

# **Loving Faith**

**[Short Word Meditation (17)]**

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## **With 3 assurances**

I desire to live a life of faith  
with the assurance of God's love,  
the assurance of God's salvation,  
and the assurance of God's victory  
(Romans 8:28-30, 35-39).

## **Pursuing love more skillfully than the most skillful wicked woman ...**

While pursuing love more skillfully than the most skillful wicked woman,  
even though idolizing money more than God through unconventional means,  
and yet brazenly declaring, 'I am innocent; surely his anger has turned from me,'  
'I have not sinned' (Jeremiah 2:33, 35).

## **We will earnestly seek God.**

When we suffer, we will acknowledge our sins  
and earnestly seek God  
(Hosea 5:15).

## **False pastors**

False pastors, whom God has not sent nor spoken to,  
yet they deceive the congregation with lies  
(Jeremiah 28:15).

## **False pastors and church members like whitewashed tombs?**

False pastors are busy producing heaps of congregation members  
resembling whitewashed tombs and Pharisees.

Outwardly beautiful but inwardly full of bones and filth.

When the storms of trials, like torrents of rain and hailstones,  
come crashing down and demolish their whitewashed walls,  
their foundations will be exposed.

Then, what use will whitewashing be to false pastors  
in dealing with congregation members who are like Pharisees?

(Ezekiel 13:11-14; Matthew. 23:27).

## **Why He is with those who deeply regret their sins with a humble heart**

The reason why the Most High, Holy, and Everlasting God dwells with those who deeply repent with humble hearts is to revive the heart of the penitent (Isaiah 57:15).

### **Because you keep going down the wrong path.**

No matter how much we cry out like bears and mourn like doves, hoping for God to rescue us, the reason nothing is happening is that we do not know what true peace is, nor do we understand what righteousness and truth mean. We continue to walk in the wrong path (Isaiah 59:8, 11).

### **Because we continue to walk the path of corruption**

Because we have forsaken God and continued to walk the path of corruption, God will stretch out his hand and strike us. The reason is that we have provoked him by turning away from his will (Jeremiah 15:6).

## **If we continue to listen to the false gospel of false pastors ...**

If we reject the true gospel preached by the true pastors of God  
and continue to listen to the false gospel preached by false pastors,  
we will all perish together with those false pastors  
(Jeremiah 27:15, 2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6-9).

## **A group of people who continue to believe and follow fraud and lies**

Those who always resist God, speak lies,  
and refuse to listen to God's teaching eagerly listen to pleasing and false words,  
while disregarding the holy words of the righteous God,  
no longer wanting to hear them.  
Instead, they continue to trust and follow deceit and lies.  
To such individuals, God says,  
'Return to me and quietly trust in me.  
Then you will be saved; you will be strengthened.'  
But they do not wish to do so  
(Isaiah 30:9, 10, 12, 15).

## **Grace in suffering**

When God gives us the bread of adversity and the water of affliction,  
He extends His grace to us, responding when we cry out,  
teaching us directly as He accompanies us  
(Isaiah 30:19, 20).

## **Even if you're stuck in the Sea of Trouble ...**

Even if trapped in the sea of trouble,  
may the realization of my own human frailty amidst despair deeply resonate within me,  
leading me to acknowledge and understand.  
May I once again look to the Lord in hope,  
realizing the truth that salvation comes from the Lord,  
relying solely on Him, emulating His heart,  
and desiring to become obedient servants of the Lord,  
trusting in His word  
(Jonah 2:4, 9; 4:11; Zechariah 9:12; 10:11).

## **A greedy, arrogant evildoer who became rich through exploitation like a usurer**

The arrogant wicked, who are insatiable in their greed and never satisfied like death,  
gather what does not belong to them and unjustly profit for their own houses.  
They exploit and become wealthy like a hooker of fish,  
but suddenly their creditors rise up in anger, rushing upon them,  
trembling, and surely they will plunder them  
(Habakkuk. 2:5-7, 9).

## **God's grace in the wilderness**

The grace of God in the wilderness is  
God, who loves us with an everlasting love,  
leading us with kindness to give us rest  
(Jeremiah 31:2-3).

## **Even though pride testifies itself ...**

Even though our arrogance testifies against us,  
we do not return to our God, nor do we seek him wholeheartedly  
(Hosea 7:10).

## **He will eliminate all those who are arrogant and show off.**

God will remove the proud and boastful from among us,  
so that they will no longer be arrogant before God.  
And God will leave among us the humble and meek,  
so that they may trust in God  
(Zephaniah 3:11-12).

## **God humbles the proud.**

God is true and does what is right;  
He humbles the proud  
(Daniel 4:37).

## **Satan attacking the church community?**

Satan targets the remaining gaps within the church to attack our community.  
The purpose of these attacks is to stop the work, as the Lord builds His church firmly.  
It seems these attacks don't end after just one, two, or even three times.  
Satan is relentlessly assaulting our community right now.  
He spreads false rumors within the church to attack it.  
Satan seeks to disrupt the unity of the church community  
with words that are not true but rather fabricated (all made-up stories) from the heart.  
Satan's aim is to make us afraid and to make our hands weary  
so that we stop and fail in our work.  
At that time, we pray to God:  
'Now strengthen my (our) hands'  
(Nehemiah 6:1-9).

## **Satan's work in the church ...**

The work of Satan within the church is  
to cause brothers and sisters to resent each other  
(Nehemiah 5:1).



## **Those who oppose the church**

The Lord builds His church (Matthew 16:18).

Satan and his forces, opposing the work of building the Lord's church, seek to make us fearful in any way possible, especially by instilling fear in church leaders, aiming to obstruct and interrupt the work of building the Lord's church.

Yet, even amidst this, the Lord instills fear and great discouragement in our adversaries because He is the one building His church.

The reason why the adversaries of the church are fearful and greatly discouraged is because they know that this work has been accomplished by the Lord (Nehemiah 6:15-16).

## **The pain will reach our hearts.**

Our evil actions will bring about various kinds of disasters, and the pain will reach our hearts (Jeremiah 4:18).

## **Aren't we cherishing things like that "vine"?**

Although God spares His holy name, which we have profaned in this world (Ezekiel 36:21), and spares countless people who cannot discern between good and evil (Jonah 4:11), aren't we valuing something like the "vine", which we neither toiled nor nurtured, yet appeared overnight and withered away the next morning, sparing us from our discomfort? (vv. 6, 10)

## **Live by that truth**

When we go up to the temple where God is and God teaches us the truth,  
we must live according to that truth  
(Micah 4:2).

### **However, those who believe and rely on God will be blessed.**

Those who trust in humans and turn away from God will be cursed.  
They will be like a bush in the desert;  
in a parched and salted land where no one lives.  
But those who trust in God and rely on Him will be blessed.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water, spreading its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit  
(Jeremiah 17:5-8).

### **The purpose of famine?**

If we sin against God and are unfaithful,  
God may lift His hand and cut off the food supply, and even send famine.  
(Ezekiel 14:13; Luke 15:13-16).

## **The secret to answering prayer**

If we live according to God's will (1 John 3:22),  
and pray according to His will,  
God will hear our prayers (5:14).

### **Reasons for not having assurance that prayers will be answered (1)**

The reason for not having assurance that prayers will be answered is  
That we are not living holy according to God's will while praying to Him  
(1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 John 5:14).

### **Reasons for not having assurance that prayers will be answered (2)**

The reason for not having assurance that prayers will be answered is  
That we are not living a life of gratitude in accordance with God's will while praying to Him  
(1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 John 5:14).

## **We will be shattered and broken.**

If we make a decision to idolize money and follow it,  
we will be shattered and broken by God's judgment  
(Hosea 5:11).

## **God's word as sweet as honey ...**

I desire to regularly consume the word of God,  
as sweet as honey and fill my heart with it.  
I long to attentively listen to every word of God  
and carefully store it in my heart.  
Furthermore, I wish to boldly proclaim His word.  
I desire to proclaim it boldly  
even to stubborn and hardened individuals  
who refuse to listen to the word of God.  
I pray that the Lord will make me resolute and firm like a rock,  
and as hard as a diamond,  
so that I will not fear or be intimidated by them  
(Ezekiel 3:1-10).

## **Even if I fall, I will get up.**

I will rise even if I fall,  
and even in the darkness, the Lord will be my light  
(Micah 7:8).

## **Because of those who hate me ...**

Because of those who hate me,  
when I am poor and needy,  
in the midst of trouble,  
these crises are opportunities to cry out to God,  
and also opportunities to receive instruction from God's word,  
opportunities to experience deeply the kindness of God.  
And we come to deeply realize that only the Lord can help and comfort us  
(Psalms 86:1, 3, 5, 7, 17).

## **My turning?**

Is the turning from my evil ways enough repentance  
to turn away God's wrath from calamity?  
(Jonah 3:10)

## **My God is my strength.**

My God, in His strength, makes me a vessel to reveal His glory,  
sharpening my mouth like a keen sword, protecting me with His hand,  
making me a sharp arrow ready for use,  
so that God may bring back His scattered people,  
choosing me as His servant before I was born,  
and honoring me  
(Isaiah 49:2, 3, 5).

## **I place my hope in God.**

Because God is my everything, I place my hope in Him.  
And I sit alone, quietly waiting for God's salvation  
(Lamentations 3:24, 26, 28).

## **“I will not forget you.”**

The God who created me and made me His servant says to me:  
“Can a woman forget her nursing child  
And have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget, but I will not forget you”  
(Isaiah 44:21; 49:15).

## **When I'm worried and anxious ...**

When I was anxious and troubled,  
the hand of the Lord held me firmly  
(Ezekiel 3:14).

## **'I love money, so I will chase after it.'**

While declaring, "I love money, so I will chase after it,"  
churchgoers run about frenetically for the sake of money,  
like wild donkeys accustomed to the wilderness,  
unable to restrain their lust. Who can stop them?  
How can they claim they have not defiled themselves and served money?  
(Jeremiah 2:23-25)

## **'I will surely save you.'**

Those who hear God's word saying,  
'I will save you on that day,  
and you will not fall into the hands of those you fear,'  
and trust in Him,  
God will surely save them  
(Jeremiah 39:17-18).

## **To the point where I couldn't help but feel like I was driven away from the Lord's presence ...**

Feeling as though I have been driven away from the Lord's presence,  
For the Lord has cast me into the deep, into the depths resembling a tomb,  
As I am confined in the land of death, my life slowly fading away,  
In my anguish, once again I looked to the Lord, calling for His help,  
And the Lord heard my prayer, answering and rescuing my life from death  
(Jonah 2:2-7).

## **'You go back and love your cheating spouse'?**

God commanded the prophet Hosea, saying,  
'Go, love your wife again, even though she commits adultery ...  
As the Lord loves the Israelites,  
though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes'  
(Hosea 3:1).

[Here, the term "again" implies Hosea's wife Gomer  
repeatedly seeking other men besides her husband Hosea (v. 3).  
However, God commands Hosea to love his wife "again"  
just as God continues to love the Israelites  
despite their continued harlotry (repeatedly following the idol Baal).]

If God were to say to us,  
"Go, love your spouse who has committed adultery again,  
just as I still love him/her.  
Love your spouse who continues to commit adultery," what would we do?  
Why would God say such a thing to us?  
Could it be that God, our loving Father, wants to teach us His heart of love,  
even for us who continue to spiritually commit adultery?



**It is I who comforts you, so why are you afraid of mortals  
who are nothing more than blades of grass?**

Though tears stream down my cheeks as I sob through the night in sorrow,  
With no one among those I loved to comfort me,  
Even my friends have turned against me, becoming my enemies,  
Rejoicing in my pain and suffering,  
Yet in the midst of their delight in my agony,  
The Lord speaks to me:  
'The one who comforts you is Me,  
so why should you fear mere mortals who are as fleeting as grass?'"  
Therefore, I confess:  
'The Lord is the one who helps me and comforts me'  
(Psalms 86:17; Lamentations 1:2, 21; Isaiah 51:12).

**Lord, do not make me too poor or too rich.**

Lord, do not make me too poor,  
lest I be tempted by money in my poverty  
and sin against You by envying the rich.  
Lord, do not make me too rich,  
lest I become arrogant in my wealth  
and fail to pity the poor,  
being stingy in doing good deeds,  
thus dishonoring You.  
Thank You for providing me with the necessary daily bread.  
I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen  
(Proverbs 30:7-9).

## **‘Turn from your evil ways and evil deeds.’**

God has spoken to His servants, sending them His word continuously to you, constantly urging, ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil deeds.’

Yet, you neither listen nor even try to listen

(Jeremiah 25:3-5).

## **‘How long will it be before you become clean?’**

The reason we suffer shame and wounds is because of the magnitude of our sinfulness, as we are accustomed to committing sins.

This is the price we must pay because we have forgotten God and engaged in spiritual prostitution by relying on false gods.

Therefore, God will expose our shame.

His word to us is:

‘How long will it be before you become clean?’

(Jeremiah 13:22, 23, 25, 27).

## **God withdrawing His helping hand?**

Even when I cried out to God and sought help, God rejected my prayer,  
and even when my enemies approached, God withdrew His hand of help.  
As a result, my strength weakened, and my hope in God was cut off.  
Thinking about this brings me despair, yet it has become my hope.  
(Lamentations 2:3; 3:8, 18, 21).

## **Pastors and church members who idolize money?**

Among the congregation, whoever worships money in their heart,  
placing stumbling blocks of iniquity before themselves,  
seeking false prophets, to them, according to the degree of their idolatry,  
God will respond. God's purpose in doing so is to turn back our hearts,  
which have betrayed God because of idols  
(Ezekiel 14:4-5).

## **To the helper and the helped one**

Help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
Yet, when we rely on mighty powers or others instead of trusting in God,  
God, being wise, will bring disaster upon both the helper and the one being helped  
(Psalms 121:2; Isaiah 31:1-2).

## **Reason for fear?**

The reason for the absence of joy, thanksgiving, and praise,  
and instead the presence of fear, is  
because of the lack of complete trust in God,  
who is "my salvation"  
(Isaiah Chapter 12).

## **We must not plot harm against each other in our hearts.**

We should not devise evil in our hearts against one another, for this is what God hates.  
Instead, we ought to love truth and peace  
(Zechariah 7:10; 8:17, 19).

## **Like a wife who betrays trust and leaves her husband ...**

Like a wife who forsakes her devotion to God and leaves her husband,  
we, who are betrothed to the Lord as His bride,  
are being unfaithful to our bridegroom, the Lord.  
(Jeremiah 3:20).

## **If we are just a piece of broken earthenware ...**

If we, mere fragments of shattered pottery, were to say to the potter,  
'What are you making?' Or if children were to question their parents, saying,  
'Why did you make me like this?' and contend with our Creator God,  
then we would be unable to escape His wrath  
(Isaiah 45:9-10).

## **If we pastors ...**

When we pastors do not listen to and accept God's warning message seriously,  
nor honor God's name, then God will turn our blessings into curses  
(Malachi 2:1-2).

## **If we receive the blessing of wealth from God ...**

If we continue to offer the blessings of wealth we receive from God to idols,  
engaging in harlotry with them, without feeling shame  
and even delighting in these shameful acts,  
then because of the sacrifices we offer to idols,  
God will make us feel ashamed  
(Hosea 4:18-19).

## **Rather than spending money and toil for something that doesn't give you satisfaction ...**

Listening to the word of God is far better  
than spending money and laboring for what does not satisfy.  
It is much better for our souls to enjoy satisfaction by eating what is good  
(Isaiah 55:2).

## **We are troubling God with your words.**

Now we are saying, "What good is it to serve God?  
What do we gain by obeying his commands  
and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty?  
In addition, now we call the arrogant blessed, certainly evildoers prosper,  
and even those who challenge God escape harm,  
thus speaking wickedly and causing trouble to God  
(Malachi 2:17; 3:14-15).

## **We must be very cautious.**

We must be very cautious about filling our heads  
with knowledge of God while not imitating God's heart  
(Ref.: Jonah 4:2).

## **Shameless prostitutes who do not feel embarrassed ...**

Like shameless prostitutes who do not feel embarrassed,  
even though they engage in many lewd acts,  
we, who try to return to God,  
pray on Sundays, 'My Father, my Father, You have loved me since I was young ...'  
but during the week, we love our families and the things of this world  
that we like more than our Father God  
(Jeremiah 3:1-3).

## **Senseless shepherds**

The leaders of the church are like blind and ignorant watchdogs,  
like mute and dumb dogs that cannot bark,  
lying down, loving to dream and sleep.  
They are like greedy dogs that never have enough,  
and they are senseless shepherds who are unaware,  
pursuing only their own gain without discernment of means and methods  
(Isaiah 56:10-11).

## **A wicked shepherd**

The shepherd who does not have compassion for the saints,  
who are the flock of God,  
but rather hates them in his heart,  
is a shepherd who hates God in his heart,  
and is a wicked shepherd who has rejected the flock of God  
(Zechariah 11:5, 8, 17).

## **What is better?**

Claiming to serve the church with knowledge that is right in the head, like virtual interaction, while being dissatisfied, angry, and complaining, is far inferior to serving each person in the church humbly with knowledge that is right in the heart, like face-to-face interaction  
(Ref.: Jonah Chapter 4)

## **It will surely be fulfilled!**

God's plan, determined for the whole world, will surely be fulfilled.  
No one can thwart it or turn it back.  
(Isaiah 14:24-27)

## **Because we have sinned ...**

Because we have sinned against our holy God, joy has left our hearts and our dancing has turned into mourning. Our hearts have grown weak, and our eyes have become dim.  
(Lamentations 5:15-17).



## **Justice is perverted.**

Because the wicked surround the righteous, justice is perverted  
(Habakkuk 1:4).

## **The foolishness of a pastor (saint) who is so angry with God that he says he would rather die than live is ...**

The folly of the pastor (saint) who is so angry with God that he would rather die than live,  
is that although he knows God correctly in his head, he does not imitate God's heart,  
so he speaks (prays) and acts (disobeys) according to his own heart  
(Jonah 4:1-3).

## **Loving faith?**

Love is indeed living faith  
(1 John 3:23).

## **Would you say it's trivial matters?**

Are you watching  
what our congregants are doing right now?  
Are you witnessing  
the abominable acts being committed in the house of God?  
Are you seeing t  
he wicked and detestable deeds being carried out there?  
Are you observing  
what the church leaders are doing in the darkness?  
Can we truly consider  
the abominable deeds being done in the house of God as trivial matters?  
We are filling ourselves with dreadful sins,  
continually provoking God's anger,  
and we are insulting God in the most offensive ways  
(Ezekiel 8:5-6, 9, 12, 17).

## **Satan is looking for the breaches!**

If we do not carefully mend the breaches within us,  
Satan will target those breaches and attack us,  
tempting us to undergo trials,  
thereby causing us to sin against God and our church family  
(Reflecting on Nehemiah 4:7)

## **Satan bribes false pastors ...**

Satan, through bribes, buys false pastors,  
using them to spread false prophecies, false gospel,  
false preaching, and false words to attack church leaders.  
Moreover, Satan even prompts these false pastors  
to fabricate evil rumors" and slander the church leaders.  
His purpose is to make church leaders fearful, leading them into sin  
(Nehemiah 6:10-14).

## **Like a bird hovering over its nest to protect its young ...**

Like a bird hovering over its nest to protect its young,  
God watches over and protects us without slumbering or sleeping,  
keeping us safe from all dangers and preserving our lives securely.  
God will guard us wherever we go, from now and forevermore  
(Psalms 121:4, 7-8; Isaiah 31:5).

## **It is as useless as uncooked bread.**

When saints who believe in Jesus mix with unbelievers who do not believe in Jesus,  
it is like unleavened bread mixed with leaven; it becomes useless and cannot be turned back  
(Hosea 7:8).

## **Those who have hope**

Even if we are surrounded from all directions,  
we are those who have hope  
(Zechariah 9:12; Ref.: Exodus 14; Jonah 2).

## **The misguided Christians**

The misguided Christians, whose actions are not commendable,  
must act while fearing God and considering the criticism of worldly people  
(Nehemiah 5:9).

## **Church members who are like deceitful bows**

Although the Lord has trained the church members  
who are like deceitful bow and made them strong,  
they persist in their evil schemes against the Lord without looking to Him.  
Therefore, they will be like contemptible people in the world  
(Hosea 7:15-16).

## **Sorrow and lamentation will disappear.**

Those redeemed by God will experience eternal joy and gladness,  
so sorrow and lamentation will disappear  
(Isaiah 51:11).

## **The Lord, the bridegroom who calls us, the faithless bride, to return**

The Lord, who became our bridegroom calling us,  
who were bride without God, says to us,  
'I will make you faithful'  
(Jeremiah 3:22).

## **Let's not ask for useless help.**

We should not look for useless help from those who cannot save us,  
causing our eyes to grow weak  
(Lamentations 3:17).

## **A servant of God who did not imitate God's loving heart.**

The prophet Jonah, who had been disobedient,  
received salvation from God twice.

The first salvation occurred when the unbelieving sailors,  
at Jonah's suggestion, threw him into the sea.  
God had already prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah, thus saving him  
(Jonah 1:12, 16, 17).

The second salvation happened when God  
commanded the great fish to vomit Jonah onto dry land,  
thus saving him from being in the belly of the fish (2:10).

However, even after experiencing God's salvation twice,  
the prophet Jonah, who proclaimed God's word, believed it,  
proclaimed a fast (3:1-5), and turned from evil ways, genuinely repenting.  
Yet, when God relented from bringing the disaster He had threatened  
against the people of Nineveh who also repented (v. 10),  
Jonah became exceedingly displeased and angry,  
even saying, "It is better for me to die than to live" (4:1, 3).

How could Jonah, the servant of God  
who received salvation twice  
at the crossroads of life and death due to his disobedience,  
be so displeased and angry when the Ninevites,  
who lived in disobedience and committed evil deeds,  
repented and received salvation?  
It is because he did not imitate the heart of God,  
who cherishes those who cannot distinguish between good and evil (v. 11).

## **When we fall into a very deep pit**

When we fall into a very deep pit,  
we should pray to the Lord, calling out and pleading.  
Surely the Lord will listen to our prayers and come near to us,  
reassuring us not to be afraid.  
He will alleviate the anguish of our hearts and save our lives  
(Lamentations 3:55-58).

## **The reason why those who avoid evil are being sacrificed ...**

The reason why those who avoid evil are being sacrificed  
is that our church has betrayed and resisted the Lord,  
refusing to follow Him, while harassing others,  
contemplating evil, and telling lies.  
Therefore, justice, fairness, truth, and honesty  
have disappeared from around our church,  
and truth cannot be found anywhere  
(Isaiah 59:13-15).

## **Church members who are wondering like sheep**

Church members who are wondering like sheep,  
who listen to false dreams, speak emptiness,  
and receive the vain consolation of false pastors  
who speak lies and deceit.  
They suffer distress because there is no true shepherd  
(Zechariah 10:2).

## **How can we complain?**

How can we complain when we receive punishment for our sins?  
Let us examine our ways and turn back to the Lord  
(Lamentations 3:39-40).

## **Trying to carry out one's will at all costs**

A pastor (or saint) who possesses the right knowledge of God  
but fails to embrace God's heart finds themselves still observing  
how, despite their anger, God's will is being fulfilled,  
yet they persist in pursuing their own will contrary to God's (Jonah 4:1-5).  
Refusing to submit one's own will to God's already accomplished will  
and instead stubbornly insisting on one's own will, is,  
I believe, due to arrogance stemming from knowing God only intellectually  
without truly knowing Him in the heart.



## **How can we understand?**

How can we understand the steadfast love of God, as certain as the dawn,  
with a love like the morning mist and dew that quickly vanishes?  
(Hosea 6:3-4)

## **Foolish false pastors**

Foolish false pastors,  
who preach according to their own imagination  
as if it were the word of God, deceive God's people  
with false visions and bogus prophecies,  
enticing them to anticipate the fulfillment  
of their false and bogus prophecies  
(Ezekiel 13:3, 6-10).

## **We are like foolish doves.**

We are like foolish, senseless doves,  
seeking people instead of seeking our God,  
and turning to them to plead our case  
(Hosea 7:10-11).

## **Maybe we will turn from our evil ways ...**

Because God desires to relent from bringing disaster upon us due to our wicked deeds, He continually sends His servants to us, who come to worship every Sunday, urging us to turn away from our evil ways and actions.

The reason God says this is because He may think, 'Perhaps they will listen and turn from their evil ways' (Jeremiah 25:5; 26:2-3).

## **“O LORD, You are my God”**

The Lord has done amazing things;  
He has faithfully carried out His ancient plans.  
He has permanently abolished death  
and wiped away every tear from everyone's eyes.  
He will eliminate the disgrace of His people from all the earth.  
So I will exalt the Lord and praise His name.  
“O LORD, You are my God”  
(Isaiah 25:1, 8).

## **God who refines and purifies us**

The Lord will purify us like a refiner's fire and purify us like gold and silver, so that we may offer to the Lord righteous offerings and bring pleasure to Him (Malachi 3:3-4).

## **We will trust and rely on our God forever.**

All the nations may rely on and believe in their own gods,  
but we will forever trust and rely on our God, the Lord Jehovah  
(Micah 4:5).

## **Rather, they will become stumbling blocks that lead us into sin.**

When God pours out His wrath, our money and possessions will not save us,  
nor will they satisfy us or fill our hungry stomachs;  
instead, they will become stumbling blocks that lead us into sin.  
Because we have harbored prideful hearts  
because of beautiful jewels and have used them to create detestable idols,  
God will make them filthy to us  
(Ezekiel 7:19-20).

## **Acting justly, showing unwavering love, and waling humbly in communion with God ...**

We should act justly in the sight of God,  
show unwavering love, and walk humbly in communion with God.  
Then, we must go up to the house of God,  
approach God, and worship the exalted God  
(Micah 6:6, 8).

## **Why does God do these two things in parallel?**

The God who provides shade in our lives to protect us from our distress also sends scorching east winds, enough to make us want to die.

What might be God's intention in doing these two things in parallel?

Could it be to make us realize that we don't know what will happen next?

Or perhaps is He trying to teach us His heart?

(Jonah 4:6-8, 10-11)

## **Let us pray for forgiveness until we die for the family members we need to forgive.**

Jesus served us until His death on the cross (Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:8)

and even prayed for forgiveness for us until His death on the cross (Luke 23:34).

As disciples of Jesus, we should imitate Him and serve our families even unto death.

Especially, we must pray for forgiveness for the family members we need to forgive until death.

## **The reason why pastors receive contempt and rebuke from all people ...**

The reason why pastors receive contempt and rebuke from all people

is because we have not followed God's will,

causing people to stumble when we speak and act according to His word.

Furthermore, we have departed from the right path

and caused many to stumble with our incorrect teachings

(Malachi 2:8-9).

## **We must not betray our wives.**

God has made us one with our wives.

The purpose of this is to obtain godly offspring.

Therefore, we must guard our hearts and not betray our wives,  
whom we married in our youth.

We must remain faithful to our wives as  
we pledged in our marriage vows  
and also honor God through our relationship with them.

This is the word of God:

"I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel,  
and 'I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,'  
says the Lord Almighty.

So guard yourself in your spirit,  
and do not break faith with your wife

(Malachi 2:14-16).

## **Obstacles in front of us?**

If a righteous person who has been justified by believing in Jesus  
abandons righteousness and commits evil,  
then the Lord will place obstacles in front of him  
(Ezekiel 3:20).

## **Our sins**

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.  
But our iniquities have separated us from our God;  
our sins have hidden his face from us, so that he will not hear  
(Isaiah 59:1-2).

**Although we hope for peace, there is no good in it.  
We wait for treatment, but all we see is fear.**

We acknowledge, Lord, our wickedness and the guilt of our ancestors;  
we have indeed sinned against you.  
So we put our hope in Him  
because He is the hope of the church  
and the Savior in times of trouble  
(Jeremiah 14:8, 10, 20, 22).

**Because we trust God even in times of great crisis ...**

Those who gather to prosecute us, finding faults and flaws in us,  
Whispering together in order to accuse us,  
Conspiring against us, forming cliques,  
Ultimately pushing us into great crises like a lion's den,  
Yet even in the midst of these great crises, we trust in God.  
So in the end, not a single harm will befall us,  
And we will be delivered by God's salvation  
(Daniel 6:4-5, 11, 16, 23).

## **We will definitely meet God.**

When we receive God's disciplinary love and are taken captive  
Due to our disobedience,  
If we sincerely seek and search for God,  
Surely we will encounter Him,  
And He will free us from our captive life  
(Jeremiah 29:12-14).

## **We will be shamed and regretted.**

When we seek help from others instead of inquiring of God,  
When we rely on someone other than God,  
who cannot provide any help or benefit in the sight of God,  
We will be ashamed and regretful  
(Isaiah 30:2, 3, 5).

## **He makes us strong.**

God leads us through the sea of affliction  
So that by relying on God alone, He makes us strong  
(Zechariah 10:6, 11, 12).

## **God who has mercy on us.**

Even though we may turn away silently  
and not desire to trust in God for salvation and strength,  
God still waits for us to return and extends love to us.  
This is because God desires to show us mercy.  
Blessed are those who wait for the just God  
(Isaiah 30:15, 18).

## **God will care for us, watch over us, help us and save us.**

The God who created us,  
And has been caring for us since we were born,  
Will be our God even until we are old and gray,  
Continuing to care for us and watch over us,  
Helping us and saving us  
(Isaiah 46:3-4).

## **God's plan for us**

God's plan for us may appear as calamity to our physical eyes,  
But through the eyes of faith, it is a plan to give us prosperity, a future, and hope  
(Jeremiah 29:11).



## **God thinks deeply every time He speaks and rebukes us.**

We are God's beloved children, His delighted offspring.  
Whenever our Heavenly Father rebukes and speaks to us, He thinks deeply.  
Therefore, His heart churns for us,  
And surely God will show us compassion  
(Jeremiah 31:20).

## **God's steadfast love for us will not change.**

Even if the immovable mountains shift and disappear,  
God's steadfast love for us will not change,  
And His promise of peace will not be revoked  
(Isaiah 54:10).

## **Even if God brings disaster upon us ...**

Just as clay is in the hands of the potter, so are we in the hands of God.  
Just as when an object made by the potter is broken  
and does not turn out as intended,  
the potter reshapes it into a vessel of a different form according to his desire.  
Likewise, even if God brings disaster upon us for our disobedience and wickedness before Him,  
as we persist in our stubbornness and evil ways in our hearts, determined to do as we please,  
God will turn us all away from the evil path,  
and He will correct our attitudes and actions  
(Jeremiah 18:4, 6, 10, 11).

## **God will give us peace.**

We delight in following the Lord's will.

And our desire is to glorify the name of the Lord.

The Lord will accomplish everything for us,  
and He will give us peace.

(Isaiah 26:8, 12).

## **Those who seek to accuse us**

We should be so faithful in our work that those who seek to accuse us  
cannot find any fault in us, as we have not committed any wrongdoing or injustice  
(Daniel 6:4).

## **Our greatest treasure is ...**

Our greatest treasure is serving the Lord  
with a heart that fears God,  
who grants us abundant salvation, wisdom, and knowledge  
(Isaiah 33:6).

## **Our pride**

Our pride is refusing to obey the word of God  
and instead acting according to the evil stubbornness of our hearts,  
following and worshiping other gods  
(Jeremiah 13:10).

### **‘Our desire is to glorify Your name.’**

The Lord relies on Himself  
He gives perfect peace to those whose hearts are steadfast.  
The Lord makes straight the paths of the righteous, so their paths are smooth.  
Therefore, we forever trust in the Lord, our eternal rock.  
We love to follow the will of the Lord  
Our desire is to glorify your name  
(Isaiah 26:3-4, 7-8).

### **God refines us with the fire of suffering for our benefit.**

God trains us, who proudly says that we rely on God,  
swear in His name and say we serve God, but do not follow truth and righteousness,  
with the fire of suffering and teaches us for our own good.  
He also guides us to the right path, as he restrains His anger toward us  
(Isaiah 48:1, 2, 9, 10, 17).

## **Because our sins are great and our faults are many ...**

Because our sins are great and our faults are many,  
God will discipline us fairly and will not leave us unpunished.  
Even though our wounds are so severe that no one can heal or treat them  
because of the discipline of God's love,  
and even if we despair of any hope of healing,  
God says to us, 'I will heal you and restore you from your wounds.'  
God will restore us to our original state and show us mercy.  
God will make us prosperous and glorious  
(Jeremiah 30:11-15, 17-19).

## **Restoration to original condition**

God will take care of us and restore us to our original state  
(Zephaniah 2:7).

## **A believer who worships the true God who remembers His grace ...**

True worshippers who remember the grace bestowed by God  
offer worship with thankful voices, fulfilling their vows to the Lord,  
and confess, "Salvation belongs to the Lord"  
(Jonah 2:8-9).

## **Because we have a lustful heart ...**

God knows everything about us, and we cannot hide anything from God.

Our acts of spiritual adultery, which defile ourselves,  
prevent us from returning to our God.

Because we have a lustful heart, we do not acknowledge God.

Our pride testifies to it

(Hosea 5:3-5).

## **Are we deluded by an adulterous spirit?**

If now the pastors or the congregation members are misled by a spirit of prostitution,  
having their minds taken away by acts of prostitution and alcohol,  
departing from God and engaging in prostitution without awareness, what then?

(Hosea 4:11-12)

## **Isn't this what our church looks like right now?**

Isn't this what our church looks like right now?

The Lord has placed us among the people of the world,  
yet now we are defying the Lord's command,  
rejecting and breaking His commandments,  
and not acting according to the regulations set by the Lord.

Therefore, are we not causing more trouble  
and committing more evil than the people around us?

(Ezekiel 5:5-7)

## **How many pastors and believers are like this?**

How many of the Lord's servants would proclaim destruction as the Lord has spoken?

How many sinners inside the church would believe and repent of the word of God, which is destruction, through the Lord's servants?

(Jonah 3:1-5)

## **Now let us rejoice and be glad.**

The Lord is our God. We have relied on the Lord, so the Lord has saved us.

The Lord is the God we rely on! The Lord has saved us; now let us rejoice and be glad (Isaiah 25:9).

## **‘Now change your attitude and conduct and obey the Lord your God.’**

God continually sends His servants,

and these servants of God continuously proclaim to us:

'Therefore, mend your ways and your actions, and obey your God, the Lord.

Then the Lord will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you.'

Yet despite this, we refuse to listen to the words of God's servants whom God has sent to us.

Instead, we despise and hate these servants, even going so far as to say,

'You must die', or 'This man deserves to die'

(Jeremiah 25:5; 26:5, 8, 11, 13).

## **By obeying the twofold commandment, we must bear twofold fruit**

Believers in Jesus, who already possess eternal life by trusting in Jesus, the disciples of our Lord Jesus, when they love our God with all their heart, soul, and mind, and love their neighbor as themselves (Matthew 22:37, 39), bear the twofold fruit according to Jesus's twofold commandment. This twofold fruit is participating in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), meaning becoming more like Jesus through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, and bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), which includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

## **Even though our passion continues unabated, we are not praying.**

As adulterers, our passion continues unabated; as conspirators, our hearts are filled with anger through the night, and in the morning, it bursts into flames like a blazing fire. God's word says: 'Not one of them calls on me' (Hosea 7:4, 6, 7).

## **An arrogant person who relies on his own talents and wealth ...**

An arrogant person who relies on his own talents and wealth  
boasts, brags, and flaunts themselves, exuding excessive pride,  
yet he has achieved nothing.

God will shatter such a person like a useless vessel,  
and he will wallow in the filth he has vomited,  
becoming a laughingstock to all  
(Jeremiah 48:7, 26, 29, 30, 38).

## **We just cry sadly in bed.**

God tries to save us, but we lie to God,  
do not sincerely cry out to God, and just cry sadly in bed.  
Even when we gather together for material things of the world,  
we turn away from God  
(Hosea 7:13-14).

## **Is the whole world locked down?**

Perhaps the entire world being trapped by this coronavirus pandemic  
might be to make us stay still and quietly trust in God's salvation  
and hope through faith  
(Exodus 14:3, 13, 14).



## **I want to continue my faith as I always have.**

Even in the face of adversity, danger, threats, and the crossroads of life and death,  
I want to continue my faith as I always have.  
(Daniel 6:10).

## **When we despair**

When we despair while witnessing the misery caused by our own sins,  
I pray that we long for our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who died on the cross to forgive our sins,  
and place our hope in Him alone.  
(Ezekiel 3:17; 1 Peter 2:24, Psalms 39:7, 62:5, 119:166, 174).

## **False pastors like fortune tellers**

We must not let false pastors, like fortune tellers, deceive us,  
and we should not listen to the dreams they have fabricated.  
They speak lies in the name of Jesus,  
even though God has not sent them  
(Jeremiah 29:8-9).

## **They are nothing but paper tigers.**

Those who always resist God, lie, and refuse to listen to God's teachings will not bring us any help or benefit; they will only bring shame upon us.

The reason is that they are nothing but paper tigers.

(Isaiah 30:5, 7, 9)

## **Why do they think they are doing the right thing even though they are sinning?**

Even as they commit spiritual adultery by loving idols more than God, thinking they are doing what is right, the reason is that they do not fear God, and the reason they do not fear God is that God has remained silent for so long (Isaiah 57:8, 12).

## **The purpose of being punished for sin?**

The purpose of receiving punishment for our sins is so that God may prevent us from leaving Him again, and so that our sins do not defile us further.

It is so that we may become God's people, and God may become our God (Ezekiel 14:10-11).

## **'Lord, why does my pain continue like this and why does my wound not heal?'**

Lord, why does my pain persist and my wound not heal?

The Lord's answer is, "If you repent, I will restore you  
so that you may serve me again

(Jeremiah 15:18-19).

## **What does the Lord say to the church?**

Wouldn't the Lord, who has become the bridegroom, say to the church, his bride,

"How long will you harbor evil thoughts? Wash your heart of evil

(Jeremiah 4:14).

## **To whomever the Lord sends me ...**

Wherever the Lord sends me, I want to go and speak everything the Lord commands.

Trusting that the Lord is with me to protect me, I do not want to fear them.

I pray that the Lord stretches out his hand, touches my mouth,

and puts his words in my mouth to speak what I should say

(Jeremiah 1:7-9).

## **The Lord helps me ...**

Who dares to accuse me or declare me guilty when the Lord is my helper?

Who can argue with me or fight against me when the Lord is on my side?

Because the Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will.

And I know that I will not be put to shame

(Isaiah 50:7-9).

## **Because the Lord disciplines me ...**

Because the Lord disciplined me,

I have received correction like an untamed calf.

As a result, I mourned soon after leaving the Lord,

and I was deeply saddened after understanding.

I was ashamed of the sins I committed when I was young and couldn't bear it

(Jeremiah 31:18-19).

## **The Lord gives me a heart of understanding every morning ...**

The Lord has given me the understanding mind every morning,

awakening me and making me attentive to His teaching.

He teaches me what to say, enabling me to encourage and help the weary

(Isaiah 49:4-5).

## **May the Lord establish a solid foundation for His community ...**

May the Lord establish a solid foundation for His community,  
punish those who seek to destroy it, and raise up leaders within that community  
(Jeremiah 30:20-21).

## **When we forsake the Lord and idolize money ...**

When we forsake the Lord and idolize money,  
the Lord will thwart our plans and confine us to disaster  
(Jeremiah 19:4, 7, 9).

## **The Lord's will?**

The prophet Jonah said to the unbelieving sailors, "Throw me into the sea ...."  
The will of the Lord was for Jonah to be thrown into the sea.  
However, the will of the unbelieving sailors was to row hard and turn the ship back to land.  
Despite encountering a great storm because of Jonah, they did not throw him into the sea.  
As the sea grew increasingly tempestuous towards them, they were unable to turn the ship back to land.  
Eventually, they said, "... the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land,  
may he save us," and they threw Jonah into the sea. Then the raging sea grew calm  
(Jonah 1:11-15).

## **A righteous person who walks the right path of the Lord.**

The righteous person who walks in the Lord's upright path  
will bear fruit through the Lord  
(Hosea 14:8, 9).

## **He prayed for forgiveness until He died.**

Jesus served us until His death on the cross,  
(Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:8)  
and He prayed for forgiveness for us until His death on the cross  
(Luke 23:34).

## **The heart and life of an important prayer**

Before the content and method of prayer,  
what is important is the heart and life of the prayer.  
The heart of the prayer should be one that desires to please God,  
and the life of the prayer should be one  
that obeys God's commandments according to God's will  
(1 John 2:17; 3:22, 23).

## **The senseless children**

The senseless children without understanding do not know God as their Father; therefore, they have understanding to do evil but are ignorant to do good (Jeremiah 4:22).

## **God who speaks the truth and makes known what is right**

The righteous God who saves His people speaks truth to us and reveals what is right (Isaiah 45:19, 21).

## **True repentance?**

True repentance involves not only crying out sincerely to God in His sight, but also turning away from the evil ways we have done, turning away from the wicked path (Jonah 3:8, 10).

## **The purpose of discipline?**

The purpose of God's loving discipline is our restoration  
(Hosea 6:11; Hebrews 12:6, 11).

## **A church in illusion?**

Currently, our church seeks the Lord daily and desires to know His commandments as if we were performing righteous deeds and not forsaking the Lord's commands. Moreover, we demand God's righteous judgment and rejoice in drawing near to Him, saying, 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' However, God's response to this is, "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"  
(Isaiah 58:2-7).



## **True wisdom ...**

True wisdom is serving with a heart that fears God  
(Micah 6:9).

## **A true servant of the Lord?**

To the people of God who sin by forsaking God  
and worshiping money as idols,  
God will pronounce judgment and discipline all our sins with disaster.  
Before that, God will send true prophets like Jeremiah,  
true servants of the Lord, to speak to us.  
The true servant of the Lord should not fear any pastors,  
leaders, or congregations who oppose him.  
The reason is that even if they oppose him,  
God will be with the true servant of the Lord and save him,  
as they will not prevail against him.  
(Jeremiah 1:14-19).

## **Repentance comes before healing?**

From our perspective, we are pleading with God for healing.  
However, perhaps from God's perspective, He may be saying:  
'Whenever I try to heal you, your sins are revealed.  
You fail to realize that I remember all these sins.  
Your sins surround you; I cannot ignore them'  
(Hosea 7:1-2).

## **Idolaters who live comfortably and love pleasure**

Idolaters who live comfortably and love pleasure  
think they will be safe despite committing evil.  
They claim that no one sees them and that they are gods,  
saying there is no one besides themselves.  
However, their own wisdom and knowledge lead them astray.  
Therefore, disaster will strike them.  
Unexpected ruin will suddenly overwhelm them,  
and they will have no way to escape it  
(Isaiah 47:8, 10-11).

## **In the sight of God, ‘a dirty prostitute’**

In the sight of God, engaging in "a dirty prostitute"  
is when we fail to love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind,  
and instead chase after the people and things we love apart from God,  
forgetting Him and turning to those idols to receive the blessings meant for God.  
God says to us, who engage in such dirty prostitute,  
"I will betroth you to me forever;  
I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy.  
I will betroth you to me in faithfulness.  
And you shall know the Lord  
(Hosea 1:2; 2:5, 7, 8, 13, 19-20; Matthew 22:37).

## **Even though we have good things promised to God ...**

Even though we have good things promised to God,  
when we deceive God and offer useless things in worship,  
God's response is that He wishes that someone among us would shut the temple doors,  
so that we would not kindle fire on His altar in vain  
(Malachi 1:10-14).

## **We have received eternal salvation from God.**

Since we have received eternal salvation from God,  
we will not be ashamed or disgraced forever  
(Isaiah 45:17).

## **Who wants disaster from God?**

Wouldn't I be very displeased and angry if I,  
who may desire to receive God's calamity,  
believe and repent upon hearing the word of God's destruction,  
only for God to relent from the intention of calamity?  
(Jonah 3:10; 4:1)

## **If we fast in a way that pleases God ...**

When we fast in a way that pleases God,  
God will shine the light of His grace upon us like the morning sun.  
Our wounds will be quickly healed,  
and God will always be with us, protecting us on all sides.  
He will respond whenever we pray,  
and the darkness around us will be brightened like midday.  
God will always guide us, satisfy us with good things,  
and keep us safe, making us like a well-watered garden and an ever-flowing spring  
(Isaiah 58:6-11).

## **God cares for me, and I should also care for people ...**

God cares the countless eternal souls perishing, and He labors for them.  
Yet, here I am, valuing something as insignificant as a momentary thing,  
for which I did not even labor ...  
(Jonah 4:9-11)

## **When we see what God has done among us ...**

When we see what God has done among us, we will acknowledge,  
"God is holy," and we will also fear Him.  
Even the wayward will come to believe in the truth,  
and the grumblers will receive instruction  
(Isaiah 29:23-24).

## **The covenant God made with our entire family**

The covenant that God made with our entire family is that the Spirit of the Lord and His words, which God has given us, will never depart from our mouths, nor from the mouths of our descendants, from this time on and forevermore (Isaiah 59:21).

## **When God blesses us again ...**

When God blesses us again, He will turn all our desolate places, like a desert, into Eden. He will make our wilderness like the garden of the Lord, bringing joy, gladness, thanksgiving, and the sound of singing among us (Isaiah 51:3).

## **If God does not give us grace ...**

If God does not extend His grace to us, we will turn away from Him and follow the stubbornness of our own hearts. We will bow down to and serve other gods, forsaking God, disobeying His law, and being more wicked than our ancestors (Jeremiah 15:12-13).

## **God has done this amazing thing!**

Our Redeemer, the LORD who formed us from the womb,  
has erased our sins like a cloud or morning mist and has saved us,  
revealing His glory through His salvation.

Since God has done this remarkable thing,  
we should rejoice and sing aloud with joy  
(Isaiah 44:22-24).

## **God gives us the strength we need.**

Since strength belongs only to God, He will give us the strength we need,  
revealing to the people of the world that there is no other god besides Him  
(Isaiah 45:5, 24).

## **God will heal us.**

God will heal us.

Although God may have been angry with us  
because of our sins and greed, disciplining us and hiding His face from us,  
we have persisted in our stubbornness, continuing to act according to our own desires.

Despite seeing all our actions,

God promises to heal us all, grant us peace, guide and assist us,  
and comfort those of us who are sorrowful

(Isaiah 57:17-19).

## **God did not do all this without a reason.**

Even in the face of all the calamities that God has brought upon us,  
we will find comfort because we will come to know  
that God did not do all these things without reason  
(Ezekiel 14:22-23).

## **God takes the righteous and godly before disaster strikes ...**

God takes away the righteous and godly before disaster strikes,  
but no one notices or understands that the righteous are taken away to spare them from evil  
(Isaiah 57:1).

## **God is able to know the heart of a very corrupt person.**

No one knows the heart better than anything else;  
it is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it? But God examines the heart  
and evaluates even the deepest motives to repay each person according to their conduct.  
Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away,  
but whoever gathers little by little becomes rich.  
An empty nest and an abandoned egg—  
so are those who seek quick riches; in the end, they will get only loss and disgrace  
(Jeremiah 17:9-11).

## **We must seek God when we can meet him.**

We should seek the Lord while he may be found;  
we should call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon  
(Isaiah 55:6-7).

## **He who trun away from the Lord ...**

Those who turn away from the Lord, the spring of living water,  
will be filled with shame  
(Jeremiah 17:13).

## **I don't know if you have the correct knowledge of God, but if you don't have the heart of God ...**

Knowledge of God may be present, but if one does not have God's heart,  
that knowledge can lead to twisted behaviors such as disobedience to God's word,  
extreme dislike and anger toward God's actions, and prayers rationalizing disobedience  
(Jonah 4:2).



## **Pastors who have abandoned their knowledge of God?**

Could it be that our pastors today are abandoning the knowledge of God and forgetting His law, leading to more and more sin among them?

As a result, is it possible that now there is no truth or love or acknowledgment of God in the land; there is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed?  
(Hosea 4:1-2, 6-7).

## **We must seek God and pursue righteousness and humility.**

All humble people of God in the world who obey God's commands must seek God and pursue righteousness and humility  
(Zephaniah 2:3).

## **Watchmen of the church of God**

The Lord has appointed us as watchmen of the church of God.  
We must listen to what God says and warn them  
(Ezekiel 3:17).

## **The time of God's salvation is at hand.**

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God will come quickly and save us.

God will judge all people.

All nations look to God

I will wait for God to save me.

God's salvation is eternal and lasts  
from generation to generation.

God's righteousness will not fade  
and will last forever

(Isaiah 51:5, 6, 8, 9).

## **God will please them in God's house of prayer.**

Those who become God's servants,

love and serve God,

keep the Sabbath day holy,

do not defile it,

and firmly keep God's covenant,

God will lead them to God's holy temple

and please them in God's house of prayer,

and will receive their sacrificial worship

(Isaiah 56:6-7).

## **God's will surely accomplish his purpose.**

The righteous word spoken by God will never return to him void.

What God has spoken and planned will not fail.

God will surely accomplish his purpose and fulfill all his desires.

Whatever God intends and purposes will be achieved

(Isaiah 45:23; 46:10, 11, 55:11).

## **Without God's will ...**

Nothing can come true without God's will.

Misfortune and blessings come from the mouth of God

(Lamentations 3:37-38,

## **We must eat the word of God like delicious food.**

When Almighty God speaks, we must receive and eat his words like delicious food.

The reason is because the word of God brings joy and gladness to our hearts

(Jeremiah 15:16).

## **We must receive and eat the word of God well.**

We must open our mouths and accept the words that God gives us,  
so as not to betray and rebel against God.  
Rather, we must preach the word of God  
to those who are shameless and stubborn and rebellious,  
whether they will listen or not  
(Ezekiel 2:4, 5, 7, 8).

## **People for whom God's rod has been prepared**

Those for whom God's rod has been prepared are those who amass wealth unjustly,  
the rich who exploit the poor, and those who are accustomed to lying.  
God will bruise these people with rods and desolate them because of their sins  
(Micah 6:10-13).

## **We must boldly declare the sins of God's people.**

As God fills me with the Holy Spirit and power and gives me sound judgment,  
I will boldly declare the sins of God's people  
(Micah 3:8).

## **God's true intentions?**

God's true intention is not to make us suffer and worry.

Even though God gives us sorrow, He will show us mercy through His great love (Lamentations 3:32-33).

## **Pastors, messengers of God ...**

As God's messengers, we pastors must fear God and His name.

Our lips must keep true knowledge, and people must learn from our mouths.

Additionally, we pastors must teach the law of truth, not deceive or lie, and walk with God in peace and honesty, leading many people to turn away from sin (Malachi 2:5-7).

## **God's thoughts and our thoughts are different.**

God's thoughts and our thoughts are different.

Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

We think of God's thoughts according to our thoughts,  
and we confine God's thoughts to our thoughts  
(Isaiah 55:8-9).

## **Our Church, the Glory of God**

God is telling us: 'I will not delay my salvation.

I will give you salvation for the church, which is my glory'

(Isaiah 46:13).

## **God's forgiveness ...**

God's forgiveness causes us to remain silent in shame

(Ezekiel 16:63).

## **Pastors who despise God's name**

We pastors who despise God's name do not respect and fear God,

so we worship God in vain in the temple of God

with unclean bodies, hearts, and thoughts.

But we say, 'How have we polluted the Lord?'

(Malachi 1:6-10)

## God's message of restoration

God's message of restoration is ...

1. 'I will raise you up again.'
  2. 'They will return as a great nation.'
  3. 'I will lead them along a smooth path of streams,  
so that they will not stumble.'
  4. 'He who scattered the people of Israel will gather them together  
and guard them as a shepherd guards his flock.'
  5. 'I, the LORD, will liberate Israel and deliver them from a strong hand.'
  6. 'His spirit will be like a watered garden, and he will no longer have sorrow.'
  7. 'I will turn their sorrow into joy and comfort them,  
giving them joy instead of sorrow.'
  8. 'I will satisfy my people with my blessings'
- (Jeremiah 31:4, 8-14).

## God's grace of restoration

May God restore us to what we were before, heal and heal our wounds,  
give us peace and prosperity, rebuild us as we were before,  
and cleanse us from all the sins we have committed against Him.  
When our sins and rebellion are forgiven,  
we will become a source of joy, praise, and glory to God,  
and the whole world will fear and tremble  
when they hear about all the good things God has done for us  
and the abundant blessings and prosperity He has bestowed upon us.  
Then we will rejoice and be glad and offer thanksgiving in the temple of the Lord,  
and the voice will be heard singing again, 'Give thanks to the Lord Almighty,  
for the Lord is good, his love endures forever'  
(Jeremiah 33:6- 11).

**‘Even the sky is trembling with fear.  
Something surprising is happening.’**

Even the sky is afraid and something surprising is happening.  
God's people exchanged the God  
who brought them glory for a god who was of no help to them.  
The gods of the people of this world are not the real gods,  
and no one has changed their gods,  
but God's people abandoned God, the source of living water,  
and dug a broken cistern that could not hold water.  
In the end, our evil will punish us and our betrayal of God will rebuke us.  
We will know that the very abandonment of God  
and our lack of fear of Him is evil and bitter suffering  
(Jeremiah 2:11-13, 19).

**An arrogant person who is endlessly greedy**

A wicked person with a proud and dishonest heart becomes a slave to alcohol,  
is restless, is endlessly greedy, and is as insatiable as death  
(Habakkuk 2:4-5).



## **A church full of oppression and wickedness?**

A church full of oppression and wickedness,  
where pastors defile the sanctuary and break God's commandments,  
where church leaders are reckless and unreliable,  
where the congregation disobeys God's commands  
and refuses to accept His teachings,  
where they do not trust their God or draw near to Him,  
continuously committing wrongdoing without feeling ashamed  
(Zephaniah 3:1-5).