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Spurgeon reminds **"divided aims tend to distractions, weakness, disappointment"**

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But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 1 Corinthians 2:14

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:9-13

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Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:4-6

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Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And
He will hear my voice. **18 He will redeem my soul** in peace from the
battle which is against me, For they are many who strive with me.

Psalms 55:17-18

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Where would “beholding” focus? What would make it continue?

- More
- Sphere of His Word – His Character keeps growing
- Godly character qualities
- If from/with God, there would be order/peace
- To see is to worship changing value
- To see Him in His completeness
- To see attributes in term of gospel is relational
- Where God revealed himself
- The Triune God

- Make sure lift all to holiness – but must be inside relationship
- Not settling for anything but perfection

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The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. 6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, **compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;**

Exodus 34:5–6

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Again, the beauty of the Lord may be seen in the gospel. We see it, as it were, by reflection, in the law; in the gospel, we see it directly. The law shows us the hearts of men, as God would have them to be; the gospel shows us God's own heart. Again, the beauty of the Lord is seen in Christ. It is seen in Christ, for he is the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person; and he that hath seen Christ, hath seen the Father. The beauty of the Lord is seen in Christ, when we consider him as the Father's gift, and when we look to his offices and to his character."

Andrew Gray in Treasury of David

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At its core, life in the big kingdom is not so much about pursuing a thing; it is about pursuing a person. It is about having the eyes of my heart focused on Christ. It is about a soul that is filled with appreciation and brimming with affection. It is walking around astounded that he would place his affection on me and even receive my flawed love. It is living with the hope that someday we will no longer be separated; someday I will be united to him and live with him forever. In the meantime, life in the big kingdom is not just about being thankful for his provision, for fellowship, sound teaching, and worthwhile causes to give my energies to. No, central to big kingdom living is being thankful for him, for his presence, his forgiveness, his patience, his mercy, his gentleness, his wisdom, his compassion, his companionship, his

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kindness, and his love. Big kingdom living is about feeling incredibly blessed, not just because of the physical things, the beneficial circumstances, or the many people that have been placed in my life, but feeling blessed because of him. I cannot believe that he would love me! I cannot believe that the King of kings, the Creator, the Savior, and the Ruler of the universe would ever desire to be my friend. And I live with grateful amazement at the lengths to which he went to have this love relationship with me. It is this one central romance that gives motivation and direction to every other good thing that defines what it means to live for God's kingdom and glory. And when your heart is not captured by this love, no matter how many external Christian pursuits you are giving yourself to, you are still actually living in the little kingdom." Paul Tripp

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Respond to these two quotes in light of beholding the beauty of the Lord/meditating in His temple.

- Whole hearted devotion characterizes those regenerated
- Amazing and available
- Satisfaction we miss when distracted from beholding the Lord
- Worshipful
- Good things that are necessary but don't get to center of relationship
- Must ask God to reveal motives – so that we don't miss simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ

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But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head. 4 I was crying to the LORD with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah. 5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustains me. 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about.

Psalms 3:3-6

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What did God's protection and leadership/stability also include that we wouldn't normally expect with protection and leadership?

- Letting us fall, be defeated
- Pain and discipline for disobedience (bronze serpent)
- Uncertainty and hard work (Ruth)
- Because protects soul, will include much that reveals soul's condition
- Some will die under His protection
- A Growth in faith

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**For these biblical examples to be an encouragement to you,
what must you believe?**

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“Though God does not always deliver his people out of trouble, yet he delivers them from the evil of trouble, the despair of trouble, by supporting the spirit; nay, he delivers by trouble, for he sanctifies the trouble to cure the souls, and by les troubles delivers from greater.”

From a Broad Sheet in the British Museum, dated, “London: printed for D. M., 1678” in Treasury of David

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In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:17-20

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Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22

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Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 40:28–31

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How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalms 1:1-3

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Thus says the LORD, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD. 6 “For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant. 7 **“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD. 8** “For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit. 9 “The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? 10 “I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

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He will not fear evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. Psalm 112:7

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Collect the elements of response and what is included in these elements in verse 6.

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What do you think keeps us from thanksgiving to God that includes more of these emotions/elements?

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What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? 13 I shall lift up the cup of salvation And call upon the name of the LORD. 14 I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh may it be in the presence of all His people. 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His godly ones. 16 O LORD, surely I am Your servant, I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid, You have loosed my bonds. 17 To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD. 18 I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh may it be in the presence of all His people, 19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 116:12-19

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What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? **33** Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; **34** who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. **35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36** Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." **37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.** **38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:31-39**

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“But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Luke 21:28

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Then you will say on that day, “I will give thanks to You, O LORD; For although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, And You comfort me. 2 “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.” 3 Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of salvation. 4 And in that day you will say, “Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; Make them remember that His name is exalted.” 5 Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things; Let this be known throughout the earth. 6 Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12:1-6

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Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

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Psalm 27:1-6 Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, November 9, 2022 Under His Wings 356

Psalm 27 starts with I. **God's Character Highlighted by Personal Testimony of Confidence vv. 1-3** A. **God's Character Highlighted v. 1** ¹ **The LORD is my light and my salvation; The LORD is the defense of my life;** not merely words—statements of reality; Complete confidence **because of God's presence and work in his life;** for example B. **The Surrounding Circumstances Highlighting God's Character v. 2** ² **When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies,** savage cruelty stood against David's claims about God; BUT unexpected result—instead of their victory, **they stumbled and fell.** Therefore, **Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I dread?** as David faces present fears, thinks not merely about past experience of deliverance from God, but **in greatness of God;** C. **Past Experience of God's Protection Stands Guard Over Present Emotion v. 3** ³ **Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall be confident.** Focus? **II. God's Presence the Sphere of Present Focus and Response vv. 4-6** A. **The Place and Work of Worship v. 4** ⁴ **One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: 1. Singleness of focus;** as think about what keeps us from singleness of focus/heart, first step requires eliminating—Spurgeon reminds **"divided aims tend to distractions, weakness, disappointment"** p. 2 eliminating increases focus on what is left; **here, what remains/single-focus?** **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,** Dwell in house of Lord, not just now when in trouble, but for rest of days; physical building? Yes—prominent place; but different images in psalm (v. 4 **house**—dwelling place; v. 4 **temple**—palace, temple v. 5 **tabernacle**—lair, thicket, place of refuge, v. 5, 6 secret place of His **tent, v. 5 on a rock**) **start seeing that these images accompany WHERE HE IS!** **not merely light, but light coming from God Himself is the answer to present darkness EVEN if that present darkness bring irreversible harm or death;** therefore **asked from Lord**—prayer TO GOD! (think of all other places that can/do go/lean/ask); YES, choice of where turn, YES right/wrong, but talking at level of desires; keeps coming--**this desire greater than merely deliverance from external difficulties;** as we've said, only those supernaturally awakened will change at this level **I Cor. 2:14,** Eph. 2:8-9 faith gift of God; **In. 1:9-13;** but this supernatural gift of faith is lived normally—trusting, as a child; Plumer "Yet though they see them supernaturally, they do it not miraculously. They enjoy these things by the Holy Spirit's blessing on the word and ordinances of God." p. 355 dwell w God/at home w Him; **MUST NOT separate God's ways/characteristics from presence of God Himself;** **2. Activity in Line with Desire**—not merely desire, **seek**—"Holy desires must lead to resolute action." "Desires are seeds which must be sown in the good soil of activity for they will yield no harvest." Spurgeon, p. 2; **what would he DO in presence of God?** **To behold the beauty of the LORD** (feast on, clinging, lingering gaze, always more to see—beauty of holiness, enjoyment here, not just stuff/info); ie. All go to tent outside to meet w God, but when Moses went, all would stand at door of their tents **Ex. 33:10-11,** relationship, **Ps. 23:4-6;** always more to see; **And to meditate in His temple.** make inquiry, ponder, examine diligently, **Ps. 55:17-19** ie. battlefield encampments I've seen not very desirable—missing much; but focus even IN the battle? Beholding beauty of LORD, **Where would beholding focus? What would make it continue?** when Moses saw God's glory, what did he see? **Ex. 34:5-6;** character of God—why? **Andrew Gray** in Gospel Contrasts and Parallels—**character of God is attractive, it is fitted to inspire us with love for him, and to make us, as it were, run after him.** goes on to say, "The beauty of the Lord may be seen in the moral law. In the law! Even so. In the unbending law, with its terrible anathema, his beauty and amiableness shine forth. The law is full of love. The duties of the law are duties of love. Love is the fulfilling of the law. The curse of the law is designed and employed for the maintenance of love. Obedience to the law, and the reign of love, are but different aspects of the same state of things. And one of the sublimest lessons of the law is the fact, that God is love. Again, the beauty of the Lord may be seen in the gospel. 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THIS kind of beholding is eternal—will do it there as well!** Should give instruction for both private AND public worship—**Spurgeon, NOT coming to see or be seen or to merely hear the minister—"learning more of the loving Father, more of the glorified Jesus, more of the mysterious Spirit, in order that we may the more lovingly admire, and the more reverently adore our glorious God."** inquire? **includes asking God for understanding more of His will and how to do it; interest in place where God dwells (where does God dwell/not dwell, should make us study heaven, people of God and their part as the house of God;** place? House of Lord; church of Jews was national w one place one tabernacle—now God has every particular church and congregation under His Headship **Richard Sibbes—"So God lays up all the treasures of grace and comfort in the visible church."** Treasury, p. 9 I Pet. 2:5 spiritual house, I Cor. 3 if destroy God's temple, God will destroy you (living Head of Church); Living THIS desire doesn't stop psalmist from praying for deliverance, doesn't eliminate all fears, but does keep him from being destroyed/ overwhelmed because his heart is **"strengthened by keeping a perspective on the Lord."** VanGemeran, p. 244; but what does this seeking/beholding/inquiring/meditating on Lord do for real evil/harm?

B. The Foundation of a God-ward Focus Relieves Fears v. 5

As I look to God, THIS is what I know based on His Character and Work ⁵ **For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.** Talking about

safety if in HIS home—if they SAW you, then would destroy, but you are safe; rock—stability, above the destruction down below—place, but also, God HIMSELF is the rock! Saying whether or not able to get to physical house of God, WILL experience protective power of God ie. **Ps. 3:3-6**; ask God for ears to listen, to think again, **where is light? Life, deliverance? Safety? What does this mean to have them from God?** to include all examples He has given us—yes, in own life (from His perspective, not merely yours—ie. You disobey His ways, yet not struck dead; you have one disease, but kept from another), but include those given us in His Word; ie. Ps. 139 where can I go from Your presence; **could find it in pillar of fire**, cloud for Israelites Ex. 14:19, 24, but we have danger even here of merely measuring God’s care/deliverance by what we can see/value—HIS perspective includes MORE; ie. **what did that protection and leadership/stability also include that we wouldn’t normally expect with protection and leadership?**

Exodus 33:10–11 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent. ¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

Exodus 34:5–6 The LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. ⁶ Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

Psalm 1:1–3 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalm 3:3–6 But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head. ⁴ I was crying to the LORD with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah. ⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustains me. ⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about.

Psalm 23:4–6 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 55:17–19 Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice. ¹⁸ He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle *which is* against me, For they are many *who strive* with me. ¹⁹ God will hear and answer them— Even the one who sits enthroned from of old— Selah. With whom there is no change, And who do not fear God.

Psalm 112:7 He will not fear evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

Psalm 116:12–19 What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? ¹³ I shall lift up the cup of salvation And call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁴ I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh *may it be* in the presence of all His people. ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His godly ones. ¹⁶ O LORD, surely I am Your servant, I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid, You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷ To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁸ I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh *may it be* in the presence of all His people, ¹⁹ In the courts of the LORD’S house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Isaiah 12:1–6 Then you will say on that day, “I will give thanks to You, O LORD; For although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, And You comfort me. ² “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD GOD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.” ³ Therefore you will joyously draw water From the springs of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say, “Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; Make *them* remember that His name is exalted.” ⁵ Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things; Let this be known throughout the earth. ⁶ Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 40:28–31 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary, And to *him who* lacks might He increases power. ³⁰ Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, ³¹ Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

Jeremiah 17:5–10 Thus says the LORD, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ “For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant. ⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD. ⁸ “For he will be like a tree planted by the water, That extends its roots by a stream And will not fear when the heat comes; But its leaves will be green, And it will not be anxious in a year of drought Nor cease to yield fruit. ⁹ “The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? ¹⁰ “I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

Luke 21:28 “But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

John 1:9–13 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 8:31–39 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ³³ Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written, “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.” ³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

Philippians 4:4–9 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. ⁹ The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hebrews 6:17–20 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, ²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 10:19–22 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.