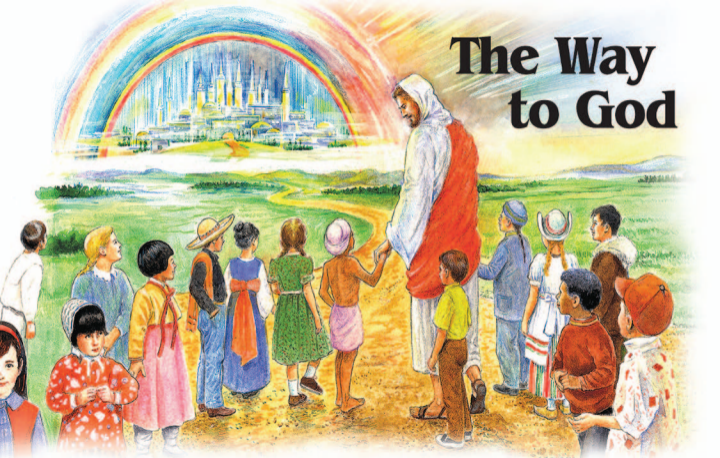


The Way to God





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GOD MADE OUR WORLD AND ALL LIVING THINGS

1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” —Genesis 1:1

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth.” —Colossians 1:16a

“May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth. The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’S; but the earth He has given to the children of men.” —Psalm 115:15, 16

The earth was perfect when God gave it to man. Read this booklet to find out what happened.

GOD MADE US



“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion [rule] . . . over all the earth.’”

—Genesis 1:26a

MAN BECAME A LIVING SOUL

3

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul*.” —Genesis 2:7 KJV

“And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper.’ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.” —Genesis 2:18a, 21, 22

***A living soul means we shall be somewhere forever.**

4

ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYED GOD



We should never listen to the voice of Satan.

**“Then the LORD God took the man and put him in 5
the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD
God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the
garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowl-
edge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day
that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” —Genesis 2:15-17**

**THE SERPENT, ALSO CALLED THE DEVIL OR SATAN,
QUESTIONED GOD’S AUTHORITY AND TOLD A LIE.**

**“And the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not
surely die.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was
good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a
tree desirable to make one wise, she took...and ate.
She also gave to her husband...and he ate.”**

—Genesis 3:4, 6

6 ADAM AND EVE COULD NO LONGER STAY IN THE GARDEN



“The LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. He placed cherubim... and a flaming sword... to guard the way to the tree of life.

—Genesis 3:23b, 24b

IT WAS A SAD DAY FOR THE HUMAN RACE WHEN ADAM AND EVE SINNED 7



“... Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men...”

—Romans 5:12

Something to Remember

Every person is born with the sin nature and will someday die because death came by sin. (Read Romans 5:12 again.)

8 GOD'S PLAN TO RESCUE US FROM SIN WAS TO SEND HIS ONLY SON



“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

—Matthew 1:21

To enter the human race, the Son of God had to come as a human baby.

“For in Him [Christ Jesus] dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

—Colossians 2:9

JESUS IS GOD—IN HUMAN FORM

9

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt [lived] among us.” —John 1:1, 14a

“Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled: ‘Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’ ” —Matthew 1:22a, 23

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” —Isaiah 9:6

JESUS CHRIST— OUR PERFECT SACRIFICE

“... Who *knew* no sin” —2 Corinthians 5:21

“Who *did* no sin .”

—1 Peter 2:22a (KJV)

No sacrifice (offering) man could make was PERFECT enough to take away sin.

“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.”

—Hebrews 10:4



Jesus is the Lamb of God. “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

—John 1:29b

JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE US

11

Jesus was nailed to a wooden cross because cruel people hated Him. But His death was God's plan. Jesus, of His own free will, laid down His life to save you and me from our sins.

Jesus said, **“No one takes it [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.”** —John 10:18a

WE ARE REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF GOD'S LAMB

“... You were not redeemed [bought back] with corruptible things, like silver or gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

—1 Peter 1:18, 19

NO OTHER SACRIFICES CAN TAKE AWAY SIN

“We have been sanctified [made holy] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” —Hebrews 10:10b

12 “Having now been justified [counted righteous] by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.” —Romans 5:9b

“Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

—Luke 23:42b



This thief believed on Jesus and was saved.

“I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

—Luke 23:43b



This thief did not believe on Jesus, so he was not saved.

“While we were still sinners [disobedient to God], Christ died for us.” —Romans 5:8b

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN GOD'S SON 13
HAVE LIFE

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

—John 3:16

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated [transferred] us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption* through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” **—Colossians 1:13, 14**

***Redemption means we have been bought back.**



“But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.’ ”

—Matthew 28:5, 6

JESUS CAME UP FROM THE DEAD 15

“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades [hell] and of Death.” —Revelation 1:18

“Because I live, you will live also.” —John 14:19b

Because Christ has conquered death and has the keys to death, we no longer need to fear death.

“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.” —Psalm 56:3
(See page 46 for the promises of God.)

JESUS CAN SAVE YOU AND IS PRAYING FOR YOU

“But He, because He continues forever, He is also able to save to the uttermost [completely] those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession [pleading] for them.” —Hebrews 7:24a, 25b

16 YOU AND I CAN HAVE ETERNAL LIFE



Which road are YOU taking?

Jesus Christ is the WAY to eternal LIFE with God.

The devil (Satan) is the way to eternal DEATH.

This boy makes the right choice to eternal life.

WHICH CHOICE WILL YOU MAKE? 17

“... Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve” —Joshua 24:15

“Therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.” —Deuteronomy 30:19b

JESUS IS THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” —Acts 4:12

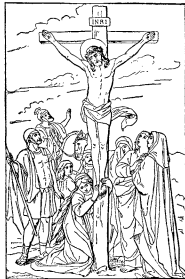
“I, even I, am the LORD, and besides Me there is no savior.” —Isaiah 43:11

18 WHY MUST WE CHOOSE JESUS IF WE WANT ETERNAL LIFE?

1. *It is Christ who came.*

“...I have come that they may have life ...”

—John 10:10



2. *It is Christ who loved us and died for us.*

“The Son of God ... loved me and gave Himself for me.”

—Galatians 2:20b

Jesus became a man, flesh and blood like we are, **“that through death**

He might destroy him who had the power of death, 19 that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

—Hebrews 2:14b, 15

3. Only the blood of Jesus is the remedy for our sins.

“It is the blood that makes atonement [pardon] for the soul.”

—Leviticus 17:11b

“The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

—1 John 1:7b

“In whom we have redemption [salvation] through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

—Colossians 1:14



4. *It is Christ who rose from the dead.*

“Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion [rule] over Him.”

—Romans 6:9

“And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

—2 Corinthians 5:15

Jesus said, **“Because I live, you will live also.”**

—John 14:19b

5. *We must have the Spirit of Christ in us* **21**
to be raised to life eternal (to live forever).

“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

—Colossians 1:27b

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal [physical] bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

—Romans 8:11

MAKE SURE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST LIVES IN YOU

“If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His [does not belong to Christ].” —Romans 8:9b



“And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.”

—Mark 10:16

“Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

“But Jesus called them to Him and said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.’”

—Luke 18:16

“Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish [be destroyed or lost forever].”

—Matthew 18:14

No matter who you are or where you live, Jesus loves you and died for you. Jesus wants *your* love, too. You can show your love for Jesus by obeying Him.

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

—John 14:15

“Even a child is known by his deeds.”

—Proverbs 20:11a

24 HOW TO FIND YOUR WAY TO GOD

1. *Admit you are a sinner (see page 7).*

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” —Romans 3:23

2. *Come to God through Jesus Christ.*

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.” —1 Timothy 2:5

“Therefore He [Jesus] is also able to save . . . those who come to God through Him.” —Hebrews 7:25a

Jesus said, **“The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast [throw] out.”** —John 6:37b

3. Repent of your sins.

(To repent means to be “sorry enough to quit sinning.”)

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.”

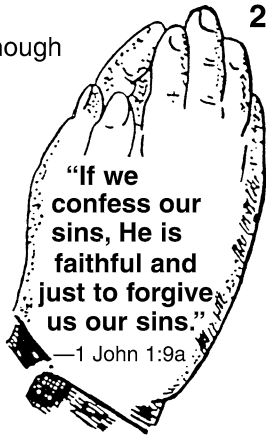
—Acts 3:19a

“The Lord is . . . longsuffering [patient] toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

—2 Peter 3:9

4. Confess your sins to Jesus.

(To confess means to “tell or admit.”)



26 On the lines below write or print the verse 1 John 1:9a found on the praying hands on page 25.

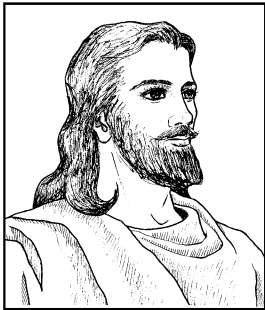
5. *Forsake your sins.*

(To forsake means to “give up, leave alone.”)

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and *forsakes* them will have mercy.”

—Proverbs 28:13

“Depart from evil, and do good.” —Psalm 37:27a



6. *Believe on Jesus Christ.*

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

—Romans 10:9b

“For by grace you have been saved through faith . . . ; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest anyone should boast.” —Ephesians 2:8, 9

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” —Acts 16:31b

28 7. *Receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life.*

Only *you* can open the door of your heart and invite Jesus to come in. Jesus said,

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” —Revelation 3:20



“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.” —John 1:12

If you have never prayed before and you need help to pray, you may follow the prayer below as a guide:



Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank You for dying on the cross to take away my sins. I am sorry for all the wrong things I have done. I ask You to please come into my heart and live in my heart forever. I am trusting You right now to make my heart clean. I take You to be my very own Savior and Lord.

In Your name I pray, Amen.

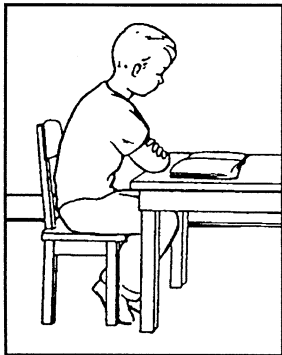
30 WITH JESUS IN YOUR HEART, YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life.” —1 John 5:11b, 12a

“He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me . . . has passed from death into life.” —John 5:24b

When your body dies, you are present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). **“Christ in you, the hope of glory”** (Colossians 1:27b).

If you have asked Jesus to forgive your sins, and you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, write your name below:



Read verses from the Bible (the Word of God) every day and hide them in your heart by memorizing special verses which help you. (Many are in this little book.)

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [what you believe], for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

—2 Timothy 3:16

32 TALK TO JESUS IN PRAYER ANY TIME

Thank Jesus for all the good things in life. **Praise Him** for things He has done for you and for saving your soul. **Pray for any need you have.** Pray in Jesus' name.

“If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” —1 John 5:14b

“Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.”—John 16:23b

“... Pray for one another...”

—James 5:16

“Pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.”

—Matthew 5:44b



A PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES

33

(A disciple is a person who follows Jesus.)

Jesus told His disciples to pray in this way:

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed [Holy] be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

—Matthew 6:9b-13 (KJV)

This prayer should be memorized. Believers often pray this prayer out loud together.

34 GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS TEACH US HOW TO LIVE

(Exodus, chapter 20)

The First Four Are About Our Love for God

- 1. “You shall have no other gods before Me.”**
- 2. “You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything . . . ; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.”**
- 3. “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.”**
- 4. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”**

The Last Six Are About Our Love for Man

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS (CONTINUED) 35

- 5. “Honor your father and your mother.”**
- 6. “You shall not murder.”**
- 7. “You shall not commit adultery”** (Adultery is sexual unfaithfulness of a husband or wife.)
- 8. “You shall not steal.”**
- 9. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”**
- 10. “You shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor’s.”**

OBEDIENCE TO GOD BRINGS ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS

“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”

—1 John 3:22

36 THE TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

Love for God

1. “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.”

—Matthew 22:37, 38

Love for Man

2. “And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

—Matthew 22:39

All the Ten Commandments (pages 34 and 35) are included in the Two Greatest Commandments.



The Great “Love Chapter”

(1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13)

¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³And though I bestow [give] all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴Love suffers [endures] long and is kind; love does not envy; love does

38 not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶does not rejoice in iniquity [wrong], but rejoices in the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

GOD IS LOVE

“God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”

—1 John 4:16b

JESUS WANTS YOU TO WITNESS TO OTHERS

39



(at home, at school, at church, anywhere)

Jesus said, **“Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”**

—Mark 5:19b

40 HOW TO KNOW A TRUE CHILD OF GOD

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” —John 13:35

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [patience], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” —Galatians 5:22, 23a

A TRUE CHILD OF GOD FORGIVES OTHERS

“For if you forgive men their trespasses [wrongs], your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” —Matthew 6:14

7 THINGS GOD HATES

“A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.” —Proverbs 6:17-19

Fruit of the Spirit



Works of the Flesh

WORKS OF THE FLESH: 41

“... Adultery, fornication [sex between unmarried persons], ... idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, ... wrath, strife, ... envyings, murders, drunkenness, ... and such like: ... they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

—Galatians 5:19-21 (KJV)

“... Nor homosexuals, ... nor thieves, nor covetous.”

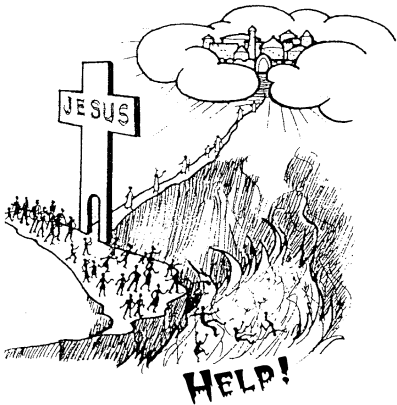
—1 Corinthians 6:9, 10a

LET JESUS FILL YOU WITH HIS SPIRIT AND MAKE YOU CLEAN

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified [made holy] ... in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

—1 Corinthians 6:11

HELL IS A REAL PLACE



(Read Luke 16:19-26.)

Make sure you are trusting in Jesus Christ. He will put your name in His Book of Life.

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

—Revelation 20:15

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.” —1 John 5:11b

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” —Romans 6:23

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” —John 3:36

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”
—John 14:6



In John's vision in Revelation 21 he saw a new heaven and a new earth.

“ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ ” —Revelation 21:4, 5a

John also saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. **“The city was pure gold, like clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones.”**

—Revelation 21:18b, 19a

JESUS HAS GONE TO PREPARE 45 **A HOME FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIM**

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” —John 14:1-3

TELL THIS GOOD NEWS TO OTHERS

Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” —Mark 16:15b

“He who wins souls is wise.” —Proverbs 11:30b

46 PROMISES OF GOD TO HIS CHILDREN

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” —Hebrews 13:5b

“For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.” —Psalm 91:11

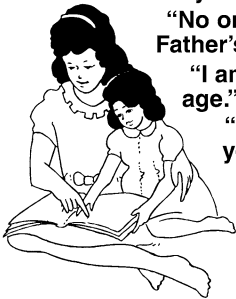
“No one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.” —John 10:29b

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” —Matthew 28:20b

“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. . . . Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” —Revelation 2:10

“When I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me.” —Micah 7:8b

“Call to Me, and I will answer you.” —Jeremiah 33:3a



Everybody will be raised from the dead.

“The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

—John 5:28b, 29 (KJV)

The dead in Christ shall rise first.

“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

—1 Thessalonians 4:17

“Watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.”

—Mark 13:33b



HOW WILL JESUS COME?



“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him.” —Revelation 1:7a

Beware of false christs and false prophets.

“If anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. If they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.” —Matthew 24:23b, 26b

JESUS WILL COME QUICKLY IN CLOUDS OF HEAVEN

“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. All the tribes of the earth will . . . see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

—Matthew 24:27, 30b

THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM

(Psalm 23)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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