

## **You are the Salt of the Earth**

Heavenly Father, thank you very much for this time to get together, to gather to fellowship, to be encouraged by all the things you are going to teach us. We know that you've given us the body to comfort us, so we can endure and overcome all things and be salt and light in this present wicked generation. So we ask you to increase all of our faith, give us the ability to believe that you are going to give us this good and exceeding land so that we can rule and reign with you at the appointed time. We ask all these things in Christ' name. Amen.

So welcome everybody. We are in Mobile, Alabama. What is this...November 2017, here at Bettie's house, our wonderful host, as always. It's always nice being here, enjoying the company of the saints and all the good food and fellowship. This is a particularly meaningful gathering for me, because I didn't think I was going to be here. I've just had a lot of health trials and problems and just didn't see a way and the Lord was merciful to provide some relief. I showed up with no notes; didn't think I was going to do a study and then Mike asked me in the car and I said well I'm kinda' been working on something. I got up this morning and ended up having more than I can do during this hour. So the Lord is consistently providing ways where we don't see ways. So it's very timely and fitting and puts me in the right mindset to go through these verses as I've lived it and seen it in you guys as well...all these amazing stories of standing up against the red sea and having to feed the five thousand. The Lord is just working miracles over and over and over, and that's what builds our faith.

So the verses we are going to start with is talking about we are the salt of the earth and we are the light of the world and we're going to see how important it is...the faith that we have, and as we covered last time, that we have overwhelming victory. And the reason we have to have it is because that is our witness, and if we don't overcome all things, if we don't grow together as a

fellowship, we're not going to be salt and light. The Lord is going to have an elect; that is his plan, he will do that. If we want to be in that first blessed resurrection, then he is going to give us an intense zeal and desire above all things to, first and foremost, believe that he is going to do this, and that he has chosen us now. He's begun a good work and he has promised that he will finish it. Those who will endure to the end, they have that mine-set, to look at the promise land and not be intimidated by all the giants that you see. So....

**Mat 5:13 (NKJV)** "You are the **salt of the earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

**Mat 5:14 (NKJV)** "You (the body of Christ) are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

**Mat 5:15 (NKJV)** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.

**Mat 5:16 (NKJV)** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Overwhelming victory, being more that conquers, results in good works that can be seen. And the first place that it can be seen is in our speech, what we say. If we can bridle the tongue, we are able to bridle the whole body, as it tells us in James.

**Col 4:5 (NKJV)** Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time.

Why? Because we are salt and light; that's our job; we have to do that.

**Col 4:6 (NKJV)** Let your speech always **be with grace, seasoned with salt**, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

We've been talking about this in our house in Dallas a lot. When you cook and you season food, how much salt do you use? Just a little bit, right? If you use a disproportionate amount of salt for the recipe, it ruins it, it taste horrible; makes you want to spit it out. If you don't use any salt, then it's bland and lacks flavor and it's just not that enjoyable. So the narrow way is coming to understand that as we grow in grace and in faith, we're very salty people. We're the stench of death to those who walk in the flesh and we have to recognize that. It's going to help us become more balanced and becoming all things to all men. If we're too salty, if we're too harsh, and don't speak with love and gentleness and patience to our brother, our good works profit nothing...our knowledge is worthless. But if we have no salt, we're worthless as well; we're not going to season and flavor anything. So the only way we can be salt and light is to be on the perfectly narrow way.

**Mat 12:33 (NKJV)** "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. (This is Christ talking to the pharisees, rebuking them.)

**Mat 12:34 (NKJV)** Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

**Mat 12:35 (NKJV)** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evilthings.

**Mat 12:36 (NKJV)** But I say to you that for **every idle (G692) word men may speak**, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

**Mat 12:37 (NKJV)** For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Why are the words so important? Because it is a direct view into what is in the heart. If you want to tame the tongue, you can't. The heart has to be changed. As the heart is changed, then the

tongue follows, and then from the tongue follows all the good works in bridling the body. So this is why Christ said clean the inside of the cup, and the outside will be clean as well. As we go through this study, we're going to find out that the biggest problem with the heart is that we don't believe. We don't have the faith that God is going to do this work. We have a big problem with fear and with doubt, which is the opposite of faith. We're going to see how many times fear and doubt is a tremendous topic in the scriptures; it outweighs most other topics in what scriptures discuss.

### **G692- Idle**

- Original: ἀργός

- Transliteration: **Argos**

- Phonetic: **ar-gos'**

- Definition:

**1.** free from labour, at leisure

**2.** (The negative context) lazy, shunning the labour which one ought to perform (There's something we know we should do, it's right in front of us and we're not doing it. That's the definition of being idle.)

**2Pe 1:8 (NKJV)** (Here we're going to see another translation of this word) *For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor **unfruitful (G692)** (the same word as idle) in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

So the Lord first gives us this knowledge this understanding with no ability to do anything we know, and it's torment. Paul talks about this; in his mind he serves the law of God, but in his body he's in slavery to the flesh. So if we want to neither be unfruitful nor be barren in the good works, which produces the appropriate amount of salt in our lives, the appropriate amount of light, properly distributed, words fitly spoken, now we're starting to

accomplish the purpose for which God is calling us out of the world.

**Tit 1:12 (NKJV)** One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, **lazy** gluttons."

Another use of the same word idle...unfruitful, lazy, not doing labor. And that is our default nature in the flesh as to avoid that which ought to be done. And the Lord has to burn that out or we will not be salty.

So it's interesting how in 1Timothy 5, Christ uses the example of younger widows and the symbol of marriage to talk about how we overcome this idle spirit that robs us of our salt and our light.

**1Ti 5:11 (NKJV)** But refuse *the* younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,

Everyone's going to marry; you're either going to marry in the flesh and serve the things of the flesh, or you're going to marry Christ in the spirit and serve the things of the spirit. You can be either a physically married person or a physically single person. That's irrelevant. What matters is, who are you married to in the spirit? Where is your first priority? So these younger widows desire to marry....

**1Ti 5:12 (NKJV)** having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. (They are losing their saltiness)

**1Ti 5:13 (NKJV)** And besides they learn *to be* **idle (G692)**, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

I'm sort of becoming very aware of this; I work in the financial business where there's a lot of regulatory scrutiny, so I've had to realize every single word I say matters. I can get audited on it if I

write it down, if I say it to a client. That stuff comes back to you. And that is a symbol of what it's like in the spirit. Every single word we speak, we should count the cost. Be slow to speak; is this going to be edifying; is this glorifying? Why am I saying this? That is what will bridle the tongue, slow us down, think more, count the cost. I've been the guiltiest; I'm the chief of sinners in this one, get excited and there goes the tongue, just running, and you wake up half way through it and go, "What did I just say?" You got to go back and try to clean it all up, right? And so through painful experience, I'm slowly learning to catch that spirit when it comes on and go, "Wait a minute, what am I going to say, how is it going to be received, is it edifying, is it not, am I just reacting out of emotion?" And it's really hard. I can tell you, until you start trying to do it; it's really hard. It's an insurmountable beast. I've been doing a lot of begging the Lord, you've have got to change this or we are going to lose our ministry; we are going to lose our standing and our heritage will be taken.

**1Ti 5:14 (NKJV)** Therefore I desire that *the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.*

I've been around some younger women now, and I've kind of seen the pattern. When you've got energy and you've got time, you're going to spend it somewhere, right? And normally you're going to get in trouble with it. So Paul's desire is that the younger women go marry, submit to your husband, have children, raise them. There's so occupied serving others, serving the husband, taking care of the house that they are running out of time to go do these other things that they were doing before. And also, little kids, like little mirrors, you say something, they are going to become like that, and you start to go "oh my goodness, look at what I'm creating." You know the sins of the parents are passing to, teaching them the wrong way. That process is really important in the physical; how much more so in the spiritual?

**1Ti 5:15 (NKJV)** For some have already turned aside after Satan. (being idle; being busybodies)

So how do we live this out in the spirit? Paul is going to show us how marriage is really about being married to Christ.

**2Co 11:2 (NKJV)** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For **I have betrothed you to one husband**, that I may present *you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

What is he talking about? Believing the gospel; being in the faith; keeping the commandments. And Paul, as a good husband, is jealous. This is the positive side of jealousy. When you have a spouse, and they are out running around, philandering, doing things they shouldn't, you are righteously angry and jealous and it is good that you go to them and say this is evil what you are doing, come back to the house, be with your husband, be with your family. Paul is saying the exact same thing to the Corinthians. Just as the way we are going to be salt, we are going to be jealous over one another; not having dominion over another's faith, but in a righteous balanced way, saying, "Where are you going, where have you been, what are you doing, I miss you, you need to be here, you need to be with the saints." And that's good and a righteous man, a godly man or woman, will appreciate that. And they will say, "Wow, I'm glad; I know I need to be here, but my flesh is pulling me out, help me be steady in the camp of the saints." The old man is going to..."Who are you asking me, leave me alone, what's your problem, don't tell me what to do." That spirit doesn't love correction and when we have that spirit, and we all will in our time, the Lord will take us out and he will let us roll with the pigs, slop with the hogs, and we will eventually realize that we've squandered our inheritance, we've despised our counselors, we stoned the prophets and we're going to say, "I just need to get back to my father's house." And that process is what creates the little child spirit that Christ says

you can't inherit the kingdom without that. Then when we come back...a whole different experience...quick to listen, slow to speak, easily entreated. That's what we desire in people and that's who God will bring into the faith.

Here's 2Pe 1:3, and this is going to walk us through the process that God uses to cause us to be fruitful and be salt and be light, after being barren for so long. We're all the barren woman for our appointed season.

**2Pe 1:3 (NKJV)** as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

What he is really saying here is God is going to do all the things necessary to cause his elect to be salt and light and he's encouraging the people he's writing to to trust in that and believe he is going to give us what we need. Because it's going to be overwhelmingly sorrowful when he opens to our eyes to the things we've been doing, whatever is lacking, and we're going to say, "Lord, I really need some help." "Don't worry; it's all here."

**2Pe 1:4 (NKJV)** by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

In our own life first, and then in dealing with the world that we're trapped in.

**2Pe 1:5 (NKJV)** But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your **faith** virtue, to virtue knowledge,

**2Pe 1:6 (NKJV)** to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,



**2Pe 1:7 (NKJV)** to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

But notice the first thing he list is faith. That's the foundation of all of this.

**2Pe 1:8 (NKJV)** For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

But we need all of them, and if we don't progress to the next one...if we stop and take our hand off the plow, then the process will stop, and the little leaven will leaven the whole lump and he will take it all. And what should be striking fear in our all of hearts in a Godly sense is, that no matter how far you make it, you can turn back. Doesn't matter if you get to the last five minutes before the second resurrection, you turn back and we turn back, right? And that fear should keep us motivated to press forward.

**2Pe 1:9 (NKJV)** For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

We forget how much we were delivered from and the bondage we were in and we say, "I'd rather go back to Egypt, this walking through the desert stuff is too hard, this fighting giants is too hard." But we're so short sighted because we don't see how horrible it is going to be when we reap the fruits of not doing these things. His commandments are not burdensome. Why does he say that? Because we thing they are in our flesh.

**2Pe 1:10 (NKJV)** Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

**2Pe 1:11 (NKJV)** for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

You feel the encouragement he is giving? Abundant provision; he is going to do all things in Christ for you. Whatever you see you can't overcome and has dominated you your whole life, God is going to abundantly supply wherever is necessary to rid that from the land.

**2Pe 1:12 (NKJV)** For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

I'm not saying anything new; we all know this. We just need more faith, more encouragement, more diligence for what lies ahead. In the body, all of us have our own function to not be negligence in stirring one another up to love and good works.

**2Pe 1:13 (NKJV)** Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*,

**2Pe 1:14 (NKJV)** knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

**2Pe 1:15 (NKJV)** Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

So how is Peter going to do that? How is he going to continue on the work after he is no longer physically here? He had children in the spirit, right? He is entrusting these things to reliable men and women who are also able to teach others. So we have to have that mindset of kicks and dominion over my own land, so I can be a good witness for Christ, so I can raise up the next generation, so I can raise good righteous children who can carry this on. If I can't set the example and if I have logs in my eye, I'm going to raise a corrupt generation that's going to suffer from the things

that I did and I don't want that; none of us what that. So there's the motivation. The more you can see how that one little act, either carries forth and bears this huge tree full of good fruit, or it just brings on rottenness and destruction. When we can see that, like a vision in your mind, it puts so much weight on every word we speak. But we're just weak and we're carnal sometimes and we lose sight of that and our tongue goes scattering seed everywhere and we're not attentive to what's that going to grow into? It's going to grow into something...every idle word is going to grow, not one of them is going to be forgotten.

**Heb 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a **rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him.**

So it is the father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom, but before he gives us the kingdom he gives us the faith to believe he is going to give us the kingdom. That's a really hard thing to believe when you're standing there staring at the giants and seeing the red sea and all these enemies that have dominated us for months and years and decades. You go, "Lord, how can this be done?" But he gives us the ability to believe the impossible. We also have to believe that he is a rewarder. We naturally think that God is an unreasonably harsh and uncaring father; that's just default nature. You're just like, "You're just mean and you pick on me and you don't give me good gifts, you just make me suffer for no reason." That whole mindset and spirit has got to be completely rid, so that everything that happens, we can say, "This is exactly what I needed in this time to make it to the next step of being in that first resurrection, of sewing that good seed that's carried forth for generations." It's not pleasant when your father is disciplining you, but the more we have the faith that he is a rewarder and he will give us the desire of our heart to be good faithful servants, to reap the fruits of the spirit, that's what produces that encouragement that allows us to sustain through all these overwhelming trials that he sends upon us.

**Mat 7:7 (NKJV)** "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

**Mat 7:8 (NKJV)** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

**Mat 7:9 (NKJV)** Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

**Mat 7:10 (NKJV)** Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

**Mat 7:11 (NKJV)** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!**

So again, why did the Lord have to tell us this? Because, we don't naturally think this way. We ask for things righteously..."Lord I want wisdom to know how to handle this situation with my family, with my business", but we don't get the answer right away. And because we don't get the answer right away, here comes the assault of doubt. Is he going to give me to overcome? Am I going to just ruin this and fail this time? Is my flesh going to run me over? Are you never going to give me the answer, and I'm made a fool before all my friends and family. You know, it's a horrible difficult trial, but as he increases our faith, the more impossible it looks the more encouraged we become. The Lord loves doing miracles. He loves overcoming the impossible. He loves setting up that bottom of the ninth, behind by twenty, right? He's going to make some new rule, hit some grand slam that's never happened before to...he loves to do those things and we need to have the expectation that he is going to cause us to overcome. Where Babylon falls off the other side of the road; they think it's instant and they think it is always a reward in the flesh. "If only I get everything I want, right when I want it, if I'm not getting it, I don't have enough faith." But our faith is that God is going to put us through a process. It is going to hurt, and it's going to take a long time and it's going to be painful, but it will be successful. And that's how we can have joy and faith in trials, but not have these unreasonable expectations that everything is going to be perfectly easy tomorrow, where all

our problems are just going to go away. That's not the expectation.

**Jas 1:5 (NKJV)** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

It's a promise and God doesn't break his promises. Is God a liar? No! We are the ones who are unfaithful and doubt what he's going to do and get impatient that he's taking longer than we want him to. "Come on Dad; hurry up, I want it now! Don't you know I'm in pain here?" He says, "Yes son, I created it and I know it's there."

**Jas 1:6 (NKJV)** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

**Jas 1:7 (NKJV)** For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

**Jas 1:8 (NKJV)** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

So why does God answer us according to the idols of the heart when we ask for something perfectly well and good, but then we doubt he's going to do it for us? If he answered us right away, we are never going to learn anything. We're going to stay exactly how we are. So he says, "I'm going to leave you in this trial, I'm going to cause this suffering", and he's just going to wait. He's going to let it have its work. That patience, that endurance, that grinding, slowly gets us to say, "You know what Father, you know best. I'm going to ask and you are going to give me an answer and whatever it is is going to be the right one." You all know I had a horrible pain week, a week and a half ago, the worse four days I've had since I can remember, to the point where I was like calling the doctor saying, "Can you make

my surgery like tomorrow? I'm done; I'm so at my wits end." And everyone prayed and we asked and the Lord was like no. But he relieved it and I feel good enough to survive and be here. I'm still in a lot of pain...you know, I was laying on the floor before the study, and the study was...Sandi was unmuting people, because I got about an hour standing time before I'm miserable again. But that's what the Lord wants, right? And that's good, otherwise I'd be a puffed up maniac wondering around thinking I'm doing something. Now I'm so weak, I'm like there's no way! There's absolutely no way.

So this is a parable Christ told in Luke 7. It's going to drive this point home about how important faith is for healing.

**Luk 7:1 (NKJV)** Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

**Luk 7:2 (NKJV)** And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

**Luk 7:3 (NKJV)** So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

**Luk 7:4 (NKJV)** And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving,

**Luk 7:5 (NKJV)** "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

**Luk 7:6 (NKJV)** Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

**Luk 7:7 (NKJV)** Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

**Luk 7:8 (NKJV)** For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes;

and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

**Luk 7:9 (NKJV)** When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "**I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!**"

**Luk 7:10 (NKJV)** And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

Why was Christ so pleased with this? Because this man was walking by faith and not by sight. He knew that Christ had the power. He had absolutely no doubt that Christ says the word and this guy is healed. We should have that kind of faith where we know when we speak the words of God that they have power. We don't have to have dominion over people's faith. We don't have to try to rule over them and pester them and harass them and use many words and go around seeking to search out everyone's life. Just speak the words of God, confront the things when the Lord makes manifest what's in the counsels of the heart and believe that when Christ goes, he doesn't even have to go there, when the Word is spoken he's healed. So I've come to learn that in the course of my many words is a lack of faith. If I believed that the Word had power, why do I have to help God out? Right? He doesn't need my help. Read them the verses. Tell them your story then shut up. And watch. And he is going to do things. Paul planted, Apollos watered. There's a time to water, give encouragement, sprinkle a few verses on them, then leave them alone and watch it. Ayo showed me a verse in the Old Testament that helped me so much. There's a man who rules over another to his own hurt. We can be so zealous to help each other that we go too far. We provoke each other to wrath, wear each other out and it's like look just a little salt. We're very salty people in our own way. Everyone's got a gift, something you're really good at that someone else is not. Some have faith, some can teach, some are...you can go through the whole list of the things. So just be aware, you may not realize how salty you are in your own way. So pay very close attention to how people

respond to you when you're giving your salt. If you sense they don't want to hear it and they're rejecting it, you know, back off. Some of you know I can be really salty, abrupt, chill, and it helps. You have a good desire to help, you go swinging your sword around and it's just not productive. It's a hard lesson to learn but when you see the pile of ears starting to get up to your knees you go..."I don't think this is working so good. I'm not accomplishing what my desire is. Let's do this different."

So in Numbers you've got a fantastic parable. When I do studies I try to follow the biblical pattern of taking from your treasures new and old. So there should always be Old Testament witnesses to the things that are being revealed in the New. Here in Numbers we have a great story of seeing into the promise land and being overwhelmed with fear and then being overwhelmed with faith, that it can be overcome.

Spies sent into the promise land:

**Num 13:27 (NKJV)** Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit. (This is the report from the spies.)

**Num 13:28 (NKJV)** Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.

**Num 13:29 (NKJV)** The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

So all these stories are written for our admonition and they are about the kingdom of God within us. So we go to look at our land, we count the cost of what's in our life and we go, "There are giants everywhere! I'm just covered up in them!"



**Num 13:30 (NKJV)** Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

You just know everyone just looks over at him and go, "What is this guy saying? Does he not see the giants that you just spied out?"

**Num 13:31 (NKJV)** But the men who had gone up with him said, "**We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.**"

**Num 13:32 (NKJV)** And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature.

**Num 13:33 (NKJV)** There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

That is exactly how we feel when we see the things that God is showing us that we have to deal with.

So here is the New Testament witness, Paul is expressing this exact same thing.

**Rom 7:22 (NKJV)** For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

We see the promise land, we know what's there, it a good and exceeding land.

**Rom 7:23 (NKJV)** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

There's the giants; they are running him over.

**Rom 7:24 (NKJV)** **O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

Who can make war with the beast? Paul goes on to say, "Thank God through Jesus Christ, who is going to accomplish this."

**Num 14:1 (NKJV)** So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

So that is what the evil report did. It choked out the faith that Caleb and Joshua was preaching and it overwhelmed them with fear of these people, and ignored the promises that God had given.

**Num 14:2 (NKJV)** And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "**If only we had died in the land of Egypt!** Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

**Num 14:3 (NKJV)** Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

**Num 14:4 (NKJV)** So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

**Num 14:5 (NKJV)** Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

**Num 14:6 (NKJV)** But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

**Num 14:7 (NKJV)** and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land.

**Num 14:8 (NKJV)** **If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'**

When does the Lord delight in us? When we demonstrate the faith of that centurion. The Lord said that's our land; that's our land.

**Heb 11:6 (NKJV)** **But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a **rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him.**

He led you out of Egypt, he got you thru the wilderness, he did all these miracles, you crossed the red sea, and now he's not going to finish the work? What kind of a god is this? You just lack the faith.

What is the reward? Babylon and the churches of the world, and even the world itself have this name-it-claim-it kind of doctrine. If you set your mind on it, if you want it bad enough you can have just have anything. The world calls it the law of attraction. That's the exact same thing as what Babylon preaches. They are right in a sense, God is going to give us the desires of our heart. What they don't understand is what is the reward? Because when we know what the reward is and we know how we're given it, it all lines up and it all makes sense.

**Joh 18:36 (NKJV)** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight,

so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

So what was Christ saying? He's saying, "Guys we're not here to preserve my physical body; I'm going to die, I'm going to be beaten, I'm going to be crucified. I'm not here to try to just preserve my life for many more years. I'm here to accomplish a specific purpose of the kingdom coming within those I'm preaching to, in due time. This is the process I have to go through." But we all in our natural carnal mind want to just preserve the flesh, preserve our life, get all the things that all the gentiles are seeking for. The world is seeking all that stuff. And how are we any salt and light if we're worried about and chasing after the exact same things as every single person around us and worrying about everything just like they do, and being hasty for it, just like they do? I'm learning this very personally, because I'm seeing the impact of my haste and my worry on those around me and I've really come to hate it. I'm like this is evil; this has got to go. Let's kill everything that breathes, right? No mercy on those evil spirits.

**Mat 6:19 (NKJV)** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

**Mat 6:20 (NKJV)** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

He is not condemning having physical possessions. We need houses and cars and food and clothing, and the Lord knows we need those things. We're benefiting greatly right now from an abundance of food and a beautiful house and a good host and internet to computers. The Lord is not condemning that; he's not giving or vowing us to a life of abject poverty. What he's saying is, "Where's your treasure? What do you love? What do you wake up in the morning asking the Lord for and go to night thanking him for?"

**Mat 6:21 (NKJV)** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Mat 6:22 (NKJV)** "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

**Mat 6:23 (NKJV)** But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

What do we value? What do we seek after? If we can't see past the flesh, if our eyes are regarding life and people of the flesh and we never see to the value of the spirit, we're full of darkness because we're pursuing the wrong things.

**Mat 6:24 (NKJV)** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Money! But money is a symbol for loving the things of the world. Because, following Christ requires that we deny ourselves. We're going to be hated of all men. It's going to cost us money at times, we have to gladly accept the plundering of our possessions. We have to submit to the governing authorities who are, at times going to be blessings to us and at times they are going to persecute us, and they are going to take things from us, that are unrighteous and wrong. The very things that would give us the riches of the world - lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, the pride of life - we're required to deny all that. So which one do we love? And truth be told, we're going to be very double minded for a good season. We say we love God, but then temptation comes and we go back to the world and we're torn back and forth until that lukewarmness makes us so sick, so tired of it, the Lord spews us out of his mouth, he judges us for it, and then that zeal that's produced will give us to finally cast off these things.

So here in Romans, Paul is teaching the same thing. He's trying to get the focus off the flesh and onto the spirit.

**Rom 14:14 (NKJV)** I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that *there is* nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

**Rom 14:15 (NKJV)** Yet if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

**Rom 14:16 (NKJV)** Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;

**Rom 14:17 (NKJV) for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

Our job is not to teach the world how to eat healthy, to teach the world not to take pharmaceuticals, to teach the world how to be respected in this world. That's not our job. Our job is to get people focused on the kingdom. So whatever you have faith to do, do it. There's great profit in bodily exercise and food; if you don't do it you're going to suffer, right? So we have to be lightly salted. Give people the knowledge, give them a little encouragement and let them to do what they want. And what's expedient for one person may not be expedient for another. So let's not go around judging each another because of what physical things that you choose to partake of. Like Paul says, "All things are lawful"; there's a lot of freedom in Christ. Don't abuse your freedom, or try to force your restrictions or freedoms on other people. Focus on things of the spirit. When there's the ability to meet needs of the flesh, do it. Then let the Lord work in people how they do. Don't rule over others to your own hurt, it doesn't help. The strong should not despise the weak and the weak shouldn't judge the strong.

**1Jn 2:15 (NKJV)** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**1Jn 2:16 (NKJV)** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

So when we're focused on someone's spiritual progress, their faith, their overcoming, their joy in the spirit, it's less significant, some of the physical things they choose to do. Let them have their faith before God and that will help us mellow out and be more accepting and patient with one another. Get the focus on the right things.

**1Jn 2:17 (NKJV)** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

So why is this so important, what our focus is? Because if it is in the wrong place it's going to choke out the word and we're going to have no fruit.

**Mar 4:18 (NKJV)** Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word,

**Mar 4:19 (NKJV)** and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

We're all going to experience this in a different way, whether it's health, whether it's business, whether it's family, people pleasing, whatever. We're going to be as salted with those temptations. And if our desire is to be satisfied through those things, then all the things we're learning and teaching in this body of Christ are going to be fruitless, they're just going to be choked. And that's really scary...to come this far and go back? That's terrifying, because...I learned this from a study that Mike did...the more you know the greater the giving an account and the greater the

stripes. We know a lot, we've been given a lot so to turn back from this now it would be horrendous. I don't even want to think about what that would be like. That is good motivation to overcome whatever giant is before you because that's way better than going back here and suffering that judgement.

**Num 14:9 (NKJV)** Only do not rebel against the LORD, **nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread**; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us. Do not fear them."

He said a few really important things in that little verse. "Do not rebel against the Lord." What often times causes you to rebel? Fear! You doubt and you fear; you go make treaties with pagan nations to give you protection. They're going to backstab you and wrecking the temple of God anyway. "For they are our bread." These things we see before us that are so difficult to overcome are the very things that give us the salt and the light. That's where we get the material for these studies, right? Where does it come from? Overcoming giants in the land and every person's testimony you have is from overcoming giants in the land. That was your bread. So when you see a trial in front of you don't be fearful, don't be terrified, say, "That is food for me, that is going to be a witness, that is going to be a study, that is going to be an encouragement for somebody else." And as that starts to shift in our mind you'll be amazed at this joy that comes up when you're headed into that trial because you're going to leave that trial with a bag full of treasure.

**Mat 10:25 (NKJV)** It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household!

**Mat 10:26 (NKJV)** Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.



**Mat 10:27 (NKJV) "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.**

**Mat 10:28 (NKJV) And do not fear** those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Mat 10:29 (NKJV)** Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

**Mat 10:30 (NKJV)** But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

**Mat 10:31 (NKJV) Do not fear therefore;** you are of more value than many sparrows.

Notice how he repeated, "Do not fear, do not fear". Why do we have to hear that? Because we doubt that we are valuable, we doubt that God is caring for us as much as he really does, because the things that he does are really difficult and they're painful and it's hard to interpret that as love, but as you get through it and look behind, you start seeing the overwhelming victory and you're like, "Wow, that's what he's doing, okay."

\*\* The phrases "do not fear" and "do not be afraid" appear in 99 verses in the NKJV translation. That's a lot of times to be told the same thing. Because we're so easily made fearful, our faith is so easily disturbed.

The most common emotion I have experienced in my entire life is, I would say, it's fear. I'm just a fearful person in general; my dominant train of thought running through my head is fear. The first study I ever did was on fear because it was so paralyzing I was like, "I'm never going to do anything in life if I can't deal with this fear."

This concept of fear is very prevalent in scripture. The word fear appears 385 times, while the word joy appears only 155 times.

You've got to deal with fear before you're ever going to get to any joy because fear just robs you of it. This life is very difficult, and often frightening, it's one harrowing trial to the next. Hopefully, I've got a study here on fear I reference, that will shed some light on how to resist those thoughts that come into our mind. I haven't stopped having fearful thoughts, I'm just learning how to say "I'm not going to act on that, I'm going to wait, I'm going to put that out and go march thru the fear and not freak out every time it comes."

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**Num 14:10 (NKJV)** And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. (Joshua and Caleb who said, "We're going to go take the land." What did they want to do? Stone them!) Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.

**Num 14:11 (NKJV)** Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?

"I did the ten plagues of Egypt, I made Pharaoh let you go, your sandals didn't wear out in the wilderness, I brought manna and quail from heaven; what else do you guys want?"

**Num 14:12 (NKJV)** I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

We all go through this process. Why does the Lord talk to us like that? Why does Christ say, "Oh ye of little faith?" Because that's the only way we learn. He has to make us marred, subject to vanity, manifest how foolish we are and then say, "Don't do that, this is the way to do it". He's causing it all. So when we're dealing with each other don't be surprised when we manifest the

lack of faith. It's going to happen but deal with it appropriately...don't hold a grudge, don't despise them; don't despise the weak, go give them a firm encouragement and admonition. Have faith, don't be discouraged; it's a good and exceeding land. Because who's causing it? The Lord is causing it. If you think the person's doing it, you're going to despise them. If you see the Lord's doing it, you're going to follow the steps to help them overcome. It's a big difference in mindset, and you can feel it in somebody when they're teaching you, are they despising me or are they helping to lift me out of this pit and come into the kingdom? There's a tremendous difference. Because without that love and that understanding it's not going to profit.

**Mat 11:20 (NKJV)** Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, **because they did not repent:**

The Lord can give us gift and gift of overcomeing, but if we don't repent and see the things that need to be overcome, he's going to say this...

**Mat 11:21 (NKJV)** "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

It's the same thing as Paul saying, "For the time you ought to be teachers, but I have need of teaching you again the first oracles." This time comes where the Lord does amazing things in our life and we still doubt him. And the confession for us to make is "Lord help me in my unbelief. I lack faith and I know it, I need more." So how do you get faith? Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Yes it's a gift but it's also something that's developed thru diligence and labor. If you fellowship with the saints, and speak these encouraging things, if you read and

listen to studies, it will build your faith. If you don't do those things, your faith will die. It's a very delicate full plant growing; it needs a lot of attention. You can't despise and neglect it. And repentance proceeds faith. You can't skip that step.

**Heb 6:1 (NKJV)** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of (1)**repentance** from dead works and of (2)**faith** toward God,

Because the faith is going to make you overcome, but if you can't acknowledge...if we can't acknowledge the sin we have there's nothing to overcome. It means you're going to go suffer some more until you really, really, really hate it, and that's why it says if you confess your faults you'll be healed. Because that confession is the repentance that now we've said "yes God, I'm sick, come heal this." Those who don't think they're sick don't need a doctor. But in our pride we want to skip that step..."Lord I want to have faith, but I don't want to acknowledge all the bad stuff I've been doing; let's just not talk about that." It doesn't work that way. We'll be giving an account, every idle word. He wants us to go through it because he wants us to completely understand exactly what we are doing and why so that we can teach others. If you can't teach something in detail, you don't understand it. The only way to teach it in detail is to live it. That's why Paul says he dares not to speak of anything that wasn't worked in him. I've been through this over and over, there's studies I write where I sit on for a year, because I know I can't do that yet. You wait and you wait and all of the sudden it comes and you're like, "Ah, now I get it; now I can go give this witness."

**2Ki 2:19 (NKJV)** Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water *is* bad, and the ground barren."

**2Ki 2:20 (NKJV)** And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought *it* to him.

**2Ki 2:21 (NKJV)** Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.' "

So what is it that heals the waters of mankind, the sea of flesh? It's that salt, that little bit of salt, and that is what we need. It's so important, because the salt is the seed of faith. The little mustard seed is small, it starts small, but it grows; it produces a great tree that many get shade under and provides great fruit for them. And this is witnessed also in Revelation 21.

**Rev 21:1 (NKJV)** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away (the old man is going, the new man is coming in). Also there was no more sea (the flesh, the carnal mind and all that stuff).

**Rev 21:2 (NKJV)** Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Rev 21:3 (NKJV)** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.

**Rev 21:4 (NKJV)** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

**Rev 21:5 (NKJV)** Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

**Rev 21:6 (NKJV)** And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

**Rev 21:7 (NKJV)** He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

**Rev 21:8 (NKJV)** But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Ayo wrote a great paper called Partakers of the Second Death. We're going to go through all those things. It's in our flesh...cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, not being faithful to our husband Christ, wasting our time on the world. We've got all these things in us. We overcome to a degree, but every single one of us, Christ is going to come to us and say, "this and this you've done well, but I still have this against you." And if we don't overcome that next thing he has against us, we won't be in the first resurrection, right? It's a continual overcoming, and that's why Paul said, "Not that I've attained", but he's pressing forward to the prize. So in all of this it is a mindset starting from the heart...humility, learning to be teachable, knowing we have more to do, believing God is going to do the work and that we have to do it together, can't do this in isolation. When all those things come together, that's amazing the things we can conquer together.

So that is the end of the positive side of salt. We're going to cover more next time the negative things of salt, and as we don't do all these things we read about, how we will be given over to salt, trampled under foot, turned into a pillar of salt like Lot's wife and that is the only way that we'll overcome is to live by every word and go through that process. Knowing that, there is a tremendous temptation to get stuck in lasciviousness where God is doing it this is where he's got me, right? Well you're right but the next step is, you need the faith that he's going to overcome this. Paul's thorn in the flesh was not sin. Sin has to be overcome. We can't use any scriptures or twist anything to try to justify where we are. Our attitude should be, yes I acknowledge that and I'm diligently laboring with all the faith and power God has given me and I'm asking for more to go to the next step. And with that mindset, that is how we move forward. And when

that's lacking we'll reap what we sew and the Lord will burn it out. He's really good at it. He knows just how to do it.

That is the end of You are Salt of the Earth, Part 1.

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Appendix:

## **NKJV Search Results**

### **51 Verses Found, 51 Matches "Do not Fear"**

**Gen 26:24** And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I *am* the God of your father Abraham; **do not fear**, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

**Gen 35:17** Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "**Do not fear**; you will have this son also."

**Gen 46:3** So He said, "I *am* God, the God of your father; **do not fear** to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.

**Exo 20:20** And Moses said to the people, "**Do not fear**; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

**Num 14:9** Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us. **Do not fear** them."

**Num 21:34** Then the LORD said to Moses, "**Do not fear** him, for I have delivered him into your hand, with all his people and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon."

**Deu 1:21** Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; **do not fear** or be discouraged.'

**Deu 3:2** And the LORD said to me, '**Do not fear** him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.'

**Deu 31:6** Be strong and of good courage, **do not fear** nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

**Deu 31:8** And the LORD, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; **do not fear** nor be dismayed."

**Jos 10:8** And the LORD said to Joshua, "**Do not fear** them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you."

**Jdg 4:18** And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; **do not fear**." And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket.

**Jdg 6:10** Also I said to you, "I *am* the LORD your God; **do not fear** the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But you have not obeyed My voice.' "

**Jdg 6:23** Then the LORD said to him, "Peace *be* with you; **do not fear**, you shall not die."

**Rth 3:11** And now, my daughter, **do not fear**. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you *are* a virtuous woman.

**1Sa 4:20** And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "**Do not fear**, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer, nor did she regard *it*.



**1Sa 12:20** Then Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.

**1Sa 22:23** Stay with me; do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life, but with me you *shall be* safe."

**1Sa 23:17** And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Even my father Saul knows that."

**2Sa 9:7** So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

**1Ki 17:13** And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son.

**2Ki 6:16** So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them."

**2Ki 17:34** To this day they continue practicing the former rituals; they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances, or the law and commandment which the LORD had commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel,

**1Ch 22:13** Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the LORD charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.

**1Ch 28:20** And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—*will be* with you.

He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

**2Ch 20:17** You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' **Do not fear** or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with you."

**Psa 55:19** God will hear, and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old. Selah. Because they do not change, Therefore they **do not fear** God.

**Psa 64:4** That they may shoot in secret at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him and **do not fear**.

**Isa 7:4** and say to him: 'Take heed, and be quiet; **do not fear** or be fainthearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah.

**Isa 35:4** Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, **do not fear**! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you."

**Isa 44:8** **Do not fear**, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared *it*? You *are* My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed *there is* no other Rock; I know not *one*.' "

**Isa 51:7** "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, You people in whose heart *is* My law: **Do not fear** the reproach of men, Nor be afraid of their insults.

**Isa 54:4** "**Do not fear**, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.

**Isa 57:11** "And of whom have you been afraid, or feared, That you have lied And not remembered Me, Nor taken *it* to your heart? Is it not because I have held My peace from of old That you **do not fear** Me?

**Jer 30:10** 'Therefore **do not fear**, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make *him* afraid.'

**Jer 46:27** "But **do not fear**, O My servant Jacob, And do not be dismayed, O Israel! For behold, I will save you from afar, And your offspring from the land of their captivity; Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease; No one shall make *him* afraid.

**Jer 46:28** **Do not fear**, O Jacob My servant," says the LORD, "For I *am* with you; For I will make a complete end of all the nations To which I have driven you, But I will not make a complete end of you. I will rightly correct you, For I will not leave you wholly unpunished."

**Lam 3:57** You drew near on the day I called on You, And said, "**Do not fear!**"

**Dan 10:12** Then he said to me, "**Do not fear**, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

**Zep 3:16** In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "**Do not fear**; Zion, let not your hands be weak.

**Hag 2:5** '*According to* the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; **do not fear!**'

**Zec 8:13** And it shall come to pass *That* just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of

Israel, So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.'

**Zec 8:15** So again in these days I am determined to do good To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear.

**Mal 3:5** And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien—Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts.

**Mat 10:26** Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

**Mat 10:28** And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Mat 10:31** Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**Luk 12:7** But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**Luk 12:32** "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**Luk 18:4** And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

**Rev 2:10** Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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### **48 Verses Found, 50 Matches "Do not be Afraid"**

[Gen 15:1](#) After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

[Gen 43:23](#) But he said, "Peace *be* with you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; I had your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them.

[Gen 50:19](#) Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God?

[Gen 50:21](#) Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

[Exo 14:13](#) And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

[Deu 20:1](#) "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots *and* people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God *is* with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.

[Deu 20:3](#) And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them;

**[Jos 1:9](#)** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

**[Jos 8:1](#)** Now the LORD said to Joshua: "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

**[Jos 10:25](#)** Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight."

**[Jos 11:6](#)** But the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire."

**[1Sa 28:13](#)** And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What did you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth."

**[2Sa 13:28](#)** Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, "Watch now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and valiant."

**[2Ki 1:15](#)** And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.

**[2Ki 19:6](#)** And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

**[2Ki 25:24](#)** And Gedaliah took an oath before them and their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the

servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you."

**2Ch 20:15** And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.

**2Ch 32:7** "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that *is* with him; for *there are* more with us than with him.

**Neh 4:14** And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

**Psa 49:16** Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased;

**Pro 3:25** Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;

**Isa 10:24** Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt.

**Isa 37:6** And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

**Jer 1:8** Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

**Jer 10:5** They *are* upright, like a palm tree, And they cannot speak; They must be carried, Because they



cannot go *by themselves*. Do not be afraid of them, For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do any good."

**Jer 40:9** And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, took an oath before them and their men, saying, "Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

**Jer 42:11** Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him,' says the LORD, 'for I *am* with you, to save you and deliver you from his hand.

**Eze 2:6** "And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *are* with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.

**Eze 3:9** Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house."

**Joe 2:22** Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

**Mat 1:20** But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

**Mat 14:27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

**Mat 17:7** But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

**Mat 28:5** But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

**Mat 28:10** Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

**Mar 5:36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

**Mar 6:50** for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

**Luk 1:13** But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

**Luk 1:30** Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

**Luk 2:10** Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

**Luk 5:10** and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

**Luk 8:50** But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

**Luk 12:4** "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

**Joh 6:20** But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

**Act 18:9** Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;

**Act 27:24** saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

**1Pe 3:14** But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. "AND DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR THREATS, NOR BE TROUBLED."

**Rev 1:17** And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

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