



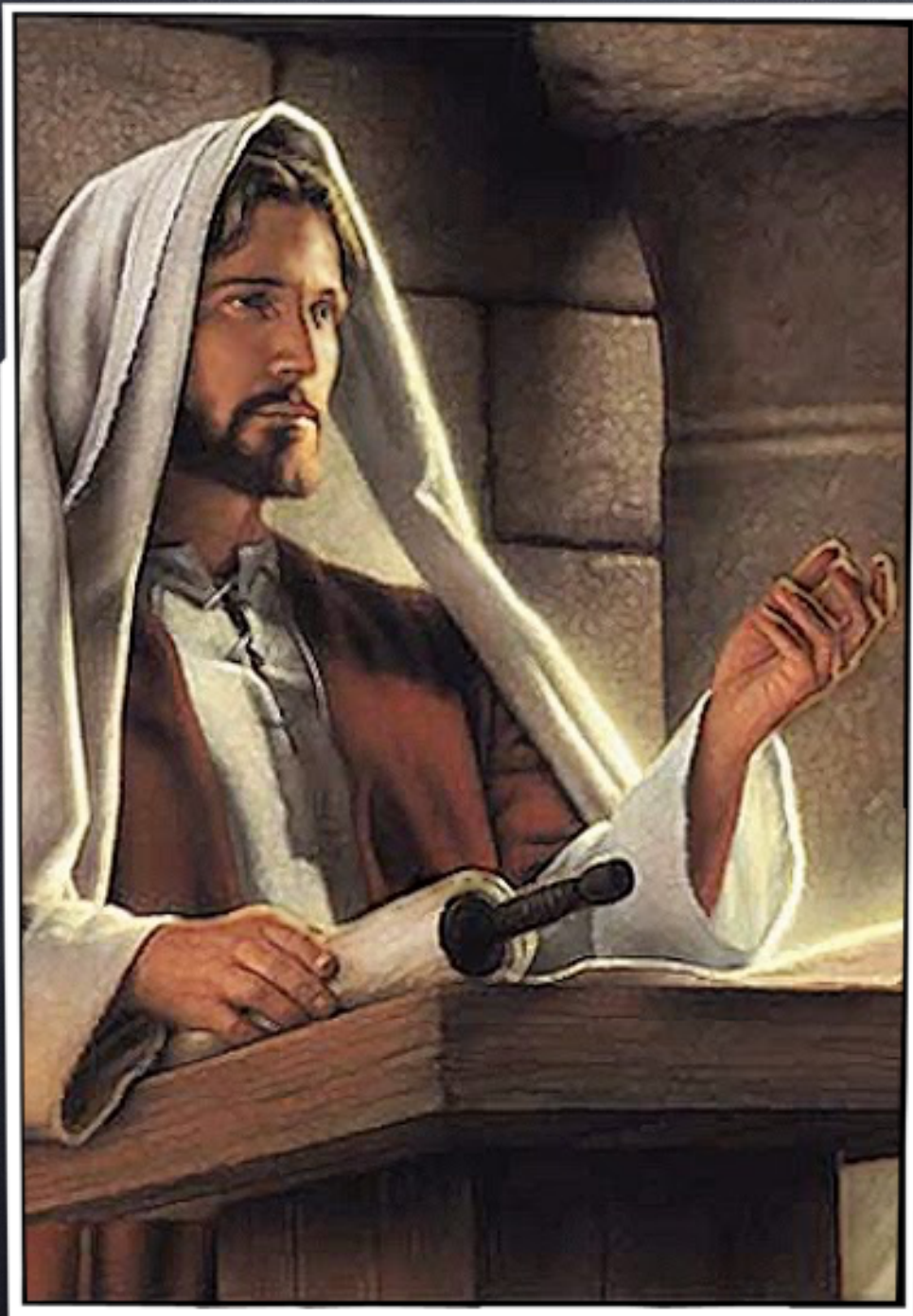
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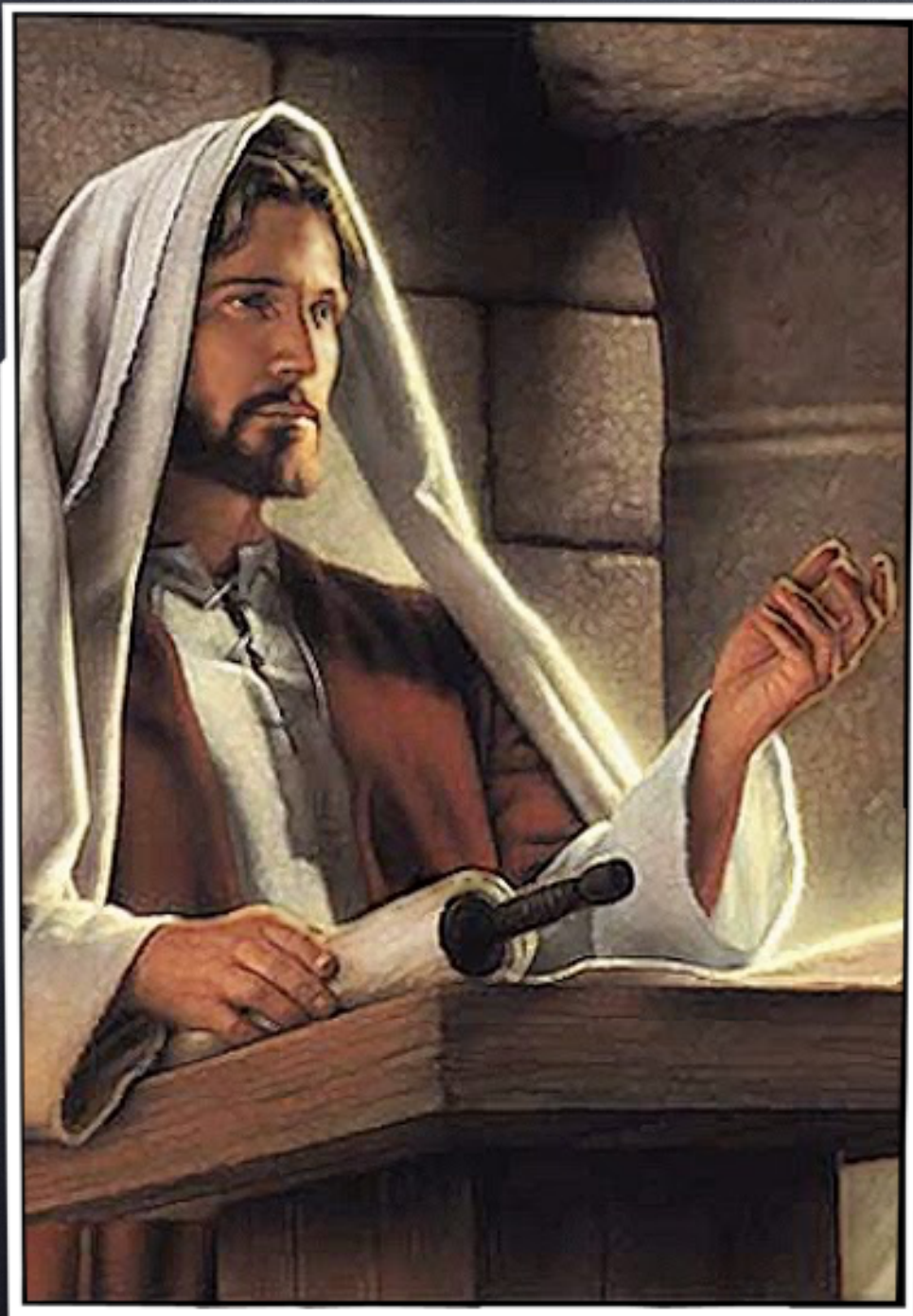


- Many people claim to believe in Jesus, but discredit or reject the Bible – GOD's word.
- The Almighty Creator has given us the Bible, the owner's Manual for His creation.
- By following it – we please God & will be rewarded with eternal life.
- By rejecting it we will condemn ourselves to eternal separation from God.



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- Men have produced countless books, sermons, & videos about the Bible that in some instances can be helpful - but most NOT!
- How should we think about the scriptures and how should we use them?
- As Christ followers, let us sit at Jesus' feet and learn what He has to say ...



# Luke 2:41–50 (NKJV)

<sup>41</sup> His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. <sup>43</sup> When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; <sup>44</sup> but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. <sup>45</sup> So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.



# Luke 2:41–50 (NKJV)

<sup>46</sup> Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. <sup>48</sup> So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” <sup>49</sup> And He said to them, “**Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?**” <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.



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### Accepting The Authority of Scripture



- Since Jesus spoke according to the scriptures - He spoke with authority — Mt. 5-7; Mk 1:22; Lk 4:22, 32; 1 Pt 4:11
- Jesus accepted and taught all the scriptures to be true - (*creation* Mt. 19:4-6; *Abel* Mt. 23:35; *Jonah* Mt. 12:38-41; Sodom & Gomorrah, Abra., burning bush, manna, the brazen serpent, David, Solomon, the ministry of Elijah and Elisha; ect.)



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- Jesus considered the scriptures inspired down to the smallest “jot” & “tittle.” — Mat. 5:17-18
- ▶ One **jot** - is the name of the Hebrew letter I, the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet.
- ▶ One **tittle** - The Hebrew letters were written with small points or apices, (as in the letter Shin ש or Sin - ש)



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- Jesus referred to the Scriptures as the final authority, the infallible standard against which there is no appeal. — Lk 10:25-28
- The authority of the Scripture cannot be set aside – John 10:31-38; Mt 5:18; Lk 16:17
- Not changed by time or culture - Jesus' words are just as true & authoritative today as nearly 2,000 years ago! - Mat 24:35



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- Questioned about His disciples breaking the Sabbath – “*Have you not read . . .*” - Mt 12:1-7
- Question on how a Jew could gain eternal life – “*What is written in the Law?*” - Luke 10:25-28
- Question of divorce – “*Have you not read*” - Mt 19:3-9; Ge 1:27; 2:4
- Question of the resurrection – (*they erred not knowing the scriptures*) - Mt. 22:23-33



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- Question: What MUST I do to be saved? — Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38-41; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-19; 10:9-17; 1 Pet. 1:13-21; 3:21; etc.
- Question: What about O.S.A.S.? — John 15:1-10; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Hebrews 3:1-4:6; 10:26-39; 2 Pet 2:20-22; Rev. 2-3; etc.
- Question: What about eschatology? — John 5:28,29; 1 Thes 5:13ff; 2 Thes. 1:7-10; etc.



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- Question: What is the **work** of the church? — **Edification**, (Ac 20:28, 32; Col 2:6,7). **Evangelism** - (Mt 28:18-20) **Benevolence** – (Ac 6:1-4)
- Question: What about **worship**? Women preachers? Instrumental music? — (Jn 4:24; Hb. 12:28,29; Rom. 10:17; Lev. 10:1,2; 1 Cor. 14:34; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16,17)
- Question: What about M.D.R.? — Mat 5:31,32; 19:1-9; Rom 7:1-3; 1 Cor. 7; Eph. 5:22-33; etc.



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#### **John 12:48-50 (NKJV)**

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**Luke 4:1-13 (NKJV)**

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> 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.

Him, **If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”** <sup>4</sup> But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*’ ”



# Luke 4:1–13 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil, taking Him up on a high

## Deuteronomy 6:13–15 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. <sup>14</sup> You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who *are* all around you <sup>15</sup> (for the Lord your God *is* a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the Lord your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”

<sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘*You shall worship the Lord* your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”



# Luke 4:1–13 (NKJV)

## Deuteronomy 6:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted *Him* in Massah. <sup>17</sup> You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you.

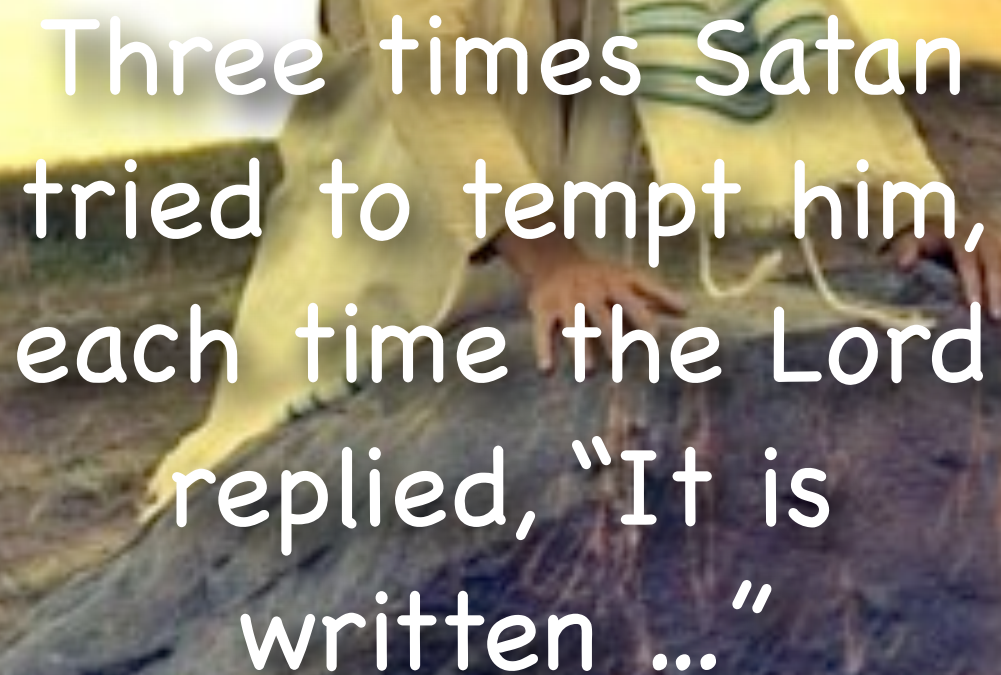
...*as they shall bear you up, lest you dash*  
your foot against a stone.’ ” <sup>12</sup> And Jesus  
answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘*You*  
*shall not* tempt the Lord your God.’ ” <sup>13</sup> Now  
when the devil had ended every temptation, he  
departed from Him until an opportune time.



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## To Overcome Temptation



Three times Satan  
tried to tempt him,  
each time the Lord  
replied, "It is  
written ..."

(Mt. 4:1-10; Luke 4:1-13)

### **Psalms 119:9-16 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! <sup>11</sup> Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! <sup>12</sup> Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes!



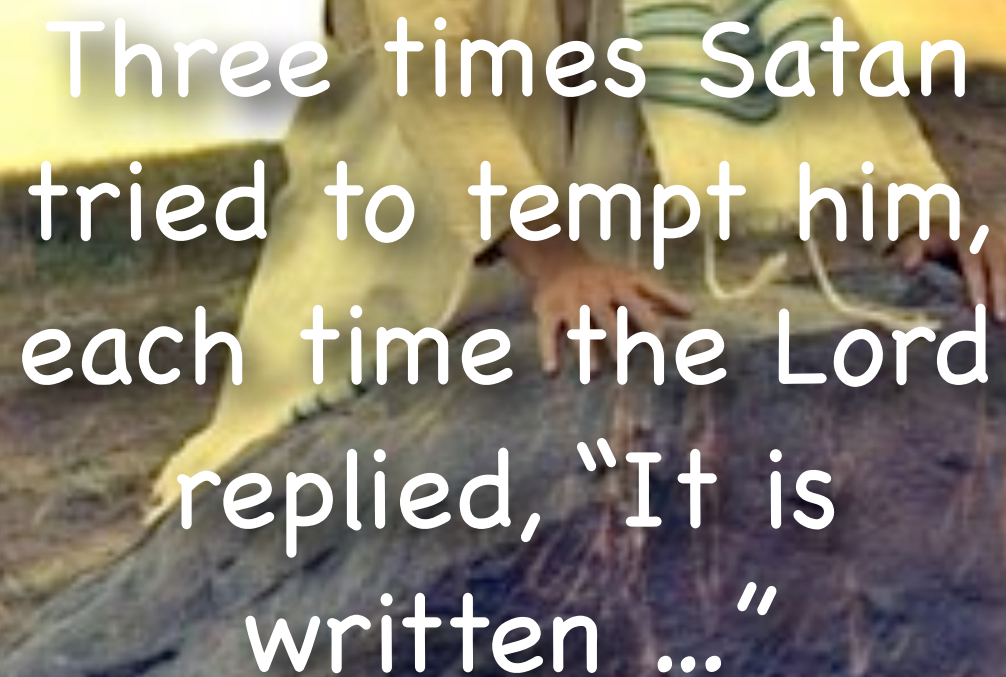
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**Ephesians 6:10-17 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.



Three times Satan tried to tempt him, each time the Lord replied, "It is written ..."

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John 17:17

2 Timothy 3:16,17

**Ephesians 6:10-17 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your **waist with truth**, having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**,



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Foundation /  
Solid footing –  
Ps 89:14; Mat 7:24,25

Faith comes by hearing  
and hearing by the  
word of God –  
Rom 10:17

**Ephesians 6:10-17 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet  
with the **preparation of the**  
**gospel of peace;**

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the wicked one.

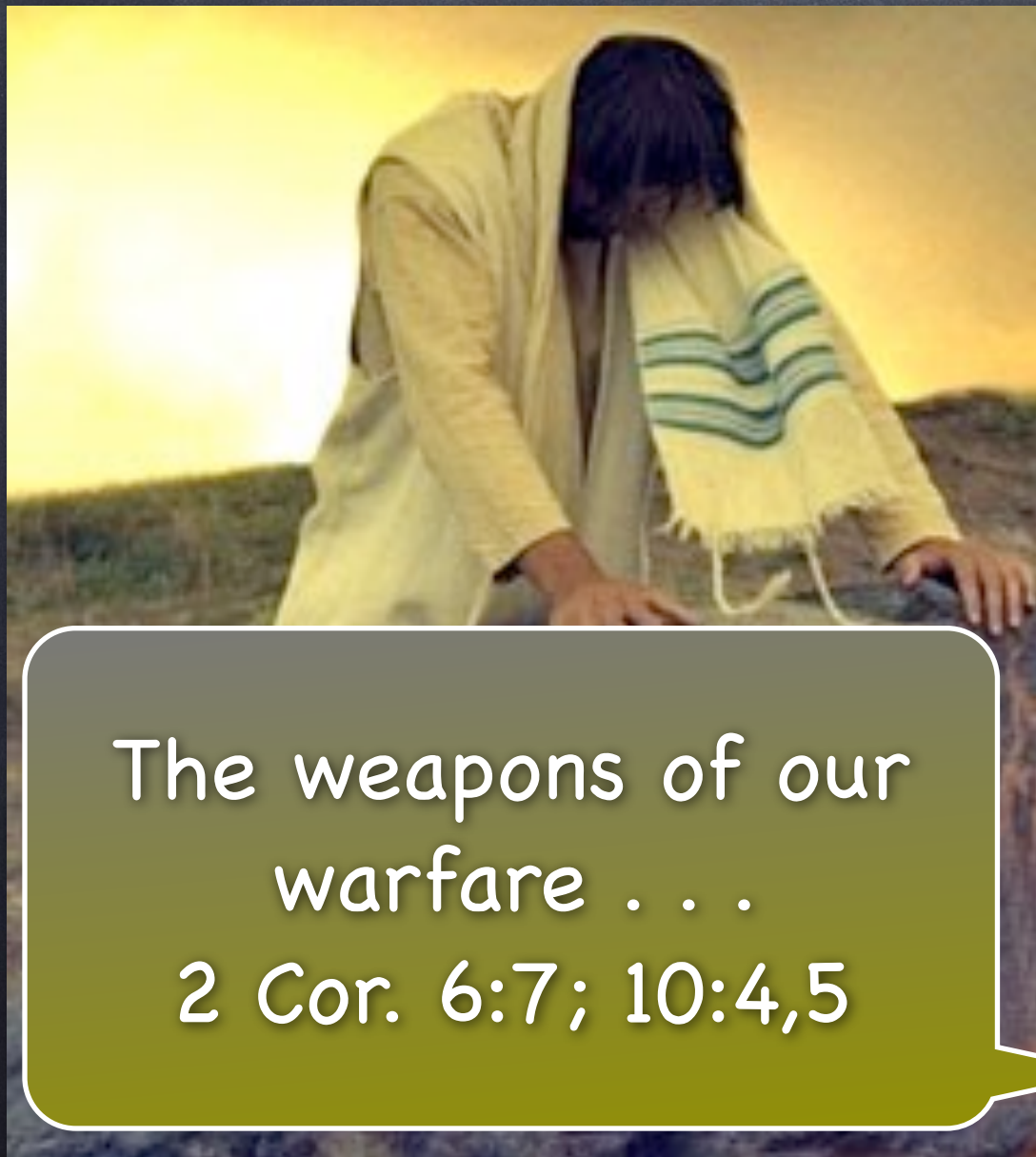
<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of  
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The weapons of our  
warfare . . .

2 Cor. 6:7; 10:4,5

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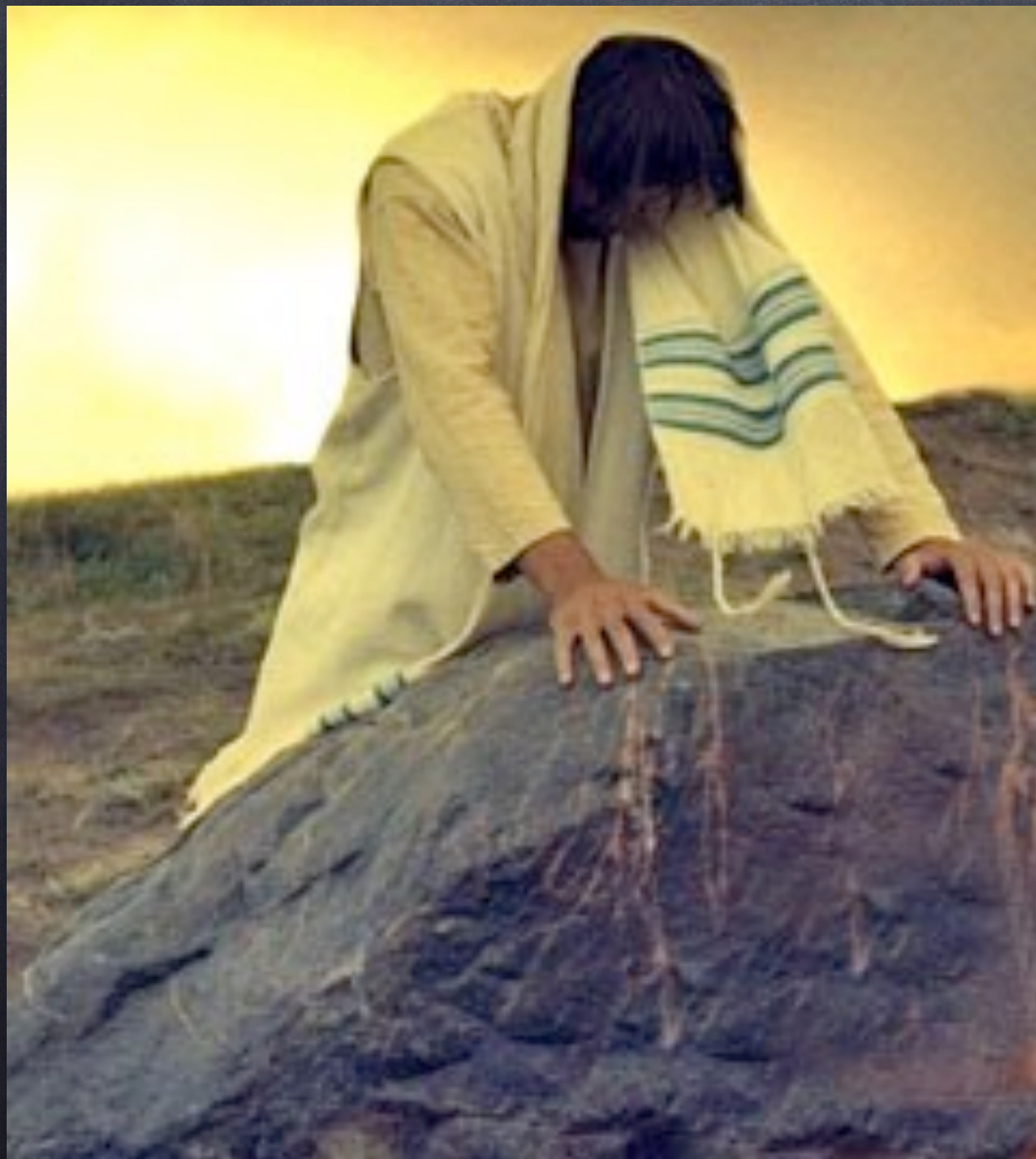
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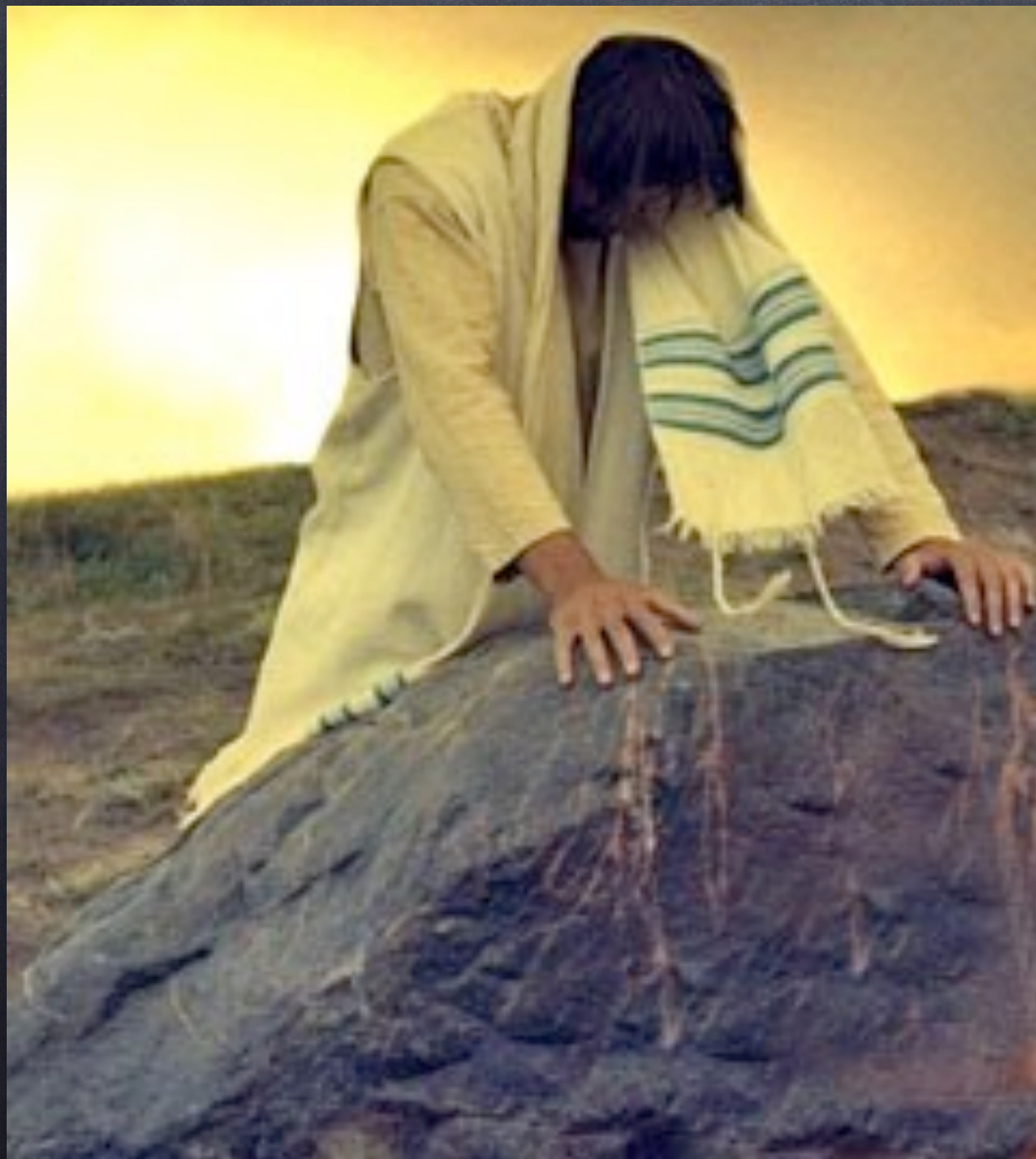
- One CANNOT follow God's word & sin while doing so!  
- 1 John 3:9,10
- A seed determines the nature of what is produced
- If the word of God "remains" in us, our daily lives, attitudes, actions, & words will manifest the nature and likeness of God (Luke 8:11; Hab. 1:13).



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- 1. We MUST LEARN what the SCRIPTURES actually TEACH — Lk 2:41-49; 2 Tim 2:15; Acts 17:11,12
- 2. UNDERSTAND what the will of the LORD is — Heb. 5:12-14; Eph. 5:17,18; Col. 1:9-11; 3:16,17; 1 Co. 2:14, 15. Phi. 1:9, 10
- 3. Apply & follow it — John 7:17; James 1:21-26



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## Our Guide To Eternal Life



■ *“a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” - Luke 10:25-28*

■ *Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” - Mat 19:16-22; Luke 18:18-23*



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## Our Guide To Eternal Life



- Jesus has all authority & sent forth His apostles: Mat. 28:18-20; Mk 16:15,16; Luke 24:44-48
- His message is set forth in the New Testament — Mat-Rev. - Heb 1:1,2; Jude 3
- If we do what the apostles tell us to do we will be saved as they were — Acts 2; 8; 10; 16; 18; 19; etc.



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■ “. . . Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” Acts 2:37; 9:6; 22:16; 16:30

► Jesus taught – Jn 8:24; Lk 12:8; 13:5; Mt. 28:18,19; Mk 16:16; 13:13; Jn 10:27

► Peter taught – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21; 2 Pet

► Paul taught – Rom 6:3-6, 16-18; 10:9-17; Col. 2:12,13; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal 3:26,27; Rom 2:7; 1 Cor 10:1-13; 15:58; Heb 3,4,10



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- Have you by faith, repented, confessed Christ & baptized INTO Him according to the scriptures? - Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-6; Gal 3:26,27
- Are you abiding in Christ by following His teaching & example? - John 10:27; 15:1-10; 2 John 1:9



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The Words of Jesus Will Judge Us ...



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2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



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**As we sit at the feet  
of Jesus, we learn  
the scriptures are ...**

- ✓ From God & All True
- ✓ Our Sole Authority
- ✓ Must Be Followed
- ✓ To Be Relied Upon
- ✓ Will not pass away
- ✓ Will Judge Us

James 1:22 (NKJV)  
22 But be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.

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A photograph of Jesus sitting in a field of tall, dry grass, surrounded by several people in traditional robes. Jesus is wearing a white robe and a white head covering. The background shows a body of water and a distant shoreline.

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## **Matthew 22:23-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, <sup>24</sup> saying:  
"Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.



## **Matthew 22:23-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Last of all the woman died also.



## **Matthew 22:23-33 (NKJV)**

28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.



## **Matthew 22:23-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,



## **Matthew 22:23-33 (NKJV)**

32 'I am the God of Abraham,  
the God of Isaac, and the  
God of Jacob'? God is not the  
God of the dead, but of the  
living."

33 And when the multitudes  
heard this, they were  
astonished at His teaching.