

Christian Book Reports

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Genesis 3:15

And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." NLT

This is the "protoevangelium" or "first gospel".

1st Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. NLT

Far beyond what we can give or do God wants our obedience.

2nd Chronicles 16:9

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. NLT

How much do we believe that God is good and wants to bless us?

Job 25:4

How can a mortal be innocent before God? Can anyone born of a woman be pure? NLT

Anyone brave enough to honestly examine their life would ask the same question.

Psalms 37:4

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires. NLT

Having godly desires starts with loving and obeying God.

There is no promise here for riches – the promise is that you will want the right things.

Psalms 146:8

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down. NLT

We are sometimes blind to the presence of and willingness of God to help us.

Peter tells us to cast our cares on Jesus.

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. NLT

How do we see the one who was pierced, crushed, beaten, and whipped for us?

Jeremiah 29:12-14

In those days when you pray, I will listen.

If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the LORD. NLT

Jeremiah predicted Israel would be put in a position where they would wholeheartedly seek him. Perhaps he has the same plan for each of us?

Micah 6:8

No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. NLT

Micah asked what he should offer God in order to come before him – this is God's answer.

Matthew 7:7-8

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find.

Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives.

Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. NLT

It seems to me that persistence is a powerful part of prayer.

It also separates God from vending machines. ©

Romans 3:24-24

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. NLT

Justification!

Philippians 1:6

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Sometimes painful, sometimes embarrassing and ugly, like any good father He does not give up.

1ST Thessalonians 4:15-17

We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. NLT

The Blessed Hope of the church.

Hebrews 10:14

For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

The New Covenant

Rev 20:11-15

And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave* gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. 14Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. 15And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. NLT

God is merciful, but just.

Rev 21:5

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" NLT

We long for things to made right – and they will be.

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