**Believing the Words**

Isaiah 66:10-13

**10**“Rejoice with Jerusalem,  
And be glad with her, all you who love her;  
Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her;  
**11**That **you may feed and be satisfied**With the **consolation** of her bosom,  
That you may **drink deeply and be delighted**  
With the **abundance of her glory**.”

**12**For thus says the Lord:

“Behold, I will extend **peace to her like a river**,  
And the **glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream**.  
Then you **shall feed;**  
On *her* sides shall you be **carried**,  
And be **dandled** on *her* knees.  
**13**As one whom his **mother** **comforts**,  
So I will comfort you;  
And you shall be **comforted** in Jerusalem.”

Isa 66:14 NKJV **When you see this, your heart shall rejoice**, And **your bones shall flourish like grass**; The **hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants**, And His indignation to His enemies.

Jeremiah 31:10-14

10 “Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare it in the isles afar off, and say,  
‘**He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd does his flock**.’  
11 For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, And ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he.  
12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, **Streaming to the goodness of the Lord—For wheat and new wine and oil**, For the young of the flock and the herd;  
**Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden**, And they shall sorrow no more at all.

13 “Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together;  
For I will turn their mourning to joy, Will comfort them, And make them rejoice rather than sorrow.  
14 **I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance**, And My people shall be **satisfied with My goodness**, says the Lord.”

Eccl 6:3-Eccl 6:7

If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but **his soul is not satisfied with goodness**, or indeed he has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better than he— for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness. Though it has not seen the sun or known anything, this has more rest than that man, even if he lives a thousand years twice—**but has not seen goodness**. Do not all go to one place? **All the labor of man is for his mouth, And yet the soul is not satisfied.**

Isa 53:10-Isa 53:11 NKJV Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. **When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.** **He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied**. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

Jer 50:6-Jer 50:7 NKJV “**My people have been lost sheep**. Their shepherds have led them astray; They have turned them away on the mountains. They have **gone from mountain to hill**; They have **forgotten their resting place**. All who found them have devoured them; And their **adversaries said**, ‘**We have not offended, Because they have sinned against the Lord, the habitation of justice, The Lord, the hope of their fathers.’**

Jer 50:18-Jer 50:20 NKJV Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: “Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, As I have punished the king of Assyria. **But I will bring back Israel to his home, And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan; His soul shall be satisfied on Mount Ephraim and Gilead.** In those days and in that time,” says the Lord, “**The iniquity of Israel shall be sought, but there shall be none**; And **the sins of Judah, but they shall not be found**; For **I will pardon those whom I preserve**.

Jer 50:23-Jer 50:25 NKJV How the **hammer of the whole earth has been cut apart and broken**! How Babylon has become a desolation among the nations! **I have laid a snare for you; You have indeed been trapped, O Babylon, And you were not aware**; You have been found and also caught, Because **you have contended against the Lord**. The Lord has opened His armory, And has brought out the weapons of His indignation; For this is the work of the Lord God of hosts In the land of the Chaldeans.

Prov 13:1-Prov 13:4 NKJV  
A wise son heeds his father’s instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. **A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth**, But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence. He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction. **The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich**.

Prov 13:13-Prov 13:14 NKJV  
**He who despises the word will be destroyed**, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded. **The law of the wise** is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

Prov 13:23 NKJV  
**Much food** is in the fallow ground of the poor, And for **lack of justice there is waste**.

Prov 13:25 NKJV  
The **righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul**, But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

Isa 55:1-Isa 55:2

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, **buy and eat**. Yes, come, **buy wine and milk Without money and without price**. Why do you spend money for **what is not bread**, And your wages for **what does not satisfy**? Listen carefully to Me, and **eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.**

John 7:1-John 7:2 NKJV  
After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; **for He did not want to walk in Judea**, because the Jews sought to kill Him. Now the Jews’ **Feast of Tabernacles** was at hand.

John 7:37-John 7:39 NKJV  
On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, **saying**, “**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.** **He who believes in Me**, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:46 NKJV  
The officers answered, “**No man ever spoke like this Man**!”

John 8:11-John 8:18 NKJV  
11 She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%208&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-26393k)]and sin no more.”

12 Then Jesus **spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life**.”

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.”

14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. 15 **You judge according to the flesh**; I judge no one. 16 And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. 17 It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

Isa 11:3-Isa 11:4 NKJV  
His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And **He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears**; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

John 6:28-John 6:29 NKJV  
Then they said to Him, “**What shall we do**, that we may **work the works of God**?” Jesus answered and said to them, “**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent**.”

John 6:35-John 6:36 NKJV  
And Jesus **said to them**, “**I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.**

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and **believes in Him** may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” 42 And they said, “**Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?** **How is it then that He says**, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

John 6:60 NKJV  
Therefore many of His disciples, **when they heard this**, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “**Does this offend you?** 62 What then if **you should see** the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

63 **It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life**.

64 **But** there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that **no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father**.”

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, **to whom shall we go**? **You have the words** of eternal life.

Deut 8:3 NKJV  
So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and **fed you with manna** which you did not know nor did your fathers know, **that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone**; but man **lives by every word** that proceeds from the **mouth of the Lord**.

Exodus 16:22

**22**And so it was, on the sixth day, *that* they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. **23**Then he said to them, “This *is what* the Lord has said: ‘Tomorrow *is* a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. Bake what you will bake *today,* and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.’ ” **24**So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it. **25**Then Moses said, “Eat that today, for today *is* a Sabbath to the Lord; today you will not find it in the field. **26**Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none.”

**27**Now it happened *that some* of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. **28**And the Lord said to Moses, “**How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws**? **29**See! For the **Lord has given you the Sabbath**; therefore He gives you on the sixth day **bread for two days**. **Let every man remain in his place;** **let no man go out of his place** on the seventh day.” **30**So the people rested on the seventh day.

John 20:24 NKJV

**24**Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25**The other disciples therefore **said to him**, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “**Unless I see** in His hands the print of the nails, and **put my finger** into the print of the nails, and **put my hand** into His side, I will not believe.”

**26**And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “**Peace to you**!” **27**Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here,* and put *it* into My side. **Do not be unbelieving, but believing**.”

**28**And Thomas answered and said to Him, “**My Lord and my God**!”

**29**Jesus said to him, [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-26897f)]“Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed**.”

**30**And truly Jesus did **many other signs** in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31but these are written that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Luke 16:27-Luke 16:31 NKJV  
“Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘**If they do not hear** Moses and the prophets, **neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead**.’ ”

Gen 37:1-Gen 37:2 NKJV  
Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

Gen 37:5-Gen 37:8 NKJV  
Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. So he said to them, “Please hear this dream which I have dreamed: There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.” And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

Gen 37:9-Gen 37:11 NKJV  
Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.” So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?” And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Gen 37:23-Gen 37:25 NKJV  
So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him. Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it. And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry them down to Egypt.

Gen 37:31-Gen 37:34 NKJV  
So they took Joseph’s tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood. Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, “We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son’s tunic or not?” And he recognized it and said, “It is my son’s tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.

Gen 37:35 NKJV  
And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, “For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.” Thus his father wept for him.

Gen 41:37-Gen 41:38 NKJV  
  
So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?”

**38**And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find *such a one* as this, a man in whom *is* the Spirit of God?”

**39**Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. **40**You shall be [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2041&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1236g)]over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” **41**And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

**42**Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. **43**And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. **44**Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “I *am* Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” **45**And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2041&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1241h)]Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

**46**Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. **47**Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2041&version=NKJV&interface=print" \l "fen-NKJV-1243i" \o "See footnote i)]abundantly. **48**So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. **49**Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for *it was* immeasurable.

**50**And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him. **51**Joseph called the name of the firstborn [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2041&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1247j)]Manasseh: “For God has made me forget all my toil and all my father’s house.” **52**And the name of the second he called [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2041&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1248k)]Ephraim: “For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

**53**Then the seven years of plenty which were in the land of Egypt ended, **54**and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. The famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. **55**So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.” **56**The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened [[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2041&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1252l)]all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. **57**So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy *grain,* because the famine was severe in all lands.

Gen 42:1 NKJV  
  
When Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?”

**2**And he said, “Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die.”

**3**So Joseph’s ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. **4**But Jacob did not send Joseph’s brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, “Lest some calamity befall him.” **5**And the sons of Israel went to buy *grain* among those who journeyed, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

**6**Now Joseph *was* governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed down before him with *their* faces to the earth. **7**Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2042&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1260a)]roughly to them. Then he said to them, “Where do you come from?”

And they said, “From the land of Canaan to buy food.”

**8**So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. **9**Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, “You *are* spies! You have come to see the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2042&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1262b)]nakedness of the land!”

**10**And they said to him, “No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. **11**We *are* all one man’s sons; we *are* honest *men;* your servants are not spies.”

**12**But he said to them, “No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land.”

**13**And they said, “Your servants *are* twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and in fact, the youngest *is* with our father today, and one *is* no more.”

**14**But Joseph said to them, “It *is* as I spoke to you, saying, ‘You *are* spies!’ **15**In this *manner* you shall be tested: By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here. **16**Send one of you, and let him bring your brother; and you shall be [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2042&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1269c)]kept in prison, that your words may be tested to see whether *there is* any truth in you; or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you *are* spies!” **17**So he [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2042&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1270d)]put them all together in prison three days.

**18**Then Joseph said to them the third day, “Do this and live, *for* I fear God: **19**If you *are* honest *men,* let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house; but you, go and carry grain for the famine of your houses. **20**And bring your youngest brother to me; so your words will be verified, and you shall not die.”

And they did so. **21**Then they said to one another, “We *are* truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us.”

**22**And Reuben answered them, saying, “Did I not speak to you, saying, ‘Do not sin against the boy’; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us.” **23**But they did not know that Joseph understood *them,* for he spoke to them through an interpreter. **24**And he turned himself away from them and wept. Then he returned to them again, and talked with them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

### The Brothers Return to Canaan

**25**Then Joseph gave a command to fill their sacks with grain, to restore every man’s money to his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. Thus he did for them. **26**So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and departed from there. **27**But as one *of them* opened his sack to give his donkey feed at the encampment, he saw his money; and there it was, in the mouth of his sack. **28**So he said to his brothers, “My money has been restored, and there it is, in my sack!” Then their hearts [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2042&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1281e)]failed *them* and they were afraid, saying to one another, “What *is* this *that* God has done to us?”

**29**Then they went to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan and told him all that had happened to them, saying: **30**“The man *who is* lord of the land spoke [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2042&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1283f)]roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. **31**But we said to him, ‘We *are* honest *men;* we are not spies. **32**We *are* twelve brothers, sons of our father; one *is* no *more,* and the youngest *is* with our father this day in the land of Canaan.’ **33**Then the man, the lord of the country, said to us, ‘By this I will know that you *are* honest *men:* Leave one of your brothers *here* with me, take *food for* the famine of your households, and be gone. **34**And bring your youngest brother to me; so I shall know that you *are* not spies, but *that* you *are* honest *men.* I will grant your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.’ ”

**35**Then it happened as they emptied their sacks, that surprisingly each man’s bundle of money *was* in his sack; and when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. **36**And Jacob their father said to them, “You have bereaved me: Joseph is no *more,* Simeon is no *more,* and you want to take Benjamin. All these things are against me.”

**37**Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, “Kill my two sons if I do not bring him *back* to you; put him in my hands, and I will bring him back to you.”

**38**But he said, “My son shall not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any calamity should befall him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my gray hair with sorrow to the grave.”

Gen 45:1 NKJV  
  
Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Make everyone go out from me!” So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

**2**And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard *it.*

**3**Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I *am* Joseph; does my father still live?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. **4**And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I *am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. **5**But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. **6**For these two years the famine *has been* in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there will be* neither plowing nor harvesting. **7**And God sent me before you to preserve a [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2045&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1366a)]posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. **8**So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

**9**“Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2045&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1368b)]tarry. **10**You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children’s children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. **11**There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for *there are* still five years of famine.” ’

**12**“And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. **13**So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here.”

**14**Then he fell on his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. **15**Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

**16**Now the report of it was heard in Pharaoh’s house, saying, “Joseph’s brothers have come.” So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well. **17**And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your animals and depart; go to the land of Canaan. **18**Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2045&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1377c)]fat of the land. **19**Now you are commanded—do this: Take carts out of the land of Egypt for your little ones and your wives; bring your father and come. **20**Also do not be concerned about your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.’ ”

**21**Then the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them carts,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis%2045&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-1380d)] according to the command of Pharaoh, and he gave them provisions for the journey. **22**He gave to all of them, to each man, changes of garments; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver and five changes of garments. **23**And he sent to his father these *things:* ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and food for his father for the journey. **24**So he sent his brothers away, and they departed; and he said to them, “See that you do not become troubled along the way.”

**25**Then they went up out of Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to Jacob their father. **26**And they told him, saying, “Joseph *is* still alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt.” And Jacob’s heart stood still, because he did not believe them. **27**But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. **28**Then Israel said, “*It is* enough. Joseph my son *is* still alive. I will go and see him before I die.”

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**20**It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-11589a)] came to battle against Jehoshaphat. **2**Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-11590b)]Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar” (which *is* En Gedi). **3**And Jehoshaphat feared, and set [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-11591c)]himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. **4**So Judah gathered together to ask *help* from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

**5**Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, **6**and said: “O Lord God of our fathers, *are* You not God in heaven, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? **7***Are* You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? **8**And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, **9**‘If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name *is* in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.’ **10**And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them— **11**here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit. **12**O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes *are* upon You.”

**13**Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the Lord.

**14**Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. **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. **16**Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-11604d)]brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. **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.”

**18**And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord, worshiping the Lord. **19**Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with voices loud and high.

**20**So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.” **21**And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

“Praise the Lord,  
For His mercy *endures* forever.”

**22**Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. **23**For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy *them.* And when they [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-11611e)]had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

**24**So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

**25**When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-11613f)]dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much. **26**And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Chronicles+20&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-11614g)]Berachah, for there they blessed the Lord; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day. **27**Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the Lord had made them rejoice over their enemies. **28**So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the Lord. 29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

Heb 11:1-Heb 11:3 NKJV  
Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the **evidence of things not seen**. **For by it the elders obtained a good testimony**. By faith we understand that the **worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that the **things which are seen were not made of things which are visible**.

Heb 3:12-Heb 3:13 NKJV  
Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,  
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

**16**For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? **17**Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? **18**And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? **19**So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

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**4**Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. **2**For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the **word which they heard did not profit them, [**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%204&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-30017a)**]not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it.*** **3**For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

“So I swore in My wrath,  
‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ”

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. **4**For He has spoken in a **certain place** of the seventh *day* in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; **5**and again in this *place:* “They shall not enter My rest.”

**6**Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, **7**again He designates a **certain day**, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,  
Do not harden your hearts.”

**8**For if [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%204&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-30023b)]Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. **9There remains therefore a rest for the people of God**. **10**For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.

### The Word Discovers Our Condition

**11**Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **12**For the **word of God *is* living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13**And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

**14**Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast *our* confession**. **15**For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are,* *yet* without sin. **16**Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.