

Treasures_Topic 9-Gifts of God's Spirit

By DE & CQ

Topic 9: Gifts of God's Spirit, including Tongues & interpretation (look up in the Bible all the gifts of the spirit)

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) Do you like finding out about interesting facts? Or learning a how to do something that is fun, and you just need someone to teach you how to do it? To all those who love Me and want to tell others about Me, through My Holy Spirit I can tell you all kinds of things, information that helps you—even things that those around you don't know. The Holy Spirit can give you the gift of knowledge, and be a teacher for you! You can have your own personal instructor in the ways of God, when you ask for the Spirit of God to teach you.
2. (Jesus speaking:) I have given each of My children different gifts so that they can work together, each one doing his part to make My Kingdom strong. Some have many gifts, some have fewer gifts. Some have showy gifts while others have hidden gifts. Your rewards in this life and in the life to come will not be according to the number of gifts you have or what kind of gifts you have. Your rewards will be according to your faithfulness and what you do with the gifts I have given you.
3. The gifts and talents that someone has are not of themselves. They are gifts from My hand. So, do not glory in your gifts and talents but give Me the glory. Do your best with what you have been given, knowing that I will reward you accord for a job well done. I will reward you both in this life and in the life to come. In this life, I will give you your heart's desire and in the life to come, I will crown you with a crown of glory!
4. My arms are stretched out to you, and in My hands are gifts for you, My child. I have precious gifts for you, gifts of love, of mercy, and of healing. All of these gifts are in My hands, and I will freely give them to you if you will only reach out and receive them by faith. These gifts are not earned by your own goodness. You could never be good enough to receive My gifts. I give them to you freely. All you have to do is reach out by faith and receive them.
5. Receive this gift that I would pour out to you! Reach out and receive! Desire it and want it! How do you receive it? Just as you would receive a gift from your parents. You ask, you believe and you receive. How do you act on it? –One step at a time in one deed of love followed by another. Don't be afraid that My gifts have run out for you., Just open up and say, "Yes! I want it!" Open up and receive My gifts for you. These gifts will bring fruit in your life, and in the lives of those around you.

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. We have all been given a special gift that we can use to help someone else. No matter whether it is big or small, we can use our gifts for God's glory. If you are not sure what gift or talent you have, ask Jesus to show you what it is. It may be something you consider a natural ability or talent, but when it's dedicated to the Lord, He can use it for His purpose. Even our natural abilities are a gift from God! He has given them to us so we can use them to encourage and inspire others.
2. In Matthew 25, Jesus told a story about three servants who were each given talents, or gifts. The servant who was given five talents and the servant who was given two talents increased them. But the third servant only buried the one talent he was given. Afterwards, the master of the servants got really upset at the third servant

and even took his one talent away and gave it to the one who had five. Jesus is saying that if you do the best with what you have been given, God will give you more, and He'll say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many more things (verses 21,23) To be faithful means to use the gifts and abilities that God has given you. So be faithful with whatever you have been given!

3. A boy and his dad read the Bible together every day. One day, they read Acts Chapter 2, about Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit came upon the early disciples. The boy was puzzled when he read the verse, "And they spoke with other tongues."

He asked his dad what it meant. The dad thought about it for a minute, then he said, "Tongues were given to the disciples so that they could testify about the wonderful work God had done in sending His Son, Jesus. At that time, many people were gathered in Jerusalem and they all spoke different languages. Because the disciples were given the gift of tongues, everyone could hear about Jesus in their own language."

"Wow," said the boy. "The Lord sure has cool gifts!"

"Yes," smiled his dad. "The Bible says that tongues are one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). We can use tongues to be strengthened in the Lord in our devotion time. Tongues are a good gift but not the most important one. Do you know what's the most important gift?"

"Yes! The boy answered, "It's love!"

4. Have you ever watched a symphony orchestra? There are so many people and so many different kinds of instruments. Each person is playing a different instrument, and each instrument makes a different sound. If everybody just played whatever they wanted, it would make an awful noise! But there is always one person in front, the conductor, and he directs the players so that they make beautiful music together.

We are like the players in that orchestra. We each have a different gift. We don't all have the same gift but we can use our gifts for the same purpose—to glorify God. No one is left without a gift. There is the gift of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, and many more! Just like the conductor directs the orchestra, the Holy Spirit directs our gifts so they create a beautiful harmony that glorifies God. All we need to do is find out what our gift is and learn to use it to glorify God and bless others. Then the Lord can use our gifts to make beautiful music for His Kingdom!

5. One day a rich man was staying in a hotel. He heard a little child playing the piano downstairs. She was making a terrible noise: "Plink...plonk...plink." ---It was driving him crazy! All of a sudden, he heard the most beautiful music coming from the same piano. When he bent over the staircase to see what had happened, he saw that a man had sat down beside the little girl. He was filling in the gaps in the music, and the result was the most beautiful music! He later found out that the man was her father and he was a famous composer.

God is our Father and He wants to "make music" with us in our relationship with Him. He wants to come and work alongside of us in all that we do. God can take our "plink...plonk...plink..." and make something beautiful out of them!

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Jesus, thank You for choosing me, even though I'm so unworthy. Thank You for the gifts You have given me. I don't know what they all are right now but I know that as I stay close to You, loving and praising You and being obedient to Your Word, You will show me step by step.

2. Wow Jesus, the gifts You give are so special! It's like opening presents! As I take time to unwrap them, and try them out, I know they are the best things I could ever wish for. Because they're from You, Jesus. You gave them to Me because You love me. Thank You, Jesus!

3. Thank You, Jesus! I love You! And I'm so thankful for how well You know me and what gifts are best for me to have. I'm just glad to let You lead. I won't worry about whether I'm good enough or if I make a mistake. Just bless me the way You think is best. And use me for Your glory.

4. Jesus, I feel like I'm looking into a treasure chest when I read about all the gifts of the Spirit that You have to give me. They're all so beautiful! Like precious diamonds and jewels. I don't know which one to choose. Actually, I'm glad I don't have to choose. I'll just let You choose for me. Because You know what gifts are best for me. I'm just happy to be Your little follower.

5. Jesus, when I look at some people who have showy gifts, like performing or singing, I feel so small and useless. I start to wonder if my gifts are any good at all. But then I remember Your great love and how much You love me. I know You know what's best for me. Even if I feel tucked away out of sight and hidden, I know You have a plan for my life. You have special gifts for me, too. I just have to trust You that You know what's best.

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don't know.)

1. “*Spiritual Gifts*”

*Within each mortal being, deep down in their soul,
A fertile garden of talents, divine seedlings wait to grow!*

*Inspiring gifts of the Spirit, patiently positioned to one day emerge.
Nurtured by faith, cultivated with truth, and rooted in His sacred Word.*

*The Light of Life, He warms the plant, illuminating the way.
Each child's talents grow into blossoms, to dawn a future day.*

*Obedience leads to undiscovered abilities that spring forth manifest!
A flowering witness of God's goodness, His miracles expressed!*

*Each of God's children are sacred, endowed with specific gifts!
Fruits to inspire those around us. --To lead, to love, and lift!*

*"Know that you are special, My child, one of a kind!
I sent you here with gifts to love and heal the blind!"*

*"So use wisely your endowment given, adore Me every day!
And share your gifts with others along the way!"*

By R. Lyle Johnson

2. A Prayer for the Gifts of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit goes where it will
Bringing wisdom, joy, faith, truth
and a passion beyond all understanding.

I see the Spirit, delicate as a feather
yet powerful as a hurricane.

The Spirit brings such love and
doesn't care who you are. It
can come to anyone, at any time.

Come, Holy Spirit.

I ask for holy wisdom,
passionate love, and Your
truth. I ask this with
total openness to whatever

You decide

to give or not give. I know

You and God know how best

I can serve and love You.

Amen.

By Cindy Tuttle

3. Spiritual Inventory

I'm taking inventory,
of my spiritual progress
going to be weighing
my increase, my decrease.

Going to take stock,
to see if I've grown
going to be looking for
the gifts I've blown.

I'm going to catalog,
how much fruit I've got
going to see if its usable
or if it's starting to rot.

I'm taking inventory,
doing some stock taking
because one day to God . . .
I'll be accounting!

By [Deborah Ann](#)

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Dear Child... of Mine

Every gift  
has a different  
responsibility ...

Romans 12.4

Love,

Your Father

CHRISTIAN poetry by deborah lee

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#### 5. Everything (lyrics) by Chris Tomlin

Chorus 1

Ev'rything that's beautiful

Ev'rything that's wonderful

Ev'ry perfect gift comes from You

Verse 2

Your grace, Your heart, Your voice, Your touch

Your Word, Your peace, Your hope, Your love

The only things that satisfy come from You,

They come from You.

Ev'rything that's beautiful

Ev'rything that's wonderful

Ev'ry perfect gift comes from You.

#### Bridge

A thousand words could not explain

A thousand worlds could not contain

Ev'ry perfect gift comes from You

#### Ending

It comes from the Father of Lights.

It comes from the Giver of Life.

It comes from the heavens above.

It's coming straight from Your heart

To the people You love.

<https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/everything-tomlin>

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant (1 Corinthians 12:1).
2. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:28 KJV).
3. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12: 4, 5 NKJV).
4. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues (1Corinthians 12:7-10 NKJV)
5. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills (1 Corinthians 12:11 NKJV)
6. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy... Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all (1Timothy 4:14-16).
- 7,8. Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands him. But he that prophesies...edifies the church 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 KJV).
9. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ ( 1 Peter 4:10,11b KJV).
10. Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away 1 Corinthians 13:8 KJV).

Treasures\_Topic 10-Faith

**By DE & CQ**

**Topic 10:** Faith (how to get it; in God's ability; no fear; confidence in God helping us; faith for the impossible.)

**(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus says: ) I specialise in doing what is impossible. It's one of My favourite things to do! Do you need a miracle? Just ask Me. I have all the tools and gadgets and all sorts of angelic help to do anything you need, if you are trying to please Me and do what is best. If it's good for you, and helps bring others closer to Me, I'll do some far-out and amazing things for you. Nothing is impossible for Me—nor for you, when you are working together with Me.

2. Jesus speaking: When you feel overwhelmed by all everything you have to do or there's something that seems too hard for you, come to Me. Give Me your fears and worries. You can even tell me, "Jesus, I can't!" But then turn your mind over to Me. Remember all the power and strength that's in My Word. My Word will always accomplish what I send it to do. All you have to do is ask. It's like turning on a faucet. But with Me and My power, you get a waterfall of power and blessings overflowing on you! With Me, all things are possible for you!

3. Jesus speaking: Why do I ask you to walk by faith and not by sight? Because its your faith that pleases Me. Your faith gives Me a chance to work. You are nothing of yourself, but with My power working in you, you become a powerful dynamo, a motor that's pulsating with miracle-creating energy. I love to work through little nobodies because that way, My power shines through!

4. Jesus speaking: Call on Me when you need help so I can do great and mighty things for you! Remember, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you"? Those are My words, My promises to you. I never change. My power is the same yesterday, today and forever. Because I have gone to the Father, even greater power is now available for you. I promised that you would do greater things than I did when I was on earth. So what are you waiting for? Ask and you'll receive! Seek and you will find!

5. Jesus speaking: I hear your prayers, I see your tears, and I will answer you! My hand of blessing and power is already working things out for you! Just like Moses lifted up his rod, and the Red Sea split open and made a passageway for My children, My mighty power will work miracles for you!

#### **(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1. A visitor was once visiting a rich lady in her house. The visitor stopped to admire a beautiful silver vase that a lady had. "What a beautiful vase!" she exclaimed.

"Yes, it's beautiful, sighed the lady, "But I have to keep it polished it all the time."

"Well," said the visitor, "That's true of faith, too!"

2. An African-American church congregation held a meeting to pray for rain to overcome a long, dry spell. The preacher stood in his pulpit and looked sternly at his flock. Then he said, "Brothers and sisters, y'all know why we are here. Now what I want to know is—where are your umbrellas?" The faith that gets answers is the faith that expects!

3. In 1858, David Livingstone faced a dangerous situation in Africa. He was traveling on the Zambesi River, near the territory of a hostile African tribe. The chief had openly declared his hostility towards Livingstone. One night, the chief and his men were said to be creeping towards Livingstone's camp. At any moment, spears might come hurtling through the darkness, or they might be attacked at dawn. Alone in his tent, Livingstone opened his Bible and read the promise on which he had often staked his life: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth...Go ye therefore and teach all nations.... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Livingstone then said, "This is the word of a Gentleman of the most strict and sacred honor,so that is the end of my fear. I will cross no further tonight as I had intended. I feel quiet and calm now, thank God!" The night passed peacefully without any incident. In the morning, Livingstone woke up refreshed and ready to continue his journey ([www.wholesomewords.org](http://www.wholesomewords.org)).

4. A Chinese Christian named Mr. Chou was asked to donate to a fund for buying sacrifices to the local Chinese gods as an insurance against fire. The Chinese Christian said, "No. I trust in the living God and no idols can save us from fire." Not long after, a terrible fire broke out in the village. Over 120 houses burned down on the street where the Christian lived. When the flames were coming nearer to his house, his neighbors tried to persuade him to abandon his house. He refused and right in front of them, Mr. Chou started praying, "Jesus, show us that

You are indeed the Lord of hosts who can command legions of angels to deliver us from this calamity.” The flames kept coming nearer until there was only one house between Mr. Chou’s house and the flames. Suddenly, the wind changed and the fire went out. Mr. Chou’s house was saved!

5. God told Abraham that his descendants would be servants in Egypt for 400 years (Gen 15:13). That was long before Abraham even had a son! But sure enough, everything that God foretold came to pass. Abraham had a son, Isaac, and Isaac had a famous grandson named Joseph. Joseph ruled in Egypt and after he died, a new pharaoh arose who made slaves of the children of Israel and mistreated them. Then along came Moses and Aaron who led the Exodus out of Egypt. And sure enough, God delivered the children of Israel after the promised amount of years were fulfilled, “On the very day” (Exodus 12:40-41) [answersingenesis.org](http://answersingenesis.org). God was keeping track of the time down to the very day, and He miraculously delivered His children in the perfect time. God can and always will protect and deliver His children in trying times both in the past, the present and the future. We can count on it!

#### **(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Jesus, I love the fact that You are always there for me. Thank You that You always hear and answer my prayers. No matter how difficult or how impossible things may seem, You understand and You answer. Before I’ve hardly formed my needs into words, Your miracle working power is already at work. Thank You, Jesus!
2. You said, “Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full.” Jesus, it’s so cool to think that You actually want me to be not just a little bit happy but You want to fill my joy and happiness to the full. Thank You for caring so much about me that You answer my prayers. I love You, Jesus.
3. I’m so thankful that I’m not all alone in this fight, Jesus. Thank You that there is a huge cloud of witnesses around me that cheer me on. I like to think about them sometimes. People like Joshua and Gideon, even Moses who were scared when facing some task that seemed impossible. You came through for them, Jesus, and I know You’ll do the same for me.
4. Lord, You have never failed to keep any of Your promises! You’ve always kept Your children throughout the ages. I thank You that You are never going to fail us either. Praise Your Name!
5. I love You, Jesus. I’m so thankful that You love me, too. I have all the promises in the Bible to convince me of that. Nothing is too hard for You and You always answer my prayers in the way You know is best.

#### **(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don’t know.)**

1. **Got Any Rivers?** (hymn chorus)  
by Oscar C. Eliason  
Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?  
Got any mountains, you can’t tunnel through?  
God specialises in things thought impossible  
And He can do what no other power can do
2. **Prayer makes the darkened clouds withdraw**  
by William Cowper  
Prayer makes the darkened clouds withdraw  
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;  
Gives exercise to faith and love;  
Brings every blessing from above.  
  
Prayer makes the Christian’s armor bright,  
And Satan trembles when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees.



### 3. God's Might

by Heather Flood

On the ground sits a bird  
That's too afraid to fly.  
Beautiful wings could make it soar,  
But fear of failure is its cry.

God said to the bird,  
"Trust, have faith in Me,  
I will carry you in your flight.  
The miracle is just waiting, you see."

The bird said, "I can't.  
I'm weak. I'll fall and feel pain.  
It happened before when I tried.  
I'm afraid it'll happen again."

Soft and reassuring, God said,  
"I created you, I'll protect you.  
Your sad cry I've heard.  
Have faith in Me. Just trust My Word.

With wobbly legs and unsure wings,  
The bird looked at the sky.  
He drew a deep breath, took a chance.  
And then began to fly!

God smiled at the bird  
In its upward flight.  
"Little bird, I'll always be with you,  
I'll protect you with all My might.

The little bird once scared,  
Had soared to new heights.  
He chose to have faith in God's might.

3. "I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done."

--Hudson Taylor

4. Send a drop of faith with a single prayer.

And God will show the way, 'cause faith is always there.

--Julie Hebert

5. Every day you need to get a good dose of the Word and mediate on Scripture. If you discipline yourself and remain consistent, your faith will grow and mature. Remember that God, the Word, and your faith is the recipe for success. --Stephanie Williams,

#### (10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37 KJV

2. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. Luke 1: 45 KJV

3. But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26 KJV
4. He said to them, "For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20 KJV
5. "Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Mark 11:24 KJV
6. Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, [and] there is nothing too hard for thee: ~ Jeremiah 32:17 KJV
7. Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. ~ Isaiah 41:10 KJV
8. Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27 KJV
9. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ~ Romans 8:31-32 KJV
10. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10 KJV

#### Treasures\_Topic 11- Heaven Thoughts

### By DE & CQ

**Topic 11:** Heaven-powered thoughts, Lord's mind, letting God use your mind to do His will, the power of thoughts to help and heal, etc.

#### **(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus says: ) Have you ever had someone say to you, "That's just what I was thinking too!" If it's a good thought, there is a good chance that I or an angelic helper put that thought in both of your minds, because together you can put something great into effect. If you have the mind of God, and His thoughts running through your head, then something good is going to come from it. Just stop to check and see if I want to tell you anything more about the situation. The first initial thought might be just a beginning, and there might be more secrets I want to let you in on that will make the plan complete. Check in with Me and get My thoughts on it, and you'll ensure progress.

2. Stop for a moment. Come outside and look up at the sky. See how big it is? It seems to go on forever and ever. So immense and unending! Well, that's just the way I am. My thoughts, ideas and plans are s 'way above yours. Trying to understand all My thoughts and My ways is like trying to capture the ocean in a bucket. It's impossible. That's why scientists give up and say, "There is no God!" I just laugh when they say that. Because they just don't know how to

find Me. But you know. All you have to do is get quiet, empty yourself of your own thoughts and ideas, and just wait. Expect Me to fill your mind and heart and I will. My great big heart is full of love for you. So, try it sometime. I'm always near to you.

3. When you think of someone, don't just stop and ask yourself, "I wonder how they are doing?" Take it a step further! Pray for that person! After all, I'm the One Who brought them to your mind. I love them and I need you to pray for them. So many wonderful things are accomplished when you pray. And so many things go undone or lacking when you don't pray. So the next time you think of someone, remember it's Me bringing them to your mind. Be a channel of My love to others by praying for them.

4. How do you know the difference between My thoughts and the enemy's thoughts? Here's how: Good thoughts, loving thoughts, kind thoughts, those are from Me. I will always tell you something loving and good. Sometimes the enemy of your soul will try to interfere and block your reception with bad thoughts that make you feel sad, unhappy or even afraid. You just have to shake them off and tell him, "Shoo!" Just because birds fly over your head, you don't have to let 'em build a nest in your hair!

5. "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are My ways above your ways and My thoughts above your thoughts." They may be high, but they are not past finding out if you will stop, look and listen! My spirit is always broadcasting, like sound waves or wifi, I'm always there. All you have to do is put up your little antenna, believe and receive! It's not so hard! Just try it!

### **(5 Short true stories, object lessons or reflections on the subject.)**

#### **1. God Calls Abraham To Look At The Stars**

This story is found in Genesis 15. Abraham had been following God for a long time and In Genesis 12, God had promised to give Abraham a son and make him a mighty nation. By chapter 15, Abraham was already very old, but he still didn't have a son. Abraham became depressed and discouraged. God had given him many promises, but none had come true. "What was happening?" Abraham wondered.

However, God, knew that Abraham's focus was not on God Himself but on having a son. So He called Abraham to come and look at the stars and see the immensity of His creation. By doing this, God helped Abraham refocus, change his way of thinking, and look at God and put His trust in God alone. God wanted Abraham to believe that He would do everything that He had promised. After Abraham put his focus on God and his trust in Him, God gave Abraham the son he was longing for. Let's also believe in what the Lord tells us and keep our thoughts and our focus turned towards Him!

#### **2. Mary Sings a Beautiful Song**

After she was visited by the Holy Spirit and became pregnant with baby Jesus, Mary was so excited. She understood that God was going to change the course of human history by bringing His Son into the world as a baby. And He was going to use her to be baby Jesus' mother! Mary was so moved that she sang a beautiful song on the spot:

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden...His mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the empty with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.*

Mary was just a simple teen, but she got a beautiful song of praise to the Lord because she was humble and yielded. We, too, can get beautiful messages from the Lord if we are willing to do what He tells us.

### **3. Trevor and the Blankets**

Once there was a boy named Trevor who thought he couldn't do much to make a difference. One night, Trevor saw a story on the news about homeless people sleeping in the cold downtown. The story of the homeless people touched his heart and he wondered what he could do to help.

Trevor might have thought, "I'm just a kid," but instead he began to think about what he could do. Then he remembered there were some extra blankets in the garage. So he asked his father if he could take them to the homeless people. Trevor's dad drove Trevor downtown to hand out the extra blankets to the people on the streets.

When it came time to go to sleep that night, the homeless people were pretty happy for the nice warm blankets. Trevor was happy, too. He felt really good about giving out the blankets.

The next day, Trevor went to the grocery store and other places in his neighborhood. He put up signs asking for people to donate spare blankets or food. The result was surprising. Trevor found so many people willing to help that soon their garage was filled with food and blankets. Then Trevor and his dad had to look for a bigger place for all the donations. Finally, they had to get a warehouse! --There are things kids can do to make a big difference if they will follow what God shows them to do.

### **4. Give Her an Egg**

Once there was a poor girl who lived on a farm. She went to school every day and did her best to study hard. She had a very nice teacher, Miss Mary, who she liked very much. One day she was thinking about what she could give Miss Mary as a present. Her family was poor and they hardly ever bought presents for each other, let alone someone else. As the girl was thinking about this, she heard a voice say, "Give her an egg."

"An egg?" thought the girl, "that's not a present. I can't give her an egg!"

Finally, she decided to do it. So she went to the henhouse and chose a big beautiful brown egg. She wrapped it carefully and brought it to school the next day and gave it to her teacher.

"Why, thank you!" said Miss Mary. "How did you know an egg was just what I needed? I ran out of money and I won't get my salary until next week."

The girl gave Miss Mary a big smile and skipped off. Inside, she was thinking, "I sure am glad I obeyed!"

### **5. Prayer for Missionaries in Danger**

One day a friend of some missionaries was sweeping the floor of her house in Canada where she lived. Suddenly, she had an irresistible urge to pray for her missionary friends. So she put down her broom and began to pray earnestly. After awhile, God's peace came into her heart and she knew that her friends were safe. Later, when all the friends met up together in Canada, the missionaries told her about a frightening experience they had had. When they were in Africa, a giant cobra had entered their tent in the night; however, the snake suddenly disappeared and was never seen again. When the friends compared the date and time of their experiences, they realized that the peril of the missionaries and the burden to pray for them

corresponded to the minute! Whenever somebody suddenly comes to your mind, remember this story because it might be God reminding you to pray for them.

**(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Sometimes when I feel so weak and so muddled and don't have the words to express my thoughts, I just sit in silent wonder, resting in the quiet assurance that You know and understand. Thank You, Jesus, that You are always so near, so close. Thank You that You understand it all! You know every part of me, and the best thing is that You love me just the way I am. I love You, Jesus.

2. You are My anchor, Lord, when things get rough and stormy. When I don't understand what's going on and my thoughts and fears pile up like waves on an angry sea. Thank You that You are in control, the Master of the wind and waves. You commanded them to calm down and they did. Thank You that You can calm my thoughts and give me peace. You are the Captain of my soul. I trust in You and I love You.

3. Jesus, my thoughts are whirling around in my head and won't rest. Please soothe my heart with Your love. You promised to give me peace beyond understanding, beyond anything the world could give. Thank You for Your peace. Thank You that You care enough to help me. Your love is big enough to fill the universe but You stoop down to help even little old me. Thank You, Jesus!

4. Thank You that You understand my heart and my thoughts. Thank You that I never have to worry whether You understand or not. Even when I fumble over my words and can't find the right ones, I thank You that I can just trust that You know and make sense out of my jumbled up words and thoughts. Thank You that I don't even always have to talk to You in words. You already understandin everything I'm trying to say before the words are even formed in my head. Thank You, Jesus!

5. I praise You, Jesus for taking all my worries and anxious thoughts. If I'm ever tempted to feel burdened about things, I can just wrap it all up in a bundle and give it to You. Thank You that Your shoulders are broad enough to carry any load. You are better than any super-heroes combined. Thank You for coming to my rescue everytime! I love You so much, Jesus!

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don't know.)**

## KEEP A POEM IN YOUR POCKET

Keep a poem in your pocket  
and a picture in your head  
and you'll never feel lonely  
at night when you're in bed.

The little poem will sing to you  
and the little picture bring to you  
a dozen dreams to dance to you  
at night when you're in bed.

So—

Keep a picture in your pocket  
and a poem in your head  
and you'll never feel lonely  
at night when you're in bed.

*Beatrice Schenk de Regniers*

1.

2.

## Pull Your Troubles

At night before you sleep, my dears,  
You must reach deep inside  
And pull your troubles out your ears  
Wherein they like to hide.

A trouble is the kind of thing,  
It's very often true,  
That bothers you more than the soul  
Who passed it on to you.

From "Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain"  
by Barbara Vance

3.

## Character Building Thoughts for Children

*By Leah Davies, M.Ed.*

I believe that I am someone who can do important things.

I think for myself and make smart choices that are good for me.

When I write down what I think and feel, I learn about myself.

I plan ahead and think about what I want to do when I grow up

Before I do something, I ask myself, "Is it safe?"

I think before I act; how I act affects how others treat me

4. Sometimes I do not even pray in words,

I take my heart in my two hands

And hold it up before the Lord,

I'm so glad He understands.

Sometimes I do not even pray in words,

My spirit bows before His feet,

And with His hand upon my head,

We hold communion, silent, sweet.

Sometimes I do not pray in words,

For I am tired and long for rest,

My heart finds all it wants and needs

Just resting on the Savior's breast. (Author Unknown)



5.

### (10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. **Romans 12:2 (NKJV)** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
2. **Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)** Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.
3. **2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
4. **Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)** 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'
5. **Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)** Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.
6. **Proverbs 28:26 (NKJV)** He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.
7. **Matthew 21:22 (NKJV)** And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
8. **2 Corinthians 10:5 (NKJV)** Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ
9. **Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV)** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
10. **Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.



## By DE & CQ

### Topic 12: Keys of the kingdom

#### (5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus speaking: ) One day I'm going to take over this world, and no one and nothing is going to be able to stop Me then. I'll be the King of the Kingdom and reign over all. Do you want to rule with Me as well? If you believe My Word, and claim the promises in the Bible, then you are already helping Me to start ruling things on Earth, because prayer changes things and makes My will be done. If you need extra power for a situation, just call on the keys of the Kingdom to unlock My treasures of supply, protection, miracles, whatever you need. I will send you what is best because you are My special prince or princess.

2. *Jesus speaking:* My children, you now have access to greater power because I am making it available to you. It is given to you, My faithful of the Last Days, to possess these powerful new codes. These were not necessary in the past but they are needed now, because the evil forces are stronger than ever. Through calling on the keys, your power is amplified many times over. You have the power to release those in bondage, set the captives free, and overcome all evil. Start today to access the power of the keys. Use them prayerfully, wisely and claim victories!

3. This is how to use the keys and access their power. Say, "I call on the power of the keys." The power does not come until you call on the keys. Avail yourself of the power of the keys when you start praying. That's what opens a whole door of power and priorities for you. You can't harness the power of the keys if you don't call on them. The keys wait to be used, and their power is activated when you call on them.

4. Besides your salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit, the keys of the Kingdom are the most important gifts you will ever receive. With the keys of the Kingdom, all Heaven, and all Earth is at your command! You possess all that is within these worlds and more. At your request, I will unleash all that you need in the blink of an eye!

5. The keys are alive! They represent My spirit and all the power of Heaven, which can never be conquered. When you call on the keys, you are calling on a living, powerful, spiritual phenomenon. The keys of the Kingdom have been granted power by God, and they release great power in return. When you call on the keys, they will unleash God's power on your behalf.

#### (5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflections on the subject.)

##### 1. The Gospel story about the Keys of the Kingdom

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter [*petros* or pebble],\*\* and on this rock [*petra* or boulder],\*\* I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." –Matthew 16:13-20

\*\*By making a difference between Peter "the pebble," and what Peter said about Jesus being the Son of God, Jesus was saying that faith in Him as the Son of God ("the boulder"), is the foundation of His church, and that He is giving the keys of the Kingdom to those who believe in Him.

##### 2. A Personal Lesson

One time I was desperate for two prayer requests to get answered. One was an invoice that was almost two weeks overdue, and the other was a gift that friends had promised to send. Every day, I would pray for these two things to come through, but nothing happened. The days dragged by and I was so disappointed that my prayers were not answered. That's when I remembered to "call on the keys." That evening, I prayed, "Lord, you promised to supply all my needs according to Your riches in glory. I claim the power of the keys to unleash these funds!"

The next day, I opened my email and almost fell off my chair! There were two messages in my inbox: one saying that the invoice had been paid, and the other saying that the gift from my friends had been deposited. What an immediate answer to prayer! Although God's promises in the Bible are still powerful, as God's Endtime children, we are facing bigger battles than ever before. That's why we need more power than ever in these Last Days! Calling on the keys, gets us the fullest and greatest manifestation of God's power every time.

### **3. The Itaipu Dam**

The Itaipu Dam, on the Paraná River between Brazil and Paraguay, is the world's largest hydroelectric power plant. It has been called one of the seven wonders of the modern world. It generates enough power yearly to supply 93% of the electrical power needed by Paraguay's 5.5 million people and 20% of that consumed by Brazil's 184 million. That's a lot of power! The river had flowed there for thousands of years before the dam was built. The potential for all that power had been there all that time until someone harnessed it. The spiritual power that God has is like that river: There is tremendous power there, but it doesn't do us any good until we acknowledge it, recognize its potential, and learn to use it. If we've gone all of our lives without that spiritual power, we may think things will work out fine if we continue as we are. However, we would be like those people on the Itaipu River before they got electricity from the dam. They missed out on a lot of power that could have made their lives easier. So let's use God's power in the keys, which is greater than any hydroelectric dam!

### **4 The Janitor's Keys**

Jesus said that because we believe in Him, we have the keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19). Keys represent power and authority. I know a janitor who likes to walk around with his keys, jingling them in his pocket as he goes. He knows he has the authority to unlock every door in the building whenever he wants. A door is a barrier, an obstacle, but if you have the key, that door is no longer a barrier. You just unlock it and walk through! That's the way it is in spirit. Now that we have the keys of the Kingdom, we have God's authority and power. The power of the keys will bind whatever we tell them to bind and they will loose whatever we tell them to loose, whether its in Heaven or on earth. The power of the keys will loosen whatever we want and need.

### **5. Locked inside!**

Too many Christians are living powerless lives. They don't know what it is to have God's power to do miracles. They are like the man who was trying to unlock his car with a coat hanger because he had left the keys inside. His wife and children were inside the car, cheering him on while he worked. However, nobody in the car thought to use the keys to unlock the car! Some people can be pretty dumb. Unfortunately, some of us are like that when it comes to spiritual things. God has given us the keys, and His power and authority are only a reach away. Meanwhile, we keep looking around at people or circumstances, waiting for them to do it for us. -Instead, we need to look to Jesus and use the keys of the Kingdom that He's given us.

### **(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your son, Jesus. Thank You that I can know You and have Your presence in my life. I pray that You will make Your power known in my life. Help me to cultivate Your presence in my life through calling on the keys. I choose to partner with You so that Your Kingdom will come on earth as it already is in Heaven. Remove the distractions in my life that keep me from Your presence. I repent of any pride or personal idols that keep me from giving You first place in my life such as (Name your personal idols one-by-one, such as hand phone, computer, food, sports, etc.) Take away my lukewarmness and set me on fire for You. All this I pray in Jesus' Name.

2. *Lord, I praise and thank You. Thank You for the power of the keys and that the keys can overcome all the difficulties in my life. I choose not to be overwhelmed by my circumstances. Instead I choose to praise You and call on Your Name and claim victories. You are my victorious, all-powerful God. I will praise Your Name and proclaim Your salvation every day. I will declare Your glory among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among all the people. I will sing praises to You, O Lord! You hear and You are mighty to save.*

3. *Dear Jesus, teach me how to ascend to Your throne room in worship so that I can come back down to earth empowered to work in the harvest field here. Help me to wield the weapon of the keys as I fight for victory in every area. Make it my first reaction to thank You in every situation. I believe that the keys have the power to mold and to shape any prayer into reality. I call on that key power now to make a breakthrough for (name specific people or situations ). I praise You and thank You for the victory that Your powerful keys are bringing! You said whatever we bind on earth will be bound in Heaven through the power of the keys. So I know that You are working mightily even as I am praying. I offer You my praise and thanks right now. Blessed be Your Name forever, Lord! In Jesus' name, amen.*

4. *Dear Lord, I want to worship You only. Take me deeper in my prayer life and intimacy with You, Jesus. Help me to walk in Your light and holiness. Give me joy in Your presence and help me to bring that joy to others. Thank You that the keys make the impossible possible. Thank You that by Your power I can be loving, wise and be what others need so that I can show them Your love. I wield the power of the keys now on behalf of (name people or situations that need prayer). In Jesus' name, amen.*

5. *Thank You, dear Jesus, that I can claim the power of the keys. Thank You for the keys of empowerment that bring down blessings, anointing, power, faith. I claim the keys of empowerment now! I ask You to work through the keys that I may see the changes I need for myself and the situation that I'm praying for. Thank You, Jesus! I praise and honor You!*

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown”)**

**1. “You Hold the Keys to the Kingdom” -- hymn**

You hold the keys to the Kingdom of God.  
Use them now, friend, and when you begin.  
Start with the key that will unlock your heart;  
Open up and let Jesus come in.

Chorus:

The Master key's next, my dear neighbor.  
And it's one you should use every day.  
Prayer is the key to the great Pearly Gates  
And you're unlocking them when you pray.

Yes, you hold the keys to the Kingdom of God.  
Use them now, friend, and when you begin.  
Start with the key that will unlock your heart;  
Open up and let Jesus come in.

Chorus:

The Master key's next, my dear neighbor.  
And it's one you should use every day.  
Prayer is the key to the great Pearly Gates  
And you're unlocking them when you pray

Yes, you're unlocking them when you pray.

--Jennie Lou Carson, 1952

## 2. Keys to the Kingdom - Poem by Bob Gotti

The keys to Heaven's Kingdom, open up eternal things to come,  
They're keys that you do receive, when in Christ you do believe.  
A Truth revealed to us from the God of Heaven about His Son,  
That His Son is indeed The Christ, and in the Son we have life.

With the Keys we will enter in, His Eternal Kingdom with no sin.  
He will build His Church with us, as in Christ men place their trust,  
All Authority is given to the Son, to build the Church and Kingdom.  
His Authority gives men power, to live for Him each day and hour..

Access we receive from Christ, is used by God through every life,  
With access comes responsibility, helping other men come to see,  
Whatever you bind on this earth, will become for you eternal worth,  
And whatever you do not bind, upon this earth, shall be left behind.

<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/keys-to-the-kingdom/>

## 3. The Power of God – poem by Bill Hoeneveld

The power of God is so immense,  
It is beyond us to make sense,  
We mere mortals cannot see,  
As religion and science often disagree.

The abundant life on planet Earth,  
Shows the power of God's worth,  
Plants and animals and minerals too,  
He provided for life to accrue.

When our time here comes to an end,  
Our soul and spirit will transcend.  
God's awesome power will be clear,  
Creating the wonders of our celestial sphere.

## 4. Don't Limit God! -- by Ken Pilcher, Jr.

When you choose to dwell on  
Your problems, your situation,  
Your sickness or your doubts and fears,  
You're forgetting that

*God's power is infinite!*

His power is beyond our understanding  
And beyond what we can even imagine.  
All His power has been given to  
His Son, His Right Hand,  
*the Lord Jesus*

Each day you choose what you'll believe  
By what you think and say.  
You either believe the promises of God  
Or you limit Him with your unbelief.  
So fill your mind with all that Jesus can do!

*His Power is Infinite!*

## 5. Oh, To Know the Power -- by Deborah Ann Belka

Oh, to know the power,  
that Jesus' death brings  
is to have the saving faith  
to trust Him for all things.

For in His resurrection,  
we're eternally transformed  
and by the power of His Spirit  
we are forever conformed.

Oh, to know the power,  
that Jesus' life brought  
is to know your sins  
on the cross He bought.

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That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings,
being made conformable unto his death (Philippians 3:10).

(20 Bible verses or portions on the subject—relating to God's power, the King, and His Kingdom)

1. [1 Chronicles 29:11-12](#)

Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

2. [Exodus 15:18](#)

The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

3. [Psalm 47:6-7](#)

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God *is* the King of all the earth.

4. [Psalm 95:3](#)

For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

5. [1 Timothy 1:17](#)

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

6. [Psalm 47:8](#)

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

7. [Psalm 145:11-13](#)

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

8. [Matthew 4:17](#)

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

9. [Luke 11:20](#)

But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

10. [Mark 1:14-15](#)

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

11. [Luke 16:16](#)

The law and the prophets *were* until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

12. [1 Corinthians 15:24](#)

Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

13. [Revelation 11:15](#)

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

14. [John 1:49](#)

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

15. [Matthew 21:5](#)

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass

16. [Matthew 16:19](#)

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

17. [John 18:36-37](#)

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

18. [Revelation 17:14](#)

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

19. [Revelation 19: 13, 16](#)

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

20. [Ephesians 1:20–21](#)

Which God wrought in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Treasures_Topic 13-Praise and Joy

By DE & CQ

Topic 13: Praise and the Joy of the Lord

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) When you lift your hands up high in praise, I notice and I don't leave you empty-handed. When you lower your hands, there is always something special in them. You can't see, but it's a gift from Me. I never leave you empty-handed when you praise Me. I always give you something back; whatever you most need. Why do I like it when you reach up to praise Me? Because I have so much I wish to fill your heart and life with, and I can only do it when you reach out to Me in loving praise. Don't miss your gift for the day! Thank Me for Who I am and what I have done for you. In return, I'll bless you in a special way.

2. When the battles are rough and the frustrations are real, come to Me. Sing to Me a song of praise. Sing sweet songs of thankfulness and praise. Sing the clouds away. For as you do, My light will break through and I will make a way for you.

3. If you lift up your voice in praise to Me, I will give you grace and strength. I will make the mountains melt away. So praise Me, thank Me by faith and as you do, you will see miracles. Only lift up your voice in praise and thanksgiving for that is calls Me swiftly to your side to help you.

4. You ask, how can I please You, Jesus? I say, "Sing to Me with the voice of praise! Sing to Me with the voice of joy! Sing your praises to Me!" I love to hear your words of praise and thanksgiving. I love to hear your happy words of praise and joy. Please give them to Me because I long to hear them.

5. I love to hear you singing and praising and making melody in your heart. As you draw near to Me in praise, I will draw ever so near to You. As I do, I will bless you with peace and happiness, joy in your labours, and glory in your tasks. Praise is the secret potion that brings you all these things. Let praise be your focus and your life will be filled with happiness and joy.

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. 2 Chronicles Chapter 20 tells about a huge army of three kingdoms that had united to attack Jehoshaphat, the king of Israel. Jehoshaphat was very worried because his soldiers were no match for this mighty army. So Jehoshaphat prayed desperately: "Oh God, we have no power against this great army. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You!"

Then one of the priests prophesied, "Fear not, nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go out to face them, and the Lord will be with you."

When Jehoshaphat heard these words, he began to praise God. The next morning, the king appointed singers to march in front of the troops, singing as they led them into battle. No sooner had the singers begun to sing and praise, then the Lord set ambushments against all of Jehoshaphat's enemies and destroyed them.

The power of praise is miraculous! Whenever we're faced with problems that seem too big for us to handle, we can trust the Lord, believe His promises, and praise Him. Then we'll see victories. Praise is the voice of faith! Keep praising, and you'll see miracles, too!

2. A famous composer, Joseph Haydn was once asked why his music was so cheerful. He replied, "When I think about God, my heart is so full of joy that the notes dance and leap, as it were, from my pen. Since God has given me a cheerful heart, I desire nothing more than to serve Him with a cheerful spirit."

3. David wrote Psalm 18 when God delivered him from all his enemies and from Saul. It is a praiseful declaration made in a moment of great triumph. David had lived for 20 years as a fugitive from Saul. --Ever since he was taken from the sheepfold and anointed to be the future king of Israel. In spite of all his trials and difficulties, David remained steadfast to the Lord; and in His time, God delivered David and fulfilled the promise of his anointing. In the first three verses, David lists eight different names honoring God. See if you can find them all.

I will love You, O LORD, my **strength**.

The LORD is my **rock** and my **fortress** and my **deliverer**;

My God, **my strength**, in whom I will trust;
My **shield** and the **horn** of my salvation, my **stronghold**.
I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will love You, O LORD:

This Psalm is a *flood* of praise and emotion. The word for 'love' that David uses is full of emotion: "I love You from my heart strings." He can't say enough about the great things God has done for him. --No wonder David praised God with all his heart!

4. Virginia Brandt Berg was a great woman of God who won many souls and had an important healing ministry. Before that happened, though Virginia went through a long period of sickness. God used that sickness to work in Virginia's heart because she was an atheist. She had a car accident that left her paralysed for five years. The doctors tried everything to cure Virginia but they finally gave up, saying it was hopeless. Her husband, Hjalmer, never stopped praying for her. Still, nothing happened! In fact, it seemed that she was soon going to die.

One day, Virginia thought about some verses in Romans: "Abraham gave glory to God, knowing that He was able to perform that which He had promised" (Romans 4:20-21). She decided to do likewise. She began to whisper, "Glory to God! Glory to God!" over and over. She began thanking God for restoring her health by faith. Suddenly, she noticed both her arms were lifted praising the Lord! She started laughing and crying at the same time, weeping with joy! Then Virginia got out of bed and began to walk for the first time in five years!—A human impossibility! She had been instantly raised by the hand of God on that memorable night in 1918! -- All because Virginia set her mind to praising and thanking God by faith!

5. One night, God's apostles, Paul and Silas, were in prison. They shackled and chained to the wall of their cell so they couldn't even lie down and sleep. But Paul and Silas kept right on praising God. They sang and praised all night long and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly around midnight, there was a great earthquake! It was such a huge earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. All the doors of the cells fell open and everyone's chains were unfastened. God sent that earthquake to rescue Paul and Silas. It was such a big miracle that the jailer and all his family came to know Jesus that very night. Acts 16:25-26

We have a choice every day. We can either live absorbed in worry and stress, or we can look up to Jesus, the One Who holds us in his hands. God longs for us to know the power of His presence in our lives. He desires to bless us more than we could imagine. Praise paves the way for God's power and for miracles to happen.

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Dear Jesus, I praise You with all my heart. I praise You for your faithfulness, and your great power and love. I confess my need for You right now. My life doesn't go so well when I just spin around on my own. Thank You for Your presence. Thank You for Your care for me. Please draw me close to You, and to work Your purposes through me. Please help me to always praise You.

2. I praise You, Jesus! You are My King, my Lord, my Creator! I sing with all my heart and raise my hands in praise to You. You have given me life, love, joy and peace. You freely give me all things. I praise You, I honour You and thank You!

3. I praise You, Jesus, and give You glory. I praise You for the beauty of Your creation. All that I see, from the smallest atom to the universe, You have created it all. You are so great and mighty and vast, yet You to stoop to love me and bring me into Your Kingdom. For this, I give You praise and honour from the depths of my soul.

4. You are the joy of my heart, the rejoicing of my soul, and the light of my life. Thank You for reaching into my soul and opening the windows of Heaven on my life. You came into my heart and now I have joy everlasting. Thank You, Jesus! You are the light of my soul and the joy of my heart.

5. I love to take praise time and give You my love even though my words are weak and small. Even though I'm not very good at it, I feel so happy when I praise You. I know it makes You happy and it pleases you.

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don’t know.)

1. Christ takes no more delight to dwell in a sad heart than we do to live in a dark house.

2. Thou who hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more--a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleases me.
As if Thy blessings had spare days,
But a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise!

George Herbert

3. Flowers rejoice when night is done,
Lift their heads to greet the sun;
Sweetest looks and odours raise,
In a silent hymn of praise

So my heart would turn away
From the darkness to the day;
Lying open in God's sight
Like a flower in the light.

Henry van Dyke

4. Praise Him when the sun is shining,
When the winds of trouble blow,
When you see no silver lining
On the clouds that hang so low.

Praise Him when your load is heavy
And the day no comfort brings,
Then your burden God will carry,
Bear you as on eagles' wings.

God delights to have us praise Him,
And believe His holy Word;
And He knows them that trust Him,
For they always praise the Lord.

Ida A. Gulrey

5. The Christian should be a Hallelujah from head to foot.

St Augustine

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to His excellent greatness!" Psa. 150:2

2. My tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long." Psa. 35:28

3. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. [Psalm 103:1](#)

4. Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honour all the day. [Psalm 71:8](#)
5. O give thanks unto the Lord. [Psalm 105:1](#)
6. Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. [Philippians 4:4](#)
7. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. [Psalm 118:24](#)
8. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God --Isaiah 61:10
9. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. [Psalm 119:14](#)
10. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10b

Treasures_Topic 14- Prayer

By DE & CQ

Topic 14: Prayer, personal, connecting; the importance of prayer, intercessory prayer; fighting in prayer, united prayer for deliverance

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says :) When you stop to talk to Me, I listen closely. Do you know what I notice the most about a prayer? When your heart is filled with love for Me and others, and you are praying for others. When you know you can't do something on your own and you humbly ask Me for help, that makes Me want to rush to help. It makes Me happy when you pray for others--or even if it's something you want Me to do for you--if you ask humbly and in faith. That's what pleases Me and I always take action in one way or another.
2. When you feel no one's listening and no one seems to care, just come to Me. Pour out your heart and tell Me how you feel about things. Then stop and ask Me what I think. Just say, "Please show me, Jesus. If I'm not seeing things the right way, please show me how I should see them." I'm your best Friend and I'm just waiting to help you. I love to spend time with you, talking to you and holding you close. I love to take care of you and help you. Just come to Me and I will give you the answers you need.
3. Remember how I wept for people? I wept for Lazarus. I was moved with compassion for people when they were hungry or sick on. I wept and my tears spurred me how to pray desperately for those I loved. Through my prayers, I was able to partake of Heaven's power. My Father worked through Me and miracles happened. Lazarus came back to life, people were healed, and thousands were fed. My faith was the victory that overcame the world, and now My faith lives on in you. So pray, beloved! Every prayer is answered when you believe!
4. My dear one, don't you know your prayers reach the halls of Heaven? I always hear the cries of My children, and I answer in the way that's best. You have not chosen Me but I have chosen you so that you may bring forth fruit and that whatever you ask of the Father in My Name, He will give it to you. Please have patience and wait for the windows of Heaven to be opened to you. I see your tears, I hear your prayers, and I will answer you. Keep on believing 'cause the answer is on its way.
5. Taking time with Me is a test, I know. It's difficult to stop everything. Remember, I had exactly the same trials and tests you are having. It was just as hard for Me. But remember what I did. I made a point of getting away to pray, even getting up early. I will bless whatever time you set aside for Me. It doesn't have to be long. I will honour any effort you make to spend time with Me. I will bless you with strength and comfort for honouring Me. Just a few minutes with Me on a regular basis will renew your faith and soothe your worries, and heal all wounds.

(5 Short true stories object lessons or reflections on the subject.)

1. In Acts 12, Peter was in prison and the church had gathered to pray for him. An angel miraculously set Peter free from prison. So he went to the house where everyone had gathered to pray for him. Peter knocked on the gate, and a servant named Rhoda went to answer the door. When she saw Peter, she was so overjoyed that she ran back without opening the gate. She exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

"You're out of your mind," they told Rhoda. But she insisted it was Peter, so they said, "It must be his angel." Peter kept knocking, and when they finally opened the door and saw him, everyone was astonished.

This is a funny story about intercessory prayer. Rhoda and everyone else was praying so hard for Peter but when he showed up at the gate, they could hardly believe their prayers had been answered. So they left poor Peter outside, still knocking! Let's not be like those incredulous early Christians!

2. In Genesis 18, Abraham had a long conversational prayer with God about Sodom and Gomorrah because he knew God was going to destroy the cities ([Genesis 18:23-32](#)). Abraham wanted God to spare the people of Sodom and Gomorrah because Abraham's nephew, Lot and his family lived in Sodom. First Abraham asked if God would spare the cities if there were 100 righteous people, then 50, then 25. Finally Abraham asked God to spare the city if there were only ten righteous people. It seems that there weren't even ten righteous people, because God did destroy both cities. He only spared Lot and his two daughters. He would have spared Mrs. Lot, too, but she disobeyed God and looked back.

Abraham had so much compassion for people that he was even bargaining with God to try to save them. Like Abraham, we can intercede in prayer for others, too.

3. Once there was a little girl who was so weak and crippled, she had to stay in bed all the time. She was discouraged because she didn't have anything to do. One day, her pastor visited her and encouraged her that she could pray for others from her sickbed. Not long after, a religious awakening took place in the village and nightly, people were getting saved. When the little crippled girl heard about the revival, she asked for the names of the saved. A few weeks later, the little girl died. When they looked under her pillow, they found a long list of names. Fifty-six of the names had a little cross be them. The little girl had marked off the names of all the people who had gotten saved that she had been praying for.

4. Prayer is like pulling out the antenna on a TV to get better reception. Your spirit is your prayer antenna. When you're praying, your spirit starts seeking the Lord. In a sense, your spirit comes out and reaches out for the Lord. The minute you start thinking about the Lord and get spiritually sensitive, your antenna goes up. As it does, it starts getting impressions and impulses and that is the Spirit. God has made it that way. When you're quiet or alone, it seems like your spiritual antenna can go up a little higher and get better reception. —David Brandt Berg

5. Two friends stood in a large railway station and watched an express train go thundering by. "What a powerful engine!" exclaimed one man.

"Yes," said the other man. "On the rails it is powerful. But off the rails, it is the weakest thing in the world."

"That's just like Christians!" marvelled the first man. "Our power is in communion with the Lord. But when we leave the path of prayer, we become the weakest people in the world."

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Thank You, Jesus, for all the ways You show Your love for me. You know I have my daily battles and life doesn't always run smoothly. But that's because You're trying to teach me to be a fighter and to go to You for answers and help. Thank You that I can always reach out and touch You through prayer. Thank You that You always hear my prayers. As soon as I start to pray, I know that You come swiftly to my side to help me. All I have to do is ask. Thank You, Jesus!

2. Thank You for being such a good friend, Jesus. You're always there when I need You. I can spill out my thoughts and tell You everything. You listen and You never get angry or criticize and condemn me. I want to be

more like You, Jesus. I know, the more I spend time with You, the more You rub off on me. –Just like best friends! I love You, Jesus! Thanks for being my best friend.

3. Thank You, Jesus, that when I hear Your still, small voice in my heart, You're not speaking harsh words or rebuking me. You're speaking words of love and joy and forgiveness and hope. You gently show me the places where I need to change and do better but You never condemn me. You're always so patient with me, Jesus. You give me so many words of love and encouragement whenever I reach out for You.

4. Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of prayer. Thank You that You hear my prayers and that they reach right up to Your throne in Heaven. Help me to have a heart for others so that I can understand what they need and how to pray for them. Thank You that You give me this important responsibility of praying for others. Thank You that I can be a channel, just like a telephone operator, to connect those in need with Your blessings and answers. Help me to be a faithful operator!

5. Jesus, You told us to put on the armour of God and fight a good warfare. Thank You for the weapon of prayer so I can fight off all the fiery darts of the Devil. Thank You that the weapon of prayer is like a light sabre when it is lit up with Your power. Help me to be a warrior for You and fight in prayer for the things and the people that need it.

(5 Quotation from others, hymn or poem portions on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don't know.)

1. Wrestling prayer can wonders do,
Bring relief in deepest straits;
Prayer can force a passage through
Iron bars and brazen gates.
--John Newton

2. “When you pray for others, God listens and blesses them. So when you are safe and happy, remember that someone is praying for you.” -- Author Unknown

3. “People say intercession is, “putting yourself in someone else's place.” That is not true! Intercession is putting yourself in **God's** place; it is having His mind and His perspective.” — Oswald Chambers

4. For the Christian, intercession is truly universal work. No place is closed to intercessory prayer: no continent, no nation, no city, no organization, no office. No power on earth can keep out intercessory prayer.” Richard Halverson

5. True intercession means bringing the person, or the circumstances, that seem to be crashing in on you before God, until you are changed by His attitude toward that person or circumstance.—Oswald Chambers

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. --Ephesians 6:18

2. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. --James 5:16

3. Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. -- I Timothy 2:1
4. But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. -- Matthew 5:44
5. And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. --Job 42:10
6. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. --Galatians 6:2
7. You also helping by prayer for us, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. 2 Corinthians 1:11
8. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Colossians 4:3-4
9. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts 1:14
10. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given me; for they are Thine. John 17:9

Treasures_Topic 15- Vigilance

By DE & CQ

Topic 15: Vigilance and not lethargic; keeping your guard up, making progress; being prayerful; asking Lord to protect

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) If you were walking on icy ground on a winter day, you wouldn't run, right? You'd take extra care so you could make it safely to where you needed to go, without having an accident. Even though most of the time you aren't walking on ice, still, there are ways to slip and fall each day. —Like accidentally saying something you didn't mean to say, or forgetting to pray because you were too busy. Be careful each day and use your time wisely. Guard your thoughts and the words you say. Be prayerful, so you can have a safe and happy day.
2. So many things can go wrong if you're not careful! But it works the other way, too. If you keep your guard up and stay close to Me, so many good things can come your way. It's up to you, though. I give you that choice. I don't force you. But if you're wise, you'll make the right choice. You'll choose to be prayerful and on guard. Your spirit helpers are trying to help you, and they cheer for you every time you make a good choice. Each time you make a good choice, that's progress. And each step of progress gets you closer to your Heavenly goal: Being like Me!
3. Please learn to be prayerful and cautious. Remember, the devil goes about as a roaring lion. He is out to hurt you and wipe you out in any way he can. It's a spiritual warfare and that warfare does not stop. It goes on day in and day out. You've got to be on your toes! So get this lesson down! You've got to be very prayerful and very cautious. Being prayerful is not enough. You've got to be prayerful and

careful! Always be seeking Me and staying close to Me. I'm telling you these things for your good and because I love you.

4. Maybe you think you're in a messed up situation. You messed up, others messed and now everything is messed up! But you know what? I don't see it that way because I have a plan. There is a reason I allowed all of this to happen. It's because it's another step in your growth. Every day, I'm teaching you and helping you learn more, and depend on Me more so that you can grow up into a real strong disciple. So don't worry because I am right there with you. You can talk to Me anytime, and if you listen, I'll talk back to you. I'll give you the faith you need for this time.

5. As long as you continue to follow Me and stay close to Me and My Word, everything else will fall into place. You won't have to worry about whether you're growing or whether or not you're on track. Just put Me first, spending time with Me, following My voice and reading My Word, I will bless you in everything else. I will bless your spiritual growth and help you mature.

(5 Short true story, object lessons or reflections on the subject.)

1. Nehemiah the Builder

Nehemiah worked in King Artaxerxes' palace in Babylon. One day, the king noticed that Nehemiah looked sad and he asked him about it. Nehemiah told the king that he was sad because Jerusalem had been destroyed.

"Please let me go home and rebuild the wall," Nehemiah asked. The king gave Nehemiah permission to go.

Sanballot, the governor of Samaria, heard what Nehemiah was going to do and got hopping mad. If Jerusalem was prosperous again, he would lose control of the trade route. So he got angry and threatened Nehemiah.

Nehemiah also got a lot of negativity from the Jews who weren't working on the wall. They kept saying that Sanballat would attack Nehemiah. The workers were discouraged, too. They were tired and Sanballat's threats and the gloomy predictions of the other Jews scared them. Nehemiah told the people to lift up their voices in prayer and focus on the Lord. He told them to keep a weapon in one hand and a tool in the other. That way, they stayed vigilant.

The people worked hard, and the wall was finished in only 52 days. Everyone celebrated and worshipped God. Nehemiah was so thankful God had used him.

2. The On-Guard Little Owl

There was once a little owl who loved to play with his friends. Something told him, though, that he should also spend time with the older owls so he could learn wisdom from them.

"That's boring!" his friends said. "Come and play with us!" But the young owl was determined. He knew that someday he would need the wisdom of the older owls. One night, he went to meet the older owls as they were on night watch. Everybody else was having fun at home.

After his night watch training lesson, the young owl was on his way home. Suddenly, he sensed something was wrong. He put the vigilance lessons he'd learned to use, and soon he spotted a cat prowling near his family's tree.

He quickly hooted out a loud alarm call, and all the owls flew right over. Together, they chased the cat away.

“Good work,” said the oldest owl. “You put your lessons on vigilance to good use and kept your family safe.” The little owl glowed with happiness. Taking time to learn his lessons had paid off.

3. The Girls Who Missed Out

Jesus once told a story about ten young girls who were invited to a wedding. The wedding party was going to be held at night although no one knew exactly what time the bridegroom would come. All the girls brought lamps but five girls forgot to bring oil for their lamps. They asked the other girls if they could borrow some but they told them, “Sorry, we only have enough oil for our lamps. Go find someone who sells oil.”

The five girls hurried to find an oil seller. Just then, the bridegroom arrived. The girls who had oil in their lamps went inside with the wedding party. When the other girls came, the door was locked and they couldn’t get in.

Jesus told this story about the Kingdom of Heaven because He wants His followers to know that He is coming back so we need to stay on guard. We need to be watchful and ready for His return so that we don’t end up getting locked out of the wedding party like the five foolish girls. Jesus also told this story so that His followers know there are serious consequences for being spiritually lazy.

4. Paul’s Narrow Escape

The apostle Paul was a fiery preacher, which often made the religious Jews angry. One time, Paul gave his testimony in Jerusalem. Everything went fine until he said that God had called him to preach to the Gentiles. That’s when things exploded. It got so bad, the Roman commander was afraid Paul might get killed. So he took Paul into protective custody. Meanwhile, 40 Jews took a vow that they would not eat until they had killed Paul.

They then hatched a plot. They persuaded the high priest to ask the Romans to return Paul to the Jewish council so they could ask him more questions. On the way to the council, the men planned to attack and kill Paul.

Fortunately, a teenager, Paul’s nephew, heard about the plot. Right away, he went to the garrison and told his uncle Paul. Paul then told the Roman commander. The commander ordered an armed guard to escort Paul to another city that night.

We don’t know the name of this boy, but he was alert and in-tune. He didn’t just brush off what he heard. No, he sprang into action. Because he was alert, Paul was saved.

5. The Hole in the Dike

In Holland, the ground is lower than the sea. People have built big strong dikes to keep the sea out. Everything depends on the dikes staying strong. Without them, houses, fields and even people would get washed away.

One day Hans and his brother went on an errand. As they walked, Hans noticed a small hole in the dike. It was a tiny hole but water was bubbling through.

“A hole!” Hans cried. Hans knew what that meant. Soon the water would make a huge gap in the dike. Hans stuck his forefinger in the hole. Then he told his brother, “Run and get help!”

Hans' finger got numb with cold, then his hand, and then his arm. It was dark and he was exhausted. Hans started to get afraid. But then he set his teeth and prayed, "Jesus, help us!"

Just then, Hans heard a shout. It was the villagers! They set to work with their shovels and repaired the dike. Afterwards, everyone cheered for Hans. Hans saved his country because he was alert and courageously did something about the danger.

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Thank You, Jesus, that You have called me and chosen me to serve You. Please help me to look steadfastly to You and listen to Your whispers so that I can know the way You want me to go. Help me to stay close to You so that You can use me to be a blessing to others. Help me to heed Your whispers so that I can grow and progress spiritually.

2. Thank You for Your love. Thank You that You are molding me and making me into what You want me to be. I know this takes time. It also takes dedication and staying close to You. Please help me to always stay close to You, to be aware of You and Your Spirit. You promised that I would hear a voice behind me saying which way to turn and where to walk. Please help me to hear Your voice like that. Help me to keep my guard up and keep making progress in the spirit.

3. Ouch, Jesus! I just made a big mistake! It really hurts! But I know You still love me and I'm thankful for that! Help me to see this as a lesson. Thank You for the times You teach me lessons. Thank You that You're so patiently teaching me and using these things to change me and help me be what You want me to be. Even though it hurts, I'm thankful. I've got You, Jesus, and You're always with me. I know You still love me.

4. Jesus, You're so wonderful! You're like my Big Brother! I know if I stay close to You and depend on You, I can make it. I want to live in You like the branch and the vine. It's a fight to stay on-guard and stay on the right road, Jesus, and not let the enemy get even a toehold in my life. Please fight for me when I am weak! I know if I cry out to You, You will help me and give me victory

5. Thank You that You are always with me, Jesus. Thank You that You trust me to make good decisions. That makes me really desperate because I know on my own, I can't get it right. But You told me to 'watch and pray' and that's what I want to do. I want to stay close to You, learn the lessons You have for me and learn from Your Spirit. Help me to be sensitive to Your Spirit so I can learn and grow.

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or "author unknown" if don't know.)

1. The strongest principle of growth is that of human choice. –George Eliot

2. Happy is he who makes daily progress and does not consider what he did yesterday but what advance he can make today. –St. Jerome

3. Courage means to keep making forward progress while you still feel afraid. Joyce Meyer

4. Growth in the Christian life depends on obedience in times of crisis. James Dobson

5. **On-Guard Poem by Denis Martindale**

It's no good sitting on the fence,
Complaining life's too hard!
For surely it would make more sense
If you remained on guard!?
Like meerkats do, the whole day long,
Regardless of the cost,
Defiant 'gainst the giant throng,
Refusing to be bossed!

You may not be a meerkat, friend...
With dugouts underground,
But there are tactics you can tend,
Spiritual defences all around...
The weapon of prayer,
And vigilance, too...
That's bound to work!
So think like meerkats do!

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. [1 Peter 5:8](#)
2. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. For from it flow the springs of life. [Proverbs 4:23](#)
3. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36
4. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12
5. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. Acts 20:31
6. Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man Luke 2:52
7. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth 2 Timothy 2:15
8. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18
9. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15
10. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. Revelations 21:17

Treasures_Topic 16-love

By DE & CQ

Topic 16: Love and law of love

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) Can you count to two? Most people can. And that's as easy as I made it to remember how many "most important rules" there are. When I came to Earth I made it so easy to know what made My father in Heaven the most glad—even young children could learn them. Number one: Love God with all your heart, more than anyone or anything. Number two: Show God's love and care to others, in the way you'd like others to treat you with kindness and respect. So, no matter what situation you are in, if you can remember

those two guidelines, it will help you to make wise and truly Godly decisions, and do things that you will be rewarded for.

2. Oh, how My children can love one another with My Love! All you have to do is receive My love and pour it on others. Please understand that it is My love you are pouring out to each other, so don't hold back, but give and give and give some more. You can be a vessel of My love. You can be Me loving others through you. Please don't hold back! Freely give the love I have given you for one another.

3. Go forth in the power of love! Go and share love! As freely as you have received, so freely give. Give love, give understanding, give sympathy. I have commissioned you to love the lost, heal the sick, love the unlovely and live the Law of Love. Be tender, be kind, and show mercy. Love the Lord your god with all your heart, soul, and mind. Keep your eyes fixed on Heaven, and I will make all things possible for you. I will make it possible for you to serve in love, live in love and love one another.

4. Your commission is to be an example of loving the Lord, loving others, and loving the lost. I have called you to be an example of understanding, sympathy and tender-heartedness. I have called you to strengthen those who are weak and to save those who are lost. Your commission is to work hand-in-hand in love and unity. Your commission is to live the Law of Love and to give of yourself to those in need. When you love God and put Him first, He will give you the love you need to fulfil your commission!

5. When I was on earth, I lived the Law of Love. By My example, I taught My disciples how to love God first and then love and care for each other and the lost. The closer you try to follow My ways, the more you will become like Me. You'll shine with My radiance and My simple love. You will desire to show My impartial love that loves the unlovely and those who others despise. My love reaches out and cares for them and gives to them. As you look more to Me, you will become more like Me and will be able to reflect My love without partiality. You will then begin to glow with My light!

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. A nurse in a hospital complained to the chaplain that one of the patients had treated her rudely. He answered, "Thank God for that!" "What do you mean?" she asked. "Well," he explained, "if you are holding a glass and someone knocks against you, you can only spill out what is inside! When people misjudge and criticize us, we soon reveal what is in our hearts. If we are Christ-filled and governed by the Holy Spirit, we will manifest the gentleness and meekness of our Saviour. In fact, God often allows us to be pushed around and mistreated so that unsaved people may be astonished at His grace as we overflow with love and forbearance."

2. An African Christian lady earned money by selling a special bean-cake. She had always been conscientious in her giving, but after she had a bad foot injury, her income ceased. It was a long time before she could work again. She eagerly waited for the day when she could sell her cakes again. She promised the missionary that she would give one-third of her earnings to the Lord. Her goal was to earn three shillings in the first week of business. The

missionary was surprised when the woman returned after only two days with one shilling for the Lord.

"Surely you didn't earn three shillings already!" he exclaimed. The African lady seemed surprised. "Do you think I would give Jesus the last of the three?" she asked. "This is the first one and it belongs to Him. The other two I make will be for me." --Her heart was so filled with love for Jesus that she wanted to honour Him first.

3. One day, Charles H. Spurgeon, Britain's famed preacher of the nineteenth century, was walking along a country lane with a friend. He noticed a weather vane which was topped by the words "God Is Love." Spurgeon remarked to his companion, "I don't think it's appropriate to put a message like that on a weather vane. Weather vanes change with the wind, and God's love is constant."

I don't agree with you, Charles," his friend replied. "You misunderstand the meaning. What that weather vane is telling us is that whichever way the wind blows, God is love."

-E. Schuyler English

4. One day, a father wanted to teach his little boy about God's love. Taking him to the top of a high hill, he pointed in all the directions of the compass. Then, sweeping his arm around the whole circle of the horizon, he exclaimed, "Johnny, my boy, God's love is as big as all that."

"Why, Father," the child replied with sparkling eyes, "then we must be right in the middle of it!" --How true!

5. Jesus told the story of the shepherd who went out to search for the one little lost sheep because He wanted people to understand what God's love is like. In John chapter 10, Jesus talks about the good shepherd who cares for his flock and protects them. He is even willing to search for one little sheep all night long until he finds that sheep. Jesus is our loving Protector and Caregiver. Jesus said that thieves and wolves would try to destroy the sheep but the good shepherd is there to save them. Even though Satan may try to steal and destroy God's people (John 10:10), Jesus is always there to protect and save us. Jesus did not come as a hired worker. He came as the one and only truly Good Shepherd who loves us so much that He even laid down His life for us.

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Thank You, Lord for Your great love that You show in so many ways! I don't even understand it because it is so, so great! It is so near, right near my heart and yet it is all-encompassing as the night sky. I just don't realize how much of it there is. But I thank You, Lord, for Your Love that I do understand and that I can see in so many ways. The greatest of which is Salvation, the great love that caused You to die for me. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for me, for rescuing and saving me. Thank You that I am forgiven. I love You, Jesus!

2. Thank You, Jesus, for loving me. Thank You that You reach down to help even little ol' me. Sometimes I feel like I'm a hopeless case. But I'm thankful that I can never be too bad for You, Jesus. Thank You that through You, I can get to know God as my Father. I'm so thankful that when God looks at me, He sees You, Jesus. Not my bad, old self but You, Jesus! That why I want to be more like You, Jesus. More loving and kinder to those I live with. Please make me more like You, Jesus, so I can share Your love with others. IJN amen.

3. Oh Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me. Thank You for your deep love for me. Thank You for Your love for me that motivated You to send Your only Son into the world. Your personal love for me reaches right down into my soul. Thank You, too, dear Father, that I can participate in Your love. Thank You that You can work through me. Thank You that You're teaching me how to connect to Your love and share Your love with others.

4. When I offer up my little handful of love to You, dear Jesus, I am flooded by a sea of Your love. When I direct my love to You, I'm like a child shining a flashlight at the sun. You shine on me with so much love and care. When I try to give You everything, I feel like I only receive. Your love is so deep, so wide, and so wonderful! Your love encompasses everything and makes me want to shout for joy.

5. Thank You for Your great love for me. Without Your love, I can't do anything. Thank You that Your banner over us is love. Thank You that You've shown us how to let You work through us so that we can bring Your love to the world. Help me to be a vessel, a channel of Your love. I'm glad I have Your love for me, but I want to also feel Your love going out of me to others. You're the only One Who can do that, Lord. Please fill me to overflowing so I can pour out Your love to others in the same way.

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don't know.)

1. A girl learned that Jesus watches over her to see everything she does. Her mother said, "Doesn't that bother you that He sees everything you do?" "Oh, no," said the girl. "He loves me so much, He can't keep His eyes off me."

2. My love for the Lord is not measured by the things I am willing to do for Him, but the things I am not willing to do for Him.

3. God loves us not because of who *we* are but because of who *He* is. —Peter Kelly

4. The Apostle James wrote that the true practice of faith consists of both outward and inward action. It is outward towards others in practical ways and inward through devotion to God. –Peter Kelly

5. The love of God for you is like the Amazon River flowing down to water a single daisy. --F. B. Meyer

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these" Mark 12:28-31).

2. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Galatians 5:14

3. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9

4. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10

5. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11

6. But God... is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. **Ephesians 2: 4**

7-8. Charity suffers long, *and* is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believeth all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Charity never fails. 1Corinthians **13:4-8**

9. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. **1Peter 4:8**

10. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. **Ephesians 4:32**

Treasures_Topic 17- Angels

By DE & CQ

Topic 17: Angels and Spirit Helpers

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) When the Earth was made, God gave all creation, and the people on Earth, all the help they would need. Most of the time, this special Heavenly help is unseen. But God's Spirit helpers and angels are always around, ready to guide and help people be safe and to make Godly

decisions. Even if you think you are totally alone, you never really are. You are always being lovingly watched over and accompanied by angelic beings from Heaven. That's how much God loves you!

2. (Jesus speaking:) As you listen to the whispers, you will feel Me closer to you. Even now there are angels and helpers right there helping you, whispering in your ear. All you have to do is close your eyes. Close your physical eyes and open your eyes of the spirit and you will see wonderful things that will encourage you and inspire you. So many are the helpers that I have given to you! So great is the protection that I put around you! These are the blessings I have given you because of your love for Me.

3. (Jesus speaking:) I have given gifts of the Spirit to you. --Gifts of knowledge and wisdom and practical gifts of helps and organization. These gifts help you in your daily life. But there are those who stand behind these gifts in the world beyond. These are your spirit helpers and angels who wait to help you and guide you. Now and in the days to come, you will need to get to know these helpers. They wait for you be aware of them and call on them. Whenever you call on them, they are activated to help you and work on your behalf. So call and they will answer and show you great and mighty things!

4. (Jesus speaking:) Know and understand that My Word is first and foremost. But for further strength, help and guidance, listen to the whispers, listen to those I have given to guide you. They will make your tasks easier because when you listen and obey what you hear, you are allowing them to direct you more from this side. That way, we can work together even better. So tune in! Fine-tune and hear My voice and the voices of those I have sent to help you. For we are in this together, and together we will win the victory. You will be so much more effective if you tune in, listen to the radio signals from Heaven and get your instructions from My Word, My voice and the whispers of your Heavenly helpers.

5. As the days grow darker, so you must have My light ever stronger to lead you in the right way. As the world becomes more complicated, so you need to have more of Me to get you through the maze of complications. Do not be afraid to ask. Are you ever afraid to ask your father or mother for help when you don't know the answer? No, you just asked and they answered. So it is with Me. I have given you a multitude of spirit helpers who want to help you, but you must listen to them. Become more sensitive to Me and My Spirit. Keep your antenna up, always listening. This can be a great guide to you if you will use it, and it will help you know the ways of God better.

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. When witnessing to a friend, I shared how the Lord uses angels and spirit helpers to help us. I explained how the spirit world works and how the Lord organizes His good spirits and angels. He was very interested to know more, so I told him the names of some of the spirit helpers. He was particularly interested in Arcothon and what he does. He even wrote down the name so he could call on him when needed. A few weeks later, I received a call from this friend. He said that his friend has a problem with nightmares. He had gotten prayer from his pastor but the nightmares still continued. So our friend told him to call on Arcothon. When his friend did, the nightmares stopped. The spiritual war is real, and we wield great power when we call on the spirit helpers by name.

2. Elijah was one of the God's greatest prophets (1 Kings 17). Sometimes he was bold as a lion, and sometimes he was terribly discouraged. One time, he challenged the prophets of Baal to a contest to see who was the true God. When God answered by fire, Queen Jezebel got mad and threatened to

kill Elijah. Elijah had to run for his life. By nightfall, he was really tired and hungry. Elijah was feeling sorry for himself as he went to sleep. Suddenly, he was wakened by an angel's touch. There was food in front of him, and the angel said, "Arise, eat."

After that, Elijah went back to sleep, but the angel woke him up again." Arise and eat," the angel said, "because the journey is too great for you." So he got up and ate again. After that, he went on a long journey and he was not hungry again for forty days and forty nights" (1 Kings 19:6–8). God sent an angel to provide Elijah with everything he needed, both physically and spiritually. If we are living close to Jesus, we can claim God's promises and see them fulfilled. God might send us an angel, too!

3. An angel came to the garden where Jesus' body lay. The angel rolled away the stone so that fresh air and morning light could fill His tomb. After that, the sepulchre was no longer an empty vault or a dreary grave. Instead, it radiated with the glory of God. Just as an angel was involved in Christ's resurrection, so will angels help us when we pass from this world to the next world. Only a thin veil separates our natural world from the spiritual world. That thin veil is what we call death. However, Christ conquered death. So now God surrounds death with angelic helpers who guide us and bring us to the radiant light of Heaven.

4. When Argentina cancelled flights into the country due to COVID-19, Juan Manuel Ballestero used his 29-foot sailboat to get home. He did not want to miss his father's birthday because he was turning 90.

Juan Manuel stocked his small boat in Portugal and set sail across the Atlantic in mid-March. Alone in the middle of the ocean, Juan started praying for comfort. Then God sent him a pod of dolphins that swam along Juan's boat for about 2,000 miles.

"They were like angels," Juan says, "they would come and go. Then one day, they seemed to say goodbye."

Three months later, Juan arrived home safely in Argentina where his family welcomed him.

-- *Meg Belviso, Angels on Earth*

5. One afternoon at the beach, the ocean was smooth as glass. I floated on my back and enjoyed letting the waves rock me. I drifted peacefully along for a while. When I opened my eyes and looked around, I was far from shore.

I started swimming as hard as I could but the shore wasn't getting any closer. Then I started getting tired. I looked around for help, but I was alone in the water. Far away on the shore, people were packing up and going home. A wave slapped my face, and I swallowed salt water. In desperation, I waved to get attention. Suddenly, two young men appeared near me. Together they pulled me to shore.

"You got caught in a rip tide," the lifeguard said as he helped me up on the beach.

Just then, I got a good look at my rescuers. They looked almost alike, like twins. "Thank you for rescuing me," I said. Then I got up and started walking back to my towel. When I looked back, the lifeguard was packing his things but the water and the beach were empty. --My rescuers had vanished! I'm convinced they were angels.

-- *Meg Belviso, Angels on Earth*

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. The mysteries of the spirit world are wonderful and great. They are more than I can understand, dear Jesus. But I'm thankful that You have blessed us with spiritual understanding and spiritual insight. Not only do we hear Your voice but we can also hear from other spirit beings and departed saints. I can't figure it out or analyse it so I will just stay open to whatever messages You want to give me and in whatever way You want to send them. I'm going to continue staying open so I can receive from You. I trust You to send the messages in the way You know best.
2. Thank You that I can ask You to speak at any time. All I have to do is bring my questions before You and ask You to speak, and then trust that what I'm hearing is from You. Thank You that You always pour out to the hungry heart. Thank You that You will give me the messages and the counsellors that I need.
3. Thank You, Lord, that the spiritual world is so real to us now. It's in the spirit world that things are actually decided. And not just by the angels or spirits but also in my heart and spirit and in the decisions I make. Please help me to make the choices that will please You. Help me to listen to the spirit helpers and guardian angels You have given me so that I can get Your heavenly thoughts and make the right choices.
4. Thank You for my guardian angels that always watch over me. I don't know half of what they have already protected me from but I'm very thankful for them. I'm thankful, too, that my angels always behold Your face in Heaven. They have a direct link to You and I get the benefits of that. Thank You so much, Jesus. Please help me not give my angels a hard time by doing things that are dangerous, or things that I know I shouldn't do. Help me to make it easy for them to be good, too!
5. Dear Jesus, sometimes I feel like there are dark clouds blocking my view. Help me to look beyond them to the sunlight of Your hope and Your promises. Thank You for my spirit helpers! Thank You for Arcothon and Lucerne, who bring me the light of Your love and break through the dark clouds. Help me to hold on! I know that You are ever faithful to help me. I love You, Jesus!

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or "author unknown" if don't know.)

1. God sends angels to protect us. God tells us in Psalm 91 that He would give us angels to guard us in all our ways. God sent an angel to Daniel in the lion's den. In Daniel 6:22, Daniel says that God shut the mouth of the lions so that no harm came to him. – Stacie Marshall
2. "The more that you trust and believe in angels, the more they will pour their blessings upon you." – Denise Linn
3. "Angels are all around us, all the time, in the very air we breathe." – Eileen Elias Freeman
4. "Angels encourage us by guiding us onto a path that will lead to happiness and hope." – Andy Lakey
5. God sends angels to comfort and help those who are hurt and need care. After Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fighting against the temptations of the devil, God sent angels to take care of Him (Matthew 4:11). --Stacie Marshall

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. "Lord, I pray thee, open his spiritual eyes" And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (2Kings 6:16, 17).
2. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" (Matthew 25:31)
3. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:41–42).
4. When He had left the Mount of Olives, angels appeared, saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).
5. "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8).
6. "I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)
7. "And I saw another angel flying in mid-air, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and kindred and tongue and people" (Rev 14:6).
8. "But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. And to a company of thousands upon thousands of angels "(Hebrews 12:22).
9. Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelations 5:11, 12).
10. "He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).

Treasures_Topic 18-Yieldedness

Topic 18: Yielded —all body and spirit to God, surrender, submit to God, knowing He knows best

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) I know what you are thinking! Does that surprise you? Well, it shouldn't really, because I made you. But do you know what I am thinking? Now that's a whole lot harder, isn't it? Because you are just getting to know Me. But because I know you, that means I also know what is best for you, and all about the feelings you have, and how to work out those things you are concerned about. Can you trust Me to lead you to the best things? I will. Just say, "Jesus, My life is in Your hands. Please teach Me Your ways, and I will be eager to follow Your plans." Your life will be so much happier if you do this. I promise you!

2. I see you as a strong young warrior with a sword at your side, sharp and shining! This sword is My Word which you have stored up in your heart. In order to use this sword, you must study to show yourself approved unto Me, a workman that doesn't need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. I wish for you to learn to use this sword in a loving and skilful way. –Not recklessly or foolishly to the hurt of others but to further My Kingdom, to love and help others and to be a strong warrior in My army. The most important thing is that you are submitted to Me, your heart, mind and spirit all yielded to My will, to My love and to My wisdom.

3. This is a time of learning. You have many desires in your heart. You're restless and sometimes frustrated. But be patient, My son. Hold on a little longer. This is a time of learning to submit your mind, your heart and your spirit so that you may learn My ways and be strengthened in heart and mind. Draw closer to Me and become more strongly connected to Me—so that when I open the doors for you, when I release you to serve Me in greater spheres of usefulness and move forward in the path of life that I have prepared for you, you will be ready to shine and do glorious things for Me. This is My will for you at this time in your life. I pray for you that your faith does not fail. Have faith in Me that I will lead you and provide all your heart's desires if you will but desire Me above all else.

4. Death to self, death to sin, death to your own ways. These deaths are not easy to go through. But from death springs forth the beauty of new life and the power of the Resurrection. Death to self means saying, "Yes, I will go to the cross, I will go through the flame and the flood." This is what brings forth the power of the Resurrection in your life and the beauty of the life to come. Laying down your life, your will and your desires—even though you don't see beyond these deaths—is the step of faith that will empower you and enable you to do great and mighty things. This is the Endtime power that you need. "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

5. I can only live through you and perform many mighty miracles through you if you are letting Me do it. You do this by getting your strength from Me. Each morning, ask Me what I want to do, what I have planned for the day, and what My will is. I can only live through you if you let Me. I can only do mighty miracles through you if you let Me work through you. You do this by spending time with Me every morning and saying, "This is Your day, Jesus. Do with it what You will." –Just like the branch must abide in the trunk in order to bear fruit, you must learn to abide in Me by surrendering your will. This is how you will find strength for the battle.

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. You've seen the traffic sign that says "Yield," haven't you? It means: "You don't have the right of way. Give the other traffic priority." So when we see a yield sign, we know what to do.

Yield is not a common word in the English Bible. But in Romans 6, Paul uses it to explain our responsibility to God and His law. "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God... to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are ... for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness... even so now yield your member servants to righteousness unto holiness" (verses 13, 16, 19).

The meaning is clear. Anyone who is used to pausing at a yield sign can get the point. Once we belong to Jesus, we can't just go hurtling through life doing whatever we want. If we do, we'll collide with God's law. We have to get into the habit of pausing, to make sure we are giving God and His way priority. In other words, we no longer have the "right of way." That's yielding! – John Halford

2. Jesus' mother, Mary, is a remarkable example of yielding. God sent Gabriel to tell Mary that she was to become the mother of the Messiah ([Luke 1:26](#)). What God was asking was going to change her life. It seemed at first God's request would bring a quick end to her engagement. When Joseph first heard that Mary was pregnant, he was minded to refuse to marry her, until an angel reassured him. Nothing in Mary's life would ever be quite normal again. But Mary's reply to the angel showed that she was totally yielded to God: "Be it unto me according to thy word" ([Luke 1:38](#)). – John Halford

3. A man once came to a watchmaker and gave him the hands of a clock, saying "I want you to fix these hands. They just don't keep the correct time anymore."

"Where is the clock?" asked the watchmaker.

"Oh, it's in my house" was the reply.

"But I must have the clock to repair the hands."

"There's nothing wrong with the clock. It's the hands that don't work. That's why I came to you."

With that, the man snatched back the hands of the clock and said, "Give me those! You just want to tinker around and charge me a lot of money. " So off he went to find another watchmaker. We recognize how foolish this man was, but those who try to regulate their lives without being right on the inside are just as foolish. Their reason for not putting themselves into the Lord's hands is very similar, too. They are afraid the price will be too great. They only want to avoid this or that bad habit. But the Master Watchmaker says, "I cannot regulate the hands unless I have the heart."

4. Florence Nightingale was the founder of modern nursing and a social reformer. She was thirty years old when she wrote: "I am thirty years of year, the age at which Christ began His mission Now, no more childish things, no more vain things Now Lord, let me think only of Your will." Year later, near the end of her illustrious life, someone asked for the secret of her success. Florence replied, "I have only one explanation. That is, I have kept nothing back from God."

5. One summer morning, a child stood in a great cathedral watching the sunlight stream the beautiful glass windows. As a result, the Bible characters depicted in the windows were bathed with brilliant colors. Later on, someone asked her, "What is a saint?" The little girl replied, "A saint is a person who lets the light shine through."

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Call on the keys of yielding when it's hard to yield to My will, and I will supernaturally strengthen your heart, calm your spirit, and settle your emotions.

2. When you call on the keys of yielding, I will help you pass the test of forsaking all to follow Me, and I will reward you in wonderful ways.

2. Thank You, Jesus, that You want to do the impossible for me. All I have to do is cease from my fretful, frantic struggles to do it myself and work out my own problems. You have said, "I am the Lord that keeps thee." Jesus, I know You want me to put my life in Your hands and to rest in You, to learn to totally trust You even though I don't understand. Thank You, that You want to lift me above every problem that comes my way. I'm thankful that You are teaching me how to get so confident in Your love for me that nothing can shake me or make me afraid.

3. Dear Jesus, You've said that these are the days of choices. Thank You that You have set before me the path of life wherein Your blessings lie. Thank You, too, that You allow me to freely choose and decide for myself. I know, though, that the path of life, the path of blessings, lie in following You closely. I can choose how much of Your blessings I receive by deciding how closely I wish to follow You. Thank You that You bless those who follow closest while those who follow far off, struggle more and cannot receive the fullest blessings. Thank You that by my own free and loving choice I can choose You and Your ways just because I love You and want to please You and be close to You!

4. Thank You, Jesus, that I can give You the gift of surrender and yielding to You. Thank You that You give me the greatest joy and happiness when I do. This is true joy beyond anything the world can give. Your joy and Your love satisfy my heart like nothing else can. You fill every need and satisfy every hunger when I yield my heart and my will to You. The world can never satisfy the hunger of my heart, the emptiness I sometimes feel. The world can only give me cheap thrills, excitement that only lasts for a moment. But deep, lasting joy and happiness come from yielding my heart and mind and abiding in You.

5. Thank You, Jesus, that the day of choices means the day of doing good things for You and being yielded to Your will. It's not the day of unyieldedness or disobedience. Thank You that as I say 'yes' to You, You open Your hands and pour out blessings and opportunities. You give me many choices and the way opens up wide before me. The opposite is also true: if I stubbornly hold onto my own will and my own way, my options get narrower and my blessings become fewer. Help me to always say 'yes' and yield to You. Because I know as I do, You will empower me and pour out Your blessings on me.

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or "author unknown" if don't know.)

1. Have Thine Own Way, Lord,

Have Thine own way;
Thou art the Potter,
I am the clay.
Mould me and make me
After Thy will,
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still.
--Adelaide A. Pollard

2. I Have Not Much To Offer

I have not much to offer
To Christ, my Lord and King;
No wealth, no might, no wisdom,

No noble gift to bring.
"Five loaves and two small fishes?"
But what alas are they
Among the throngs of hungry
Who crowd life's troubled way?
"Five loaves and two small fishes?"
Not much, dear heart, 'tis true'
But yield them to the Master
And see what He can do!
Placed in His hands of mercy
Thy little will be much
'Tis not thy gift that matters,
But His almighty touch!
--Avis B Christiansen

3. God will mend a broken heart if you give Him all the pieces

4. I Want My Heart So Cleared Of Self

I want my heart so cleared of self
That my dear Lord can come
And set up His own furnishings,
And make my heart – His home.
And since I know what this requires,
Each morning while it's still,
I slip into that secret room,
And leave with Him – my Will.
And this is how my Lord controls
My interest, my ills
Because we meet at break of day,
For an **Exchange of Wills**
--Anna Jane Granniss

5. "It doesn't take much for a man to be a Christian, but it does take all there is of him." --Thomas Huxley.

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15.
2. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" Romans 12:1-2.
3. "But 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" James 3:17.
4. "He [Jesus] said to them [his parents], How is it that ye sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them" Luke 2:49-51.

5. "Likewise, whosoever he be of you that does not forsake all that he has, he cannot be My disciple" Luke 14:33.
6. "He must increase, but I must decrease" John 3:30.
7. "I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" John 6:38
8. "Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work" John 4:34.
9. "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done" Luke 22:42.
10. "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" Romans 6:13a.

Treasures_Topic 28-Memorizing God's Word

By DE & CQ

Topic 28: Memorization & review of Bible verses and God's promises (5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. Loving Me and My Word gives joy and leads you to the right things that you need to make you truly happy, and helps alert you when something tries to enter in that will steal away that happiness. My Word hidden in your heart can speak to your conscience and warn to you turn away from joy stealers, and tell you what is best and what will make you, and Me and others truly happy.
2. The Word you've memorized will keep you safe. Living in this fallen world is like making your way through a minefield full of bombs that'll explode when stepped on. The only way to make it is by listening closely to the voice of the Spirit guiding you, step by step, through the minefield. I love those who keep My Word in their hearts. The Word you've got stored up will save your life!
3. Those who love Me will keep My Words and store them in their hearts. My Father and I are thrilled when we see you doing that. We promise that we'll come and stay with you all your life through. That's because we see you making the right choices and laying up spiritual treasures in your heart. –Instead of filling your mind with the latest gadgets and garbage from the internet and video games. "Well done!" I'll say when I see you doing that.
4. Do you know how I beat the Devil those 40 days in the wilderness? It was because I had the Word in my heart. Every time, he came at me with temptations, I just quoted the Word to him. "It is written...." When I was your age, I spent a lot of time studying and memorizing

the Word. All through life on Earth, the Word strengthened me. In my final moments on the cross, all I had was the Word in my heart. That Word helped me win out over sin and hell and death. That was the greatest victory of all!

5. Memorizing the Word is not something you do just for yourself. If you have the Word of God stored up in your heart, the Spirit can bring those verses to your mind when someone needs your help or when you're telling others about me. Your mind is like a computer and it needs to be programmed with something. So, choose the best program--My Word—and store it in your heart and mind.

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. John Wanamaker was a rich businessman who owned a chain of department stores in New York, Philadelphia, London and Paris. He once said, "In my lifetime, I have bought many things which have cost me thousands of dollars. But the best purchase I ever made was a Bible I bought for \$2.50. That was my greatest purchase because the Bible has made me what I am today." John Wanamaker loved the Bible, read it and memorized it.

2. A dear Christian lady had memorized much of the Bible by heart. As she got older, however, her memory began to slip away. Eventually, she could only remember one verse: "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." Then that verse started to slip away, too. As she lay dying, her loved ones noticed her lips move. When they bent closer, they heard her repeat: "Him, Him, Him." --She had lost the whole Bible except for that one word, but she had the whole Bible in that one word.

3. When Tommy left for college, his parents gave him a Bible. They told him it would be a great help in his time of need. Soon, Tommy wrote home asking for money. His parents wrote back telling him to read his Bible, citing chapter and verse. Tommy replied, "I am reading the Bible, but I still need money!" Then his parents knew he was not reading the Bible. They had tucked \$10 and \$20 bills in the Bible next to the verses they had told him to read.

4. Rebecca struggled a lot with fear and negative thoughts. Sometimes, she would get free, but as soon as something came up, out they pounced again! Rebecca wrestled with her fears and negativity, but they only came back again and again. Finally, she thought of memorizing verses. Memorizing the Word occupied her mind and made it easier to shake off the bad thoughts when they came. Now Rebecca is free and has an amazing new spiritual weapon.

5. If you love Me, keep My Word. Hide My Word in your heart and it will keep you from the evil that will soon come upon all the world. The Devil hates the Word of God and is out to destroy it. He's even trying to literally destroy Bibles, along with people's faith in it. Soon the only Word you'll have is what's stored in your heart. You'll need that Word so that you can instruct many in the Endtime days that are coming.

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Jesus, I love you and praise You! Thank You for Your marvellous Word and how it always comforts and helps me. I love Your Word and want to faithfully memorize and review it. Hiding Your word in my heart will keep me spiritually strong and close to You. I love You, Jesus.

2. Jesus, Your words are spirit and life and they bring life to me. Thank You for that, Jesus! No matter how small or how weak I feel, Your words give me the power to live life like a hero. The more I hide the Word in my heart, the more I have of You and Your love. Thank You, Jesus!

3. Thank You that Your Words are like hidden manna. They feed me and give me strength like nothing else can. Thank You that I can be Your disciple. Thank You for showing us the importance of memorizing so that we can be disciples that please and honor You.

4. I love You, Jesus. Thank You for coming to Earth and being the Word incarnate. You are the Living Word and the more I drink in Your Word and feast on it, the more I have of You. Help me to never neglect Your Word and always keep it first in my heart and mind.

5. Jesus, Your words are so beautiful! Your Word is everything to me. It is a light on my path, a voice in my ears, a roadmap for my journey and a rock to build my life on. Help me to always cherish Your word and faithfully hide it in my heart so I can be a strong disciple and win others to You, dear Jesus.

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don’t know.)

1. “I never saw a useful Christian who wasn’t a student of the Word” --D.L. Moody

2. “Read the Word to get the facts, study it to get the meaning, memorize it to get the benefits” – Unknown.

3. “No man is uneducated who knows the Word, and no one is wise who is ignorant of its teachings” – Samuel Chadwick.

4. “The mariner provides his tackling in harbour before he sets out to sea; and the wise Christian will store himself with promises for health in sickness and peace for future perils” -
-William Gurnall.

5. "A Bible stored in the mind is worth a dozen stored in the bottom of a trunk" – Unknown.

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee

2. Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom

3. Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

4. Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

5. Psalm 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

6. Proverbs 6:21-22 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

7. Psalm 119:16 I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

8. Proverbs 4:20-21 My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

9. Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart:

10. I Tim 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Treasures_Topic 29- Choosing Godly Music

By DE & CQ

Topic 29: Singing/ Godly music/ songs/ hymns/ psalms/ right choice of
(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) Music is like a spiritual transporter that takes you to a place of either joy and goodness, or melancholy and lethargy; a place of inspiration and love, or anger and destructive thoughts; a place of faith and courage, or fear, worry and stress. There are so many stations the vehicle of music can take you to, according to the mood of the composer

and whatever spirit helped create that piece of music—good from Heaven, or something from the dark side. Be careful what you listen to, because it will influence you a whole lot.

2. Picture three wells. The first is full of crystal clean water; the second has some clean and some muddy water, and the third is filled with dark, smelly water. –Which one would you drink from? Of course, you’d want to drink the cleanest water! That’s the way it is with music. You can choose to drink in God’s music, which is like crystal clean water and good for your spirit. The Devil dirtied the other two wells, which is the world’s music. Sometimes it’s got a bit of good mixed in, so it’s hard to know. But you can always tell by the effect it has on your spirit. So be careful what you listen to. –Just like you’re careful about the water you drink!

3. Singing brings a special blessing to your soul. Not only are you blessed because you are showing your love for Me. You are also blessed because singing causes My Word to dwell in you strongly and richly. You are twice blessed when you sing songs of praise. This is how the Word of God can dwell in you richly. So, sing your praises to Me! Especially sing those songs that are based on the Word.

4. One of the last things I did on Earth after the Last Supper was singing a praise song with My disciples. I knew the terrible test that was awaiting Me and that the salvation of all mankind hung in the balance. So, before we left for the Garden of Gethsemane, we sang a song of praise. That song gave me courage and faith. I knew the events that were coming to pass were My Father’s doing and He would be with Me. So, whenever you are facing a difficult time, sing a song of praise and you, too, can get Heaven’s comfort and courage.

5. Chances are, you don’t connect singing with warfare. But if you think about it, what does the devil hate more than a believer who is singing godly songs? Nothing puts you more on My side and nothing makes you more formidable in the Enemy’s eyes. It’s also hard to hold any kind of sin in your heart when you’re singing and making melody to Me. A singing heart is a heart at war with the evil one. Singing breaks the power of sin.

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. Once there was an old man who sang praise songs to the Lord every evening. One day, two visitors stopped by his cottage and asked if they could lodge with him. He agreed and after the evening meal, he invited them to join in singing praise songs. The two visitors sang so beautifully that the old man stopped singing and listened to them instead. Night after that, it continued: The visitors sang, and the old man listened. One day, the angels stopped by and said, “God sent us to ask what happened. There used to be such beautiful music coming from your cottage. Now we hear nothing.” That made the old man start singing again. He realized God loves it when we sing from the heart; He doesn’t go by how perfect it is.

2. King Jehoshaphat had to battle two powerful kings who had allied against him. Jehoshaphat was very scared, and he called the people together to pray and fast. One of the prophets prophesied: **“You will *not* need *to* fight in this battle...Stand still and see the**

salvation of the LORD!" (2 Chr 20:13-15). Everybody immediately started praising and thanking God. The next morning, King Jehoshaphat put the singers in front of the troops and told them to sing praise songs as they led the way (vv.20-21). When they began to sing, the Lord set ambushers (angels and spirit beings) against the wicked kings and totally defeated them. The people's songs of praise showed they had faith God was going to give them the victory. We, too, should sing praises to God because He has given us the victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ.

3. When he was little, Harry loved to sing, "*Jesus Loves Me This I Know.*" The song made him happy and feel close to Jesus. Over time, though, Harry wandered away from the faith and ended up in dark places. One time, he was feeling very lonely and sad. He was in a bar when he heard some singers. They were singing "*Jesus Loves Me This I Know.*" Suddenly Harry realized why he was so sad. He had forgotten all about Jesus! That evening, Harry prayed and recommitted his life to Jesus. From then on, he was a changed man. Harry always remembers the little song he had learned when he was a child. It brought him back to Jesus, and set him on the right path.

4. Do you remember how Paul and Silas were unjustly imprisoned in Philippi for preaching the Gospel? A mob attacked them and brought them before the magistrates who ordered them to be beaten with metal rods. Afterwards, they threw Paul and Silas in the jail with heavy chains and their feet in stocks. What did Paul and Silas do? Did they cry and feel sorry for themselves? No, they prayed and sang hymns of praise to God and all the prisoners listened to them. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake and all the prison doors swung open! Even though they were in a miserable situation, Paul and Silas sang praises to God. No wonder the prison was shaken open! (Acts 16:22-26).

5. A pastor was jailed for his faith in Christ and spent several horrifying years in prison. Although he remembered the tortures there, he did not focus on them. Instead, he spoke about the times of joy he and his fellow Christian prisoners had found in prison. "We sang every day because Christ was alive in us. When the guards put chains on our hands and feet, they thought they were adding to our grief. But we discovered that chains are great musical instruments! We clanged them together and sang, '*This is the day (clink, clank), this is the day (clink, clank), which the Lord has made (clink, clank), which the Lord has made (clink, clank).*'" (persecutionblog.com)

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of music and song You have given us. When my words are poor and clumsy, there is always a song I can sing to express my love for You! Please remind me to sing and praise You whenever I forget. Thank You that You always give me a song—even in the night seasons and all the day long!

2. May my lips praise You and glorify You! You have done so much for me. I want to praise and honor You with the fruit of my lips, songs of love and praise. Let me never stray away and start singing the world's songs. I want to only sing songs that glorify You. That way, my heart will always be filled with love and praise for You.

3. I love to sing Your praises, dear Jesus! Whenever I sing to You, I feel like I'm being lifted up into the Heavens. All my fears and worries drop away like dead weights and I am free to revel in Your Love. Thank You for this wonderful gift of music and song.

4. Whenever I feel discouraged, You always remind me of a song I can sing. Instantly, my mood lifts and even the darkest day turns bright. I'm not a very good singer but my heart wants to sing all my praises to You and show You my love. I know You're not looking for perfection so I want nothing to hold me back from singing my love and praise to You.

5. I praise You for all the beautiful songs You've given people throughout the ages. These songs tell of courage and faith and they inspire me and fill me with the same. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for always reminding me of songs that I can sing to praise You, and Jesus and Father God.

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don't know.)

1. Music is an intrinsic part of the human spirit; it is a powerful way we can express thoughts and feelings put there by God Himself. —*Sara Alexander*.

2. God delights to have us praise Him,
And believe His Holy Word
And He knows them that trust Him,
For they always sing to the Lord. — *Ida A. Gulrey*

3. “Glory, worship, laud and blessing,”
Thus, the choir triumphant sings,
Glory to the King of angels
Heav'n and Earth His praises sing.
Glory ever and forever,
To the King of Glory bring.
--*Rev. Dr. H. Bonar*

4. The famous composer, Haydn, was asked why his music was so cheerful. He replied, “When I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy, that the notes dance and leap from my pen. Since God has given me a cheerful heart, I serve Him with a cheerful spirit.” --*Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

5. “There where one sings, sit down safely: evil people have no songs” – Martin Luther

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)

1. "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation – Psalm 95:1
2. "The LORD thy God will rejoice over thee with joy; he will joy over thee with singing" — Zephaniah 3:17
3. "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" —PSALM 40:3
4. "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" Psalm 34:1.
5. "Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" –Ephesians 5:18-19.
6. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" –Colossians 3:16
7. "It is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is beautiful" --Psalm 147:1.
8. "Sing unto the LORD a new song; for He hath done marvellous things" – Psalm 98:1.
9. "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness" – Psalm 30:4.
10. "Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day" –Psalm 96:1,2.

Treasures_Topic 36-Declaring God's Good

By CQ

Topic 36: Speaking of, learning of, remembering and declaring God's good works and deeds and miracles; knowing how big our God is

(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) King David was courageous and victorious, and made it through a lot of difficult and humiliating times. What helped aid him? He was always wanting to proclaim and declare the power of God! Telling and retelling others true stories of answers to prayer, miracles, deliverance, protection, and all the neat and amazing things that I, Your Lord, Maker and Keeper, have done, this keeps your faith in Me strong. And those with great faith get great miracles!
2. (Jesus says:) Faith is the first step to getting great things from God. Make it a mission to tell as many others as you can about as many marvellous things as you know about, that I have done for you and others. Build faith, and soon faith will bring down into your lives so many more awesome

events! I am eager to do more and more faith-increasing miracles for you, to show you how much I appreciate your faith in Me to do so!

3. (Jesus says:) How big am I? Well, to tell you the truth, you'll never be able to see just how big and strong I am while you are on Earth. I can show you in simple ways, like in a special answer to prayer—or in big, powerful ways, like protecting you from a dramatic danger in a far-out way. But these, even the biggest display of power, only show a very small peek into all I can do for you. So what do you need? Whatever it is, I am certainly strong and big enough to do it; and very good with details to do the tiny jobs too, that you need detailed help with.

4. (Jesus says:) I love you more than you'll ever know, but some of the ways I show it to you is through my miracle working power, in all kinds of situations. When you go to bed at night, please thank Me for all I did to keep you safe and happy, or even at least just alive yet another day. Did you know it takes quite a bit of angelic helpers to make a "normal day" with little to no dramatic events? Just to keep things calm and pleasant means I have done lots for you to make it so. Thank Me!

5. (Jesus says:) It's a new day—like every day is and will be. What is on my agenda for you today? Let's see. Ah, a list of miraculous events, though most of these you might not even notice. So every now and then I let you see something big happen—like something big requiring protection, just to give you a little glimpse of what I can do, and to let you know that yes, even though I am invisible most of the time, and you can't usually hear Me with your ears, I am still around. Always have been; always will.

(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. A bit of praise is one of the best ways of dispelling a dark mood. I knew a man who lost his speech, because of a traumatic and difficult experience. One Sunday evening he was at a religious service in which the 100th Psalm—a Psalm of Praise—was quoted. Forgetting his loss of speech, he began to praise God for His goodness. His speech had come back! -- Author unknown

2. Dr. Alexander Whyte of Edinburgh was famous for his pulpit prayers. He always found something to thank God for, even in bad times. One stormy morning a member of his congregation thought to himself, "The preacher will have nothing to thank God on a wretched morning like this." But Whyte began his prayer, "We thank Thee, O God, that it is not always like this." -- Author unknown

3. It is a bad sign when a newborn babe has not lungs enough to make itself heard over the whole house. It is equally a bad symptom when the new convert is born dumb & cannot find his voice to praise God audibly. No duty almost is more stressed in both Testaments than this, of rejoicing in the Lord. It is no less a sin not to rejoice than not to repent. -- Author unknown

4. Some grumpy guys were getting irritated and bothered when listening to praises being spoken and sung out, as people heralded Jesus' entry into the city. Jesus said—well, kind of said: "If you don't want to hear the voices of praise, you'll have to hear a rock concert instead!" Oh, dear. I don't think they wanted that. Well, what kind of 'rock' was Jesus talking about? He said the "stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40) if the people and children were silent from praising God. Imagine, God could make sounds burst forth from the rocks, if need be—because it was God's will for

the declarations of praise to be heard then and there, about Jesus. It had been planned by God and was going to happen, whether humans wanted it or not.

God can make His plan happen, in one way or the other. But I think He'd much rather hear our voices of praise and songs of joy in having Jesus as our King and Lord and Saviour—then have to boom it out through rocks. If He had to resort to drastic measures as to have the rocks cry out, well, they might do some shaking at the same time, some quaking, some real rumbling and rending.

How much better for the ground to rumble and rend even, with the sound of rejoicing, as it did, when King Solomon was crowned. (1 Kings 1:39-40) This was like an example of how Jesus Christ was going to be the King of all. Remember, it says in the Bible that King Solomon was crowned twice? So it was and will be with Jesus. He was heralded as spiritual King and Lord, that day He rode into town on a young donkey, and one day He will be proclaimed the King of all the Earth, ruling in righteousness and making peace be on Earth at last, and everyone will see Him!

5. Mrs. Roslind Gofoth was going to declare the workings of the Lord to those in Canada, telling of her family's missionary ministry in China. At this time she feeling very sick, weak, and feverish. Many people really wanted to hear what she had to say, but she needed strength and a strong voice for the meetings. Her very sore throat could only make a whisper be heard. Yet, wonderfully, whenever she stood up to speak to a crowd, all of a sudden she could speak clearly and loudly.

People were able to hear about the Lord and the wonderful things He was doing. Only while she was speaking and telling the message she needed to proclaim did her voice sound normal. As soon as she was finished a speaking meeting, her voice would once again not work properly. It was a special miracle that she could be heard at all when giving her talks, because she was willing to speak out to others about the goodness of the Lord, and praise Him for all He was doing and still wanted to do.

She said: "Oh, how I cried to the Lord for help and courage! For the church was packed [with people]. My throat was (clamped up tight), and I felt weak and ill. But, as Dr. Gordon introduced me, I stepped forward possessed by a feeling of wonderful calm and absolute confidence. It seemed I could just *feel* One like unto the Son of man beside me, and never had I felt so completely and only a channel. For more than an hour I spoke so that everyone heard distinctly; but when I sat down my throat tightened as before. Dr. Gordon told me later that he had a man sit in the most difficult place in which to hear, and that he had heard every word."

(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)

1. Dear Jesus, I'm so thankful for Your great power that has been put into action for those who were in need. It's easy to think about the bad things, because they are most often publicised and talked about. But really, there were a million times more good things that You did. I wish I could sit around for hours and hours and talk with You about them, and listen to others tell Me of Your great goodness and power manifested in people's lives around the world.

2. Dear Jesus, I was just thinking how much I need you. So much went wrong to day, or at least that's what it felt like. But that's just because I lost sight of all the much bigger and better things that You were doing behind the scenes. There's more good and wonderful things happening each day than any of the troubles that we tend to notice most. I want to thank You for all the great things you did for me and for others. I never want You miss out on being thanked. Thank You! I love you.

3. Dear Jesus, One day I'm really looking forward to seeing what really happened, all the things I didn't know about, that You worked out and made happen, and turned into something good. There is more than I'll probably ever know, but I want to know them. And then when I hear Your side of the story, and Your cool miracles, and fantastic events, then I want to tell everyone. I want to make a complete library telling all the neat and far out stories that people never knew about. We'll all really get excited then, and love you all the more.

4. Dear Jesus, I wish I could remember to whisper to you, every day, every time You do something really nice for me. It's not that I don't want to thank You, but it's that I get so used to the way things are, or am so filled with my busy life that I don't notice. I'm sorry. I want to be on the look out to spot the things You do.

5. Dear Jesus, I know You do good things for me all day long. Something things happen far away, in some other country, or even in Heaven, and I don't find out about it until much later, when it's the right time. But still, I could thank You, often, for even those things that are unseen and unknown, just because I know You are working away, daily, sometimes years in advance, to make things the best for us. Thank You!

(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don't know.)

1. O joyful sound! O glorious hour,
When by His own Almighty power
He rose, & left the grave!
Now let our songs His triumph tell,
Who burst the bands of death & hell,
And ever lives to save.

-- Author unknown

2. O'er every foe victorious,
He on His Throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing & all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever;
That Name to us is Love.

--James Montgomery

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer & praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

-- Author unknown

4. It is not the greatness of my trials but the littleness of my faith that causes me to complain.

The thankfulness of the receiver ought to answer to the benefit of the bestower as the echo answers to the voice.

-- Authors unknown

5. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God & King,
The triumphs of His grace!
My gracious Master & my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the Earth abroad,
The honours of Thy name.

-- Author unknown

(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject) (No art for these—but if you have some photos to contribute.

1. ISA.12:5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.
2. PSA.66:16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
3. PSA.118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
4. PSA.145:4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
5. PSA.145:5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
6. PSA.145:7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
7. PSA.145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.
8. PSA.145:11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
9. PSA.64:9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.
10. PSA.64:10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

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PSA.145:13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

PSA.78:7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

