1 Corinthians 1:31
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1 Corinthians 1:31 (ESV) so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

“Save me” joke.

Malachi 2:1 (ESV) “And now, O priests, this command is for you.
Malachi 2:2 (ESV) If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart.
Malachi 2:3 (ESV) Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it.
Malachi 2:4 (ESV) So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 42:6 (ESV) “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,
Isaiah 42:7 (ESV) to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
Isaiah 42:8 (ESV) I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Jeremiah 17:5 (ESV) Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.
Jeremiah 17:6 (ESV) He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.
Jeremiah 17:7 (ESV) “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
The example of Ahaz trusting in flesh and not the Lord.


The King of Syria and the King of Israel come to Jerusalem to make war in Jerusalem which is in Judah.

(2Ki 16:5 NKJV) Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to make war; and they besieged Ahaz but could not overcome him.

Israel and Judah fought because the kingdom was split after Rehoboam succeeded Solomon as King. Rehoboam dealt harshly with the people so many rebelled and follow Jeroboam.

(1Ki 12:11 ESV) And now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

The result was a split of the united kingdom of the 12 tribes of Israel into 2 kingdoms - the 10 tribes of "Israel" under King Jeroboam with their capital up in Samaria and the tribes of Judah and Benjamin forming the kingdom of "Judah" under King Rehoboam at Jerusalem.

Ahaz was quite distressed by the attacks of Syria and Israel, so Isaiah is sent by the Lord to deliver this message and prophesy to Ahaz.

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 7:5 NKJV) Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying,
( Isa 7:6 NKJV) "Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel"—
( Isa 7:7 NKJV) thus says the Lord GOD: "It shall not stand, Nor shall it come to pass.

( Isa 7:14 NKJV) Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
( Isa 7:15 NKJV) Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.
(Isa 7:16 NKJV) For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

Ahaz did not trust the Lord and wait for his deliverance, instead he acts out of fear and without any faith. He goes to the King of Assyria to ask for help, but Isaiah told him that Assyria will be his destruction.

(ISA 7:17 NKJV) The LORD will bring the king of Assyria upon you and your people and your father's house—days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah."

Ephraim is another way to refer to the Northern Kingdom of Israel, so the verse above is saying the attack from the King of Assyria will be as bad as the split between Israel (Ephraim) and Judah.

This is all telling us that when we trust in anything other than God our old man will eventually be destroyed, even though our idol worship may temporarily provide some relief from other problems.

Here is what Ahaz did.

2Ki 16:7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me from the hand of the king of Syria and from the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me."
2Ki 16:8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house, and sent it as a present to the king of Assyria.
2Ki 16:9 So the king of Assyria heeded him; for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it, carried its people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin.

So Ahaz took silver and gold from the house of the LORD to try and buy the king of Assyria's support. 2 Kings 16:9 makes it sound like the plan worked out quite well, but additional information from 2 Chronicles reveals the truth of the matter.

2Ch 28:20 Also Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came to him and distressed him, and did not assist him.
2Ch 28:21 For Ahaz took part of the treasures from the house of the LORD, from the house of the king, and from the leaders, and he gave it to the king of Assyria; but he did not help him.
2Ch 28:22 Now in the time of his distress King Ahaz became increasingly unfaithful to the LORD. This is that King Ahaz.
Ahaz really needed help in Judah and Jerusalem, but the King of Assyria only assists by attacking Damascus which is in Syria, quite a bit north of Jerusalem. So the prophecy was fulfilled and Judah was delivered from Syria and Israel, but it came at the cost of Ahaz forsaking God and giving basically all Judah had to Assyria. He also sacrificed to the God's of Syria hoping that they would deliver him.

2Ch 28:23  For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him, saying, "Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel.
2Ch 28:24  So Ahaz gathered the articles of the house of God, cut in pieces the articles of the house of God, shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and made for himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem.
2Ch 28:25  And in every single city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

John 5:30 (NKJV)  I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

1 Corinthians 2:4 (NKJV)  And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
1 Corinthians 2:5 (NKJV)  that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)  I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.
1 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV)  So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

Pride is boasting in ourselves and not in the Lord.

Isaiah 2:11 (NKJV)  The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
We must learn to hate boasting in ourselves to love boasting in the Lord.

**Proverbs 8:13 (NKJV)** The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

**Acts 12:21 (NKJV)** So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.

**Acts 12:22 (NKJV)** And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

**Acts 12:23 (NKJV)** Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

**Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV)** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

Trusting is God doesn't mean that we take foolish risks and tempt the Lord.

**Matthew 4:6 (NKJV)** and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU,' and, IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.' "

**Matthew 4:7 (NKJV)** Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.' "

**Luke 14:28 (NKJV)** For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—

**Luke 14:29 (NKJV)** lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

**Luke 14:30 (NKJV)** saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'
Exodus 17:1 (NKJV) Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink.

Exodus 17:2 (NKJV) Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

Exodus 17:3 (NKJV) And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

Exodus 17:4 (NKJV) So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

Exodus 17:5 (NKJV) And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.

Exodus 17:6 (NKJV) Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 17:7 (NKJV) So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"


Luke 22:64 (NKJV) And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is the one who struck You?"

Luke 22:65 (NKJV) And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Matthew 27:12 (NKJV) And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

Matthew 27:13 (NKJV) Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

Matthew 27:14 (NKJV) But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.
Romans 12:18 (NKJV)  If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Romans 12:19 (NKJV)  Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.