

# 1. Stewards of God's Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.**

For he founded it upon the  
seas and established it upon  
the waters.

**He set the earth on its  
foundations; it can never  
be moved.**

And God saw that it  
was good.

**O Lord my God, you  
are very great;  
you are clothed with  
splendor and majesty.**

God said, "Let there be light,"  
and there was light.

**He wraps himself in light as  
with a garment; He stretches  
out the heavens like a tent.**

And God saw  
that it was good.

**He makes the clouds  
his chariot and rides  
on the wings of the  
wind.**

God said, "Let the water under the sky  
be gathered in one place,  
and let dry ground appear."

**He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for man to cultivate —  
bringing forth food from the earth.**

And God saw that  
it was good.

**The trees of the Lord are  
well watered.**

**There the birds make  
their nests.**



God said, "Let the water  
teem with living creatures,  
and let birds fly above the  
earth.

**Let the land produce living  
creatures according to  
their kinds."**

**How many are your works,  
O Lord! In wisdom you  
made them all; the earth  
is full of your creatures.**

**God said, "Let us make man  
in our image, in our likeness.**

**"And let them rule  
over all the earth."**

And God saw that  
it was good.

**May the glory of the  
Lord endure forever;  
May the Lord rejoice  
in his works.**

**Praise the Lord, O my  
soul.**

## 2. Genesis 12:1-3

The LORD had said to  
Abram,

**"Leave your country, your  
people and your father's  
household and go to the  
land I will show you.**

"I will make you into  
a great nation  
and I will bless you;  
**I will make your name  
great,  
and you will be a blessing.**



I will bless those who bless  
you,  
and whoever curses you, I  
will curse;  
**and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through  
you.**

Gen. 15:6

Abram believed the LORD,  
**and He credited it to him as  
righteousness.**

# 3. Ten Commandments

**And God spoke all these  
words:**

**"I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of  
Egypt, out of the land of  
slavery.**

**"You shall have no other gods  
before me.**

**"You shall not make for yourself  
an idol in the form of anything  
in heaven above or on the  
earth beneath or in the waters  
below.**

**You shall not bow down to them  
or worship them;**

**for I, the LORD your God, am a  
jealous God, punishing the  
children for the sin of the  
fathers to the third and fourth  
generation of those who hate  
me, but showing love to a  
thousand generations of those  
who love me and keep my**

**"You shall not misuse the  
name of the LORD your God,**

**for the LORD will not hold  
anyone guiltless who  
misuses his name.**

**"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.**



**On it you shall not do any  
work,**

**neither you, nor your son or  
daughter, nor your  
manservant or maidservant,  
nor your animals, nor the  
alien within your gates.**

**For in six days the LORD made  
the heavens and the earth, the  
sea, and all that is in them,  
but He rested on the seventh  
day. Therefore the LORD  
blessed the Sabbath day and  
made it holy.**

**"Honor your father and your  
mother,**

**so that you may live long in  
the land the LORD your God  
is giving you.**

**"You shall not murder.**

**"You shall not commit adultery.**

**"You shall not steal.**

**"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**"You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."**

# 4. Joshua 24:14-24

"Now fear the LORD and  
serve him with all  
faithfulness.

**Throw away the gods your  
forefathers worshiped  
beyond the River and in  
Egypt, and serve the LORD.**

But if serving the LORD seems  
undesirable to you, then choose  
for yourselves this day whom  
you will serve,  
**whether the gods your  
forefathers served beyond the  
River, or the gods of the  
Amorites, in whose land you  
are living.**



**LORD."**

**Then the people answered,  
"Far be it from us to  
forsake the LORD to serve  
other gods! It was the  
LORD our God himself who  
brought us and our fathers  
up out of Egypt, from that  
land of slavery, and**

But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

**Then the people answered,  
"Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!**

He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.

**And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."**

Joshua said to the people,  
"You are not able to serve the  
LORD. He is a holy God; he is a  
jealous God. He will not forgive  
your rebellion and your sins.  
**If you forsake the LORD and  
serve foreign gods, he will  
turn and bring disaster on  
you and make an end of you,  
after he has been good to  
you "**

**But the people said to  
Joshua, "No! We will serve  
the LORD."**

**Then Joshua said, "You are  
witnesses against yourselves  
that you have chosen to  
serve the LORD."**

**"Yes, we are witnesses,"  
they replied.**

**"Now then," said Joshua,  
"throw away the foreign gods  
that are among you and yield  
your hearts to the LORD, the  
God of Israel."**

**And the people said to  
Joshua, "We will serve the  
LORD our God and obey  
him."**

5. Kings 8:23-30; 41-43



"O LORD, God of Israel,  
there is no God like you in  
heaven above or on earth  
below—

**you who keep your  
covenant of love with your  
servants who continue  
wholeheartedly in your  
way.**

You have kept your promise  
to your servant David my  
father;  
**with your mouth you have  
promised and with your  
hand you have fulfilled it—  
as it is today.**

"Now LORD, God of Israel,  
keep for your servant David my  
father the promises you made to  
him when you said:

**'You shall never fail to have a  
man to sit before me on the  
throne of Israel, if only your  
sons are careful in all they do  
to walk before me as you  
have done.'**

And now, O God of Israel, let  
your word that you promised  
your servant David my father  
come true.

**"But will God really dwell on  
earth? The heavens, even the  
highest heaven, cannot  
contain you. How much less  
this temple I have built!**

Yet give attention to your  
servant's prayer and his plea for  
mercy, O LORD my God.

**Hear the cry and the prayer  
that your servant is praying in  
your presence this day.**

**May your eyes be open  
toward this temple night and  
day, this place of which you  
said,  
'My Name shall be there,' so  
that you will hear the prayer  
your servant prays toward  
this place.**

Hear the supplication  
of your servant and of your  
people Israel when  
they pray toward this place.

**Hear from heaven, your  
dwelling place, and when  
you hear, forgive.**

"As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name—  
**for men will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—**



when he comes and prays toward this temple, then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, **so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.**

6. 1 Kings 19:9-12

There he went into a cave  
and spent the night.

**And the word of the LORD  
came to him: "What are  
you doing here, Elijah?"**

He replied, "I have been very  
zealous for the LORD God  
Almighty.

**The Israelites have rejected your  
covenant, broken down your  
altars, and put your prophets to  
death with the sword.**

**“I am the only one left,  
and now they are trying to kill  
me too.”**

The LORD said,

**"Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."**

Then a great and powerful  
wind tore the mountains apart  
and shattered the rocks  
before the LORD,  
**but the LORD was not in  
the wind.**

After the wind there was an  
earthquake,  
**but the LORD was not in  
the earthquake.**



After the earthquake  
came a fire,  
**but the LORD was  
not in the fire.**

**And after the fire  
came a gentle  
whisper.**

Hosea 11:1-4

"When Israel was a child, I  
loved him,  
**and out of Egypt I called  
my son.**

But the more I called Israel,  
the further they went from  
me.

**They sacrificed to the  
Baals  
and they burned incense  
to images.**

It was I who taught Ephraim  
to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
**but they did not realize**  
**it was I who healed them.**

I led them with cords of  
human kindness,  
with ties of love;  
**I lifted the yoke  
from their neck  
and bent down to feed  
them.**

Micah 7:7; 18-20



But as for me, I watch in  
hope for the LORD,  
**I wait for God my Savior;**  
**my God will hear me.**

Who is a God like you,  
who pardons sin and  
forgives the transgression  
of the remnant of his  
inheritance?

**You do not stay  
angry forever  
but delight to show mercy.**

You will again have  
compassion on us; you will  
tread our sins underfoot

**and hurl all our iniquities  
into the depths of the sea.**

You will be true to Jacob,  
and show mercy  
to Abraham,  
**as you pledged  
on oath to our fathers  
in days long ago.**

# 7. Messiah Brings the Kingdom

The people walking in  
darkness have seen a great  
light;

**On those living in the land  
of the shadow of death a  
light has dawned.**

For to us a child is  
born,

**To us a son is given,**

The government will  
be on his shoulders.

**And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,**



Everlasting Father,  
**Prince of Peace.**

Of the increase of his  
government and peace there  
will be no end.

**He will reign on David's  
throne and over his  
kingdom,**

Establishing and upholding it  
with justice and  
righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

**The zeal of the Lord  
Almighty will accomplish  
this.**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

# 8. Repentance

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing  
love;

**According to your great  
compassion  
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

**Cleanse me with hyssop,**

**and I will be clean;**

**Wash me, and I will be  
whiter than snow.**

Create in me a pure heart, O  
God,

**And renew a steadfast  
spirit within me.**

Do not cast me from your  
presence

**Or take your Holy Spirit  
from me.**



Restore to me the joy of your  
salvation

**And grant me a willing  
spirit, to sustain me.**

The sacrifices of God are a  
broken Spirit;

**A broken and contrite  
heart, O God,  
you will not despise.**

Repent and be baptized in  
the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your  
sins.

**And you will receive the  
gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Repent! Turn away from all  
your offense. Get a new heart  
and a new spirit.

**The promise is for you and  
your children.**

# 9. Mothers

A wife of noble character-  
who can find?

**She is worth far more than  
rubies.**

Her husband has full  
confidence in her and lack  
nothing of value.

**She brings him good, not  
harm,  
all the days of her life.**

She selects wool and flax  
**And works with eager  
hands.**



She is like the merchant  
ships,

**Brining her food from afar.**

She gets up while it is still  
dark;

**She provides food for her  
family.**

She opens her arms to the  
poor

**And extends her hands to  
the needy.**

She is clothed with strength  
and dignity;

**She can laugh at the days  
to come.**

She speaks with wisdom,  
**And faithful instruction is  
on her tongue.**

She watches over the affairs  
of her household  
**And does not eat the bread  
of idleness.**

Her children arise and call  
her blessed;

**Her husband also, and he  
praises her.**

Charm is deceptive, and  
beauty is fleeting;

**But a woman who fears the  
Lord is to be praised.**



# 10. The Magi's Visit

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem  
in Judea, during the time of  
King Herod,  
Magi from the east came to  
Jerusalem and asked,  
**"Where is the one who has been  
born King of the Jews?  
We saw his star in the east and  
have come to worship him."**

When King Herod heard this  
he was disturbed,  
**and all Jerusalem with him.**

When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

**"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:**

But you, Bethlehem, in the  
land of Judah,  
are by no means least among  
the rulers of Judah;  
**for out of you will come a  
ruler  
who will be the shepherd of  
my people Israel.**

Then Herod called the Magi  
secretly and found out from  
them the exact time the star  
had appeared.

**He sent them to Bethlehem  
and said:**

"Go and make a careful  
search for the child.

**As soon as you find him,  
report to me,  
so that I too may go and  
worship him."**

After they heard the king,  
they went on their way,  
**and the star they had seen  
in the east went ahead of  
them until it stopped over  
the place where the child  
was.**



On coming to the house,  
they saw the child with his  
mother Mary, and they bowed  
down and worshiped him.

**Then they opened their  
treasures and presented him  
with gifts of gold and of  
incense and of myrrh.**

My eyes have seen your  
salvation,  
which you have prepared in the  
sight of all people,

**A light for revelation to the  
Gentiles and for glory to your  
people Israel.**

*Matthew 2:1-9, 11; Luke 2:30-32*

# 11. How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

How lovely is your dwelling  
place, O Lord Almighty!

**My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the Lord;**

My heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

**Blessed are those who  
dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

**They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.**

Better is one day in your  
courts than a thousand  
elsewhere.

**O Lord Almighty,  
blessed is the man who  
trusts in you.**

*Psalm 84:1-2, 4-5, 7, 10a, 12*

# 12. Christ's Ascension



After Jesus' suffering, he showed himself to the disciples and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

**He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:**

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

**For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."**

So when they met together,  
they asked him,  
**"Lord, are you at this time  
going to restore the  
kingdom to Israel?"**

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

After he said this, he was  
taken up before their very  
eyes,  
**and a cloud hid him  
from their sight.**

They were looking intently up  
into the sky as he was going,  
**when suddenly two men  
dressed in white stood beside  
them.**

"Men of Galilee," they said,  
"why do you stand here looking  
into the sky?"

**This same Jesus, who has  
been taken from you into  
heaven, will come back in the  
same way you have seen him  
go into heaven."**

Remember Jesus' words:

**"Surely I am with you  
always, to the very end of  
the age."**

*Acts 1:3-11. Matthew 28:20b*



# 13. Justification By Faith

Since we have been justified  
through faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus  
Christ,

**Through whom we have  
gained access by faith  
into this grace in which we  
now stand.**

And we rejoice in the hope of  
the glory of God.

**We also rejoice in our  
sufferings,  
because we know that  
suffering produces  
perseverance,**

And perseverance produces  
character,

**And character produces  
hope.**

Hope does not disappoint us,  
because God has poured out  
his love into our hearts by the

Holy Spirit,  
whom he has given us.

**At just the right time,  
when we were still  
powerless,  
Christ died for the ungodly.**

Very rarely will anyone die for  
a righteous man,  
**Though for a good man  
someone might possibly  
dare to die.**

But God demonstrates his  
own love for us in this:

**While we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

We rejoice in God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Through him we have now  
received reconciliation.**

*Romans 5:1-8, 11*



# 14. Faith

Faith is being sure of  
what we hope for

**And certain of what  
we do not see.**

This is what the ancients  
were commended for.

**By faith we understand that  
the universe was formed at  
God's command,  
so that what is seen was  
not made out of what was  
visible.**

Without faith it is impossible  
to please God,

**Because anyone who  
comes to Him must believe  
that He exists and that He  
rewards those who  
earnestly seek Him.**

By faith Abraham,  
when called to go to a place he  
would later receive as his  
inheritance, obeyed and went,  
even though he did not know  
where he was going.

**By faith he made his home in  
the promised land like a  
stranger in a foreign country.**

By faith Abraham,  
even though he was past  
age,  
was enabled to become a  
father

**because he considered him  
faithful who had made the  
promise.**

**By faith Abraham, when  
God tested him,  
offered Isaac as a  
sacrifice.**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles,

**And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**



Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
**The author and prefecter of  
our faith.**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6, 8-9a, 11,  
17a; 12:1-2a

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