

*Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
that it may be displayed because of the truth.*

Jehovah-nissi [The LORD my banner]—When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners—The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God—We are more than conquerors through him that loved us—Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ—The captain of [our] salvation.

My brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might—Valiant for the truth—Fight the LORD's battles—Be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: . . .fear ye not—Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest—Yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

PS. 60:4; EXOD. 17:15—ISA. 59:19; PS. 20:5—JER. 51:10—ROM. 8:37—I COR. 15:57—HEB. 2:10; EPH. 6:10—JER. 9:3—I SAM. 18:17—HAG. 2:4-5—JOHN 4:35—HEB.10:37.

*I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body
be preserved blameless
unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Christ. . . loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish—Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

The peace of God. . . passeth all understanding—Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body.

Our LORD Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work—Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion.

To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one LORD Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him—All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him—By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name—Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

PS. 65:1; I COR. 8:6—JOHN 5:23—HEB. 13:15—PS. 50:23; REV. 7:9—10, 12.

The only wise God our Saviour.

Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption—Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory—The mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him—The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee.*

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved—I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?—Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus—In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

The effect of righteousness [shall be] quietness and assurance for ever—Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid—Peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come.

ISA. 26:3; PS. 55:22—ISA. 12:2; MATT. 8:26—PHIL. 4:6-7—ISA. 30:15—ISA. 32:17—JOHN 14:27—REV. 1:4.

My Father is greater than I.

When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven—My Father, and your Father; . . . my God, and your God.

As the Father gave me commandment, even so I do—The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand—Thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

LORD, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me—I and my Father are one—As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

JOHN 14:28; LUKE 11:2—JOHN 20:17; JOHN 14:31—JOHN 14:10—
JOHN 3:35—JOHN 17:2; JOHN 14:8-10—JOHN 10:30—JOHN
15:9-10.

*My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
quicken thou me according to thy word.*

If ye . . . be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For . . . your life is hid with Christ in God—Our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the LORD Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would—Brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live—Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.