Prayer: 2 Samuel 22:7-11 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears. (8) Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. (9) There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. (10) He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet. (11) And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

Matthew 5:1-9, 21-24 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: (2) And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, (3) Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (4) Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (5) Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (6) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (7) Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (8) Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (9) Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. 21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: (22) But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. (23) Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; (24) Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Notes:
- Jesus was talking to his apostles, not the people.
- Servants of God are supposed to show love at all times.
- Servants of God mourn for what they see happening on the earth.
- Kingdom of heaven = Kingdom from heaven, which is New Jerusalem
- Servants of God are the SALT of the Earth.
- Servants of God are the LIGHT of the World.
- People will watch you and do the same if they want to. By doing so they will glorify God and you.
- Raca = worthless, no good
- The best way to kill sin is between your ears (your mind). Kill it there and it won’t manifest itself.
- Reconcile = reunite, put together, merge, resolve
- Gift = offerings and/or prayers

1 John 4:10-16, 20-21 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. (12) No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (13) Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. (14) And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. (15) Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. (16) And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 21 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (21) And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Notes:
- God = The Father
- Propitiation = Payment, sacrifice, appeasement
- His Spirit = His Word
- The Son = Jesus
Who is my brother? All of the children of Adam.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**God**
1. Thou shall have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shall not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**Man**
5. Honour thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

Romans 13:8-10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (9) For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (10) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Notes:
- To love thy neighbor as thyself is to do them no harm whatsoever.
- Fulfiling of the law = Keeping the Commandments until the end (Death or the 1st Resurrection).

James 4:11-12, 17 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. (12) There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? (17) Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Notes:
- Judge = Someone who passes sentence against someone, a moderator.
- Lawgiver = Jesus
- If you know better and don’t do it, you have sinned.

Proverbs 16:27-30, 32 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire. (28) A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends. (29) A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good. (30) He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass. (32) He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Notes:
- Diggeth up evil = Searches out wrongdoing/sin
- Froward = Crooked
- Strife = Trouble, discord, fighting, conflict
- Whisperer = Gossiper, talebearer
- Slow to anger = Patient, calm, meek, self restraint
- Spirit = Words of his mouth/thoughts of the mind

Proverbs 6:16-19 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: (17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, (18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, (19) A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
Notes:
- Abomination = Atrocity, repugnance
- Heart = Mind
- Soweth = Introduce, spread, propagate
- Discord = Conflict, dispute, argument

James 3:1-10, 13-14, 16-18 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. (2) For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. (3) Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. (4) Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. (5) Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! (6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. (7) For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: (8) But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. (10) Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. [13] Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. (14) But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. [16] For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. (18) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

Notes:
- Bridle = Curb, restrain
- Tongue = Our conversations
  - The words that you let come out of your mouth will defile you if they are evil.
- Tame = Discipline, bring into subjection
- Course of nature = Path of life
- Similitude = Likeness, resemblance
- Endued = to invest, clothe, furnish, supply, endow
- Wisdom from above = God’s Word
- Partiality = Bias, prejudice
- Intreated (entreated) = Plead, asked, beseeched

Leviticus 19:16-18 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the Lord. (17) Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. (18) Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.
Notes:
- Talebearer = A Gossip, tattle-tale
  - A 'talebearer' can tell either the truth or a lie, but, if it doesn't help, then don't say it.
  - If what you are about to say can't fix the problem, then don't say it.
- Avenge = Retaliate
- Our most important attire is that, which is between the ears.

James 2:8-13 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: (9) But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. (10) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. (11) For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. (12) So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. (13) For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Notes:
- Fulfill = Perform, complete, execute, accomplish
- Royal Law = The Ten Commandments
- Respect to persons = Favoritism, partiality, nepotism, bias, preference, preferential treatment
- What counts is not who you were before you found God, but who you become once you do.
- Mercy = Compassion, kindness, sympathy

Proverbs 10:11-12 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. (12) Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Notes:
- Well of life = Words that lead to Eternal life
- Fulfill = Perform, complete, execute, accomplish
- The strongest person is the one who sees wrong, suffers wrong and forgives it.
- The weakest person is the one who can't control themselves and won't forgive.

John 13:33-35 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. (34) A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (35) By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Notes:
- Jesus came from the 3rd Heaven where no man (flesh & blood) dwells. Man will never go there.
- To love one another is to keep the Commandments.
- Disciples = Followers, students, pupils, believers
- Servants of God hate no one. We hate the sin, not the person.

Proverbs 17:9-11, 13 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends. (10) A reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool. (11) An evil man seeketh only rebellion: therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him. (13) Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

Notes:
- Covereth a transgression = giving a person the chance to repent and recover rather than condemning them and telling their business.
- Evil = wickedness, sin, immorality
- Servants of God have to put themselves in other people's position to give them room to repent and recover.
Colossians 3:8-13 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. (9) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (10) And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (11) Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. (12) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; (13) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Notes:
- Put off = Expunge, wipe out, erase, delete
- Old/dead man = Sinner
  - He had to die before you can come to God. You can't come to him as you are.
- New/live man = Renewed in the knowledge of God, walking in the Word, Quickened.
- Image of him that created him = JESUS
- Circumcision = Israel
- Uncircumcision = Non-Israelite/Stranger
- Glory = New/Spiritual body, image of Christ
- Charity = Love

1 John 3:10-15 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. (11) For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (12) Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. (13) Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. (14) We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (15) Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Notes:
- Children of God = Those who believe in God and keep the Commandments of God
- Children of the devil = People who break the Commandments and don't believe in God
- If you love your brother, you will not steal from him, lie on him, kill him, sleep with his spouse, etc.
- Cain = Abel's brother
- Wicked one = Satan
- People who hate on others do so because they are jealous and envious of those who have done well, while they themselves have not. Don't try to drag them down with you, lift yourself up and reach them.
- Brethren = All the children of Adam
- If you hate your brother, you are killing yourself because you will end up in the Lake of fire.
- Death = Eternal damnation/Lake of fire

Proverbs 25:21-23 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: (22) For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee. (23) The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.
Notes:
- Backbiting tongue = unkind remarks, viciousness, bad-mouthing, spitefulness

**Proverbs 24:17-18**
Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: (18) Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

Notes:
- Don’t laugh or rejoice when your enemy falls or when trouble visits him.

**Romans 12:19-21**
Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. (20) Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. (21) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Notes:
- Avenge = Retaliate, punish, get even
- Give place unto wrath = You can be angry, but don’t sin.
- Coals of fire on his head = Trouble will visit him
- Overcome of evil = Seeking and getting revenge, getting even

**Galatians 6:1-4**
Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. (2) Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (3) For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. (4) But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Notes:
- Fault = did something wrong, blunder, slipup, mistake
- Spiritual = walking in the Word of God
- Bear = put up with, tolerate
- Each of us is responsible for our own works and deeds. None of us is clean enough to judge another.

**John 8:1-11, 15**
Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. (2) And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. (3) And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, (4) They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. (5) Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? (6) This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. (7) So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. (8) And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. (9) And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. (10) When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? (11) She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. (15) Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

Notes:
- Hypocrisy = double standard, duplicity, pretense, insincerity, two-facedness
- The Pharisees brought only the woman and not the man with them. This was very wrong and hypocritical. A woman can’t commit adultery by herself. They both were to be brought not just her.
Luke 7:36-50 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to meat. (37) And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, (38) And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. (39) Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. (40) And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. (41) There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. (42) And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? (43) Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. (44) And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. (45) Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. (46) My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. (47) Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. (48) And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. (49) And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? (50) And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Notes:
- The woman showed fruits of repentance and was forgiven.

Luke 17:3-4 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. (4) And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Proverbs 29:1 He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Notes:
- Reproved = Corrected, taken to task, rebuked, reprimanded, scolded, admonished
- Hardeneth his neck = Become stubborn, implacable, obstinate, willful
- Destroyed = End up in the Lake of fire
- Remedy = Forgiveness, Saved

Ephesians 4:26-28, 31-32 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: (27) Neither give place to the devil. (28) Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: (32) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.

Notes:
- Put away all of your sinful ways and walk in the Word of God as a new man.
- Edifying = enriching, educational, enlightening
- Clamour = loudmouth, yell, scream
Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Notes:
- His own spirit = his own mind; the way you think and behave

Psalm 34:11-14 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (12) What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? (13) Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. (14) Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Notes:
- Guile = Deviousness, cunning, craftiness

Revelation 12:7-10, 12 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Notes:
- Heaven = The 3rd Heaven
- Michael = captain of the Lord's host
- Great dragon = Satan
- Serpent = Satan
- Accuser = Satan
- 1/3 of the angels fell with Satan and was cast down to the earth.
- Heavens = The 1st (earth) and the 2nd (sky)
- Avoid people who are always accusing someone of something because they might be working for Satan.
- If you love, you sow peace and harmony, not discord.

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