

## A walk through the Bible viewing chapter 3 verse 17

While sharing with a dear friend of mine some of the new treasures I have been memorizing out of God's Word, she noticed that both verses were found in chapter 3 verse 17. I then began to wonder if there were more treasures in the Bible with this same reference. My journey searching through the scriptures and what I found is documented below. May it spark a treasure hunting desire of your own and may you walk away with new nuggets of gold found in His Word.

Genesis 3:17

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

CONCEPT: The curse and the warning to women is not to nag our husbands into doing our will instead of God's will.

Exodus 3:17

And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

CONCEPT: God will bring me out of affliction into a land flowing with milk and honey. Also, note that the land is already occupied by six groups of people. Six is the devil's number. The devil was once in possession of my soul (my house, my land), but God defeated his hold on me like God defeated these six groups of people.

Leviticus 3:17

It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

CONCEPT: This blood from the lamb was used to wash away their sins and the fat was the "offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat is the Lord's". The blood of Jesus is a gift not just for me and my children, but a perpetual gift offered to those before me and those after me. Giving my life to serve the Lord is a sweet savour unto the Lord. Just like the Israelites were not to consume the fat or blood because it was the Lord's and not to be desecrated, so I must never look lightly upon the redeeming blood of Christ or the value of service towards him. Never 'eating it' and taking it for granted, give unto the Lord His due.

Numbers 3:17

And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

CONCEPT: These three families were chosen by God to be overseers of His tabernacle. Gershon was in charge of the curtains, other hangings, coverings, and instruments for service. Merari was in charge of the tabernacle boards, pillars, sockets, bars and cords. Kohath was in charge of overseeing work of the Gershon and Merari families. Aaron along with his sons were of this family, the beginning of the priestly

line of Levi. Each person in the church whether they are on staff or just laymen is chosen by God for their service. Whether we preach, teach a class, clean the auditorium or take out the trash, God sees each person and each job as important in His house.

Deuteronomy 3:17

The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, under Ashdoth-pisgah eastward.

CONCEPT: God is clearly defining the boundaries of the tribe of Reuben and Gad. God's Word gives us clear boundaries for our lives. Let us determine to learn where those boundaries lie so we do not cross them into foreign and forbidden territory.

Joshua 3:17

And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

CONCEPT: In the midst of our own trials and battles, we can stand firmly on dry ground because the LORD is beside us. And He will stay with us until we are "passed clean over".

Judges 3:17

And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

CONCEPT: When we face our enemies, victory comes if we counsel with the Lord and let him give the battle plan. Many times in scripture when the people were outnumbered and they went to God in prayer, He gave them a strategic plan. It was never a plan where they went blindly into the battle hoping they will win. It was covered in stealth and cunningness. When we underestimate the battle and the craftiness of the enemy, we will become easy prey. God called Ehud to deliver His people from the oppression of the evil king Eglon of Moab who was fat on the pleasures of the world. God instructed Ehud of the exact plan. Eglon was so fat on pleasure that the thought of receiving a present made him foolish and opened to defeat. God knows our enemy better than we do. He knows the exact method that will result in victory. When we face our own battles, do we seek the battle plan from God or are we marching forward in the fight hoping we will win by our own devices?

Ruth 3:17

And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

CONCEPT: In Hebrew the word for measures is "seah" which contained about 2 ½ gallons. Six of these would be 15 gallons, which would have been a rather heavy load for Ruth to carry back home. I can only image the message of hope this load "spoke" to Naomi's hopeless heart when she saw Ruth bringing this large load of grain back home! When we are in the depths of despair, God graciously sends us not a little hope, but a boat load. As if He is saying to our hearts, you are not just one of my many children, but you are precious in my eyes and I love you dearly.

1 Samuel 3:17

And he said, What is the thing that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

CONCEPT: When we are walking along the path of sin, do we have the attitude that we want to know what it is God says about our sin or do we want to tune out God and His Word? Ignorance is not bliss when it comes to sin.

2 Samuel 3:17

And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you.

CONCEPT: There are times when we need to be reminded of the zeal we once had for God, when we desired to make him King of our life.

1 Kings 3:17

And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

CONCEPT: This story of two mothers and their two children revealed to the world that God had bestowed wisdom upon Solomon. When they saw the wisdom of God, they feared the king (v.28). How do we influence those who dwell in our house? Do we argue, debate and devise evil towards one another? Does discord reign in our homes? Do we need a judge to show us the truth concerning our hearts? How is your fear towards the God appointed authority in your life? Are you being deceitful, pretending to be good and attempting to say what you think they want to hear? Are you pushing the limit and ignoring the fact that God will punish you and it may be through the hands of someone placed in authority for you? If so, think about these two women and how for the rest of their lives all of Israel knew their name and their wickedness.

2 Kings 3:17

For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

CONCEPT: God never promised that the path of faith will be level and filled with the scent of roses along the way. Many times the path becomes steep and rocky. Anything of great value is obtained after much cost or effort. A deeper faith is obtained by walking in many shoes: humility, embarrassment, sickness, affliction, persecution, prayer, contentment, complete trust, etc. As we experience walking in these shoes and the consequences, it helps us kick others away in disgust when we find ourselves starting to slip them on: pride, impatience, gossip, lying, disobedience, discord, etc.

As we grow in our faith and experience walking through the tough times, we watch God meet ALL our needs even when it seems impossible. Too often we forget we serve a God where nothing is impossible. Luke 18:27, "...The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." When the path becomes easy again, we say like the psalmist (Ps. 30:6), "And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved." We taste and see how good God is towards us and determine to not be moved away from His side. Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." You can't taste and see how good God is unless you are in the depths of despair. When that time comes, put your full trust in God and watch His hand miraculously move!

1 Chronicles 3:17

And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son.

*In Matthew 1:12 and Luke 3:27, Salathiel is said to be the father of Zerubbabel, whereas in 1 Chronicles 3:19 his brother Pedaiah is listed as Zerubbabel's father. Zerubbabel is called "the son of Shealtiel" (another form of Salathiel) in Ezra 3:2. Possibly Salathiel adopted Zerubbabel as his son, or Pedaiah "raised up seed unto his brother" (Matthew 22:24) by Levirate marriage, making Zerubbabel Salathiel's legal son even though he was the physical son of Pedaiah. Zerubbabel was the governor when the exiles returned from Babylon to Jerusalem after the captivity (Ezra 2:2). He is included in both Mary and Joseph's lineage (Matthew 1:6-16, Luke 3:23-28). This verse 17 and Matthew list Jeconiah as his father, while Luke says Neri was his father. Probably Jeconiah adopted Salathiel after Neri's death. This idea is supported by the curse on Jeconiah's "seed" in Jeremiah 22:20-30. After a 3 month reign, Jehoiakim (also called Coniah and Jeconiah) was taken to Babylon, never to return.*

The previous quote is written in my Bible and from various commentaries. More of the story concerning Jehoiakim is recorded in 2 Kings 23:34-24:15, 25:27-30, Jeremiah 24:1 & 27:20.

CONCEPT: No matter what family background you have, you can still be valuable for God. Salathiel experienced the death of a parent and afterwards placed into the home of his uncle. His uncle, the king, was evil. God punishes his uncle along with all his cousins with a curse and his uncle is taken captive to Babylon.

You may have been abandoned by one or both of your parents, but like Salathiel, God adopts you into His family. Our family members may choose to live a cursed life, but we have a choice whether or not we will walk in the shoes of our relatives.

The beautiful picture here is that God heals Salathiel's heart and God uses him greatly for good in the life of others. He adopts Zerubbabel and raises him as his own. Zerubbabel becomes a great leader whom assisted Ezra in the rebuilding of the temple and wall. God blesses him by allowing him the privilege to be included in the genealogy of Jesus, on both sides!

Are you letting go of whatever family baggage you carry so you may run freely for Christ? Are you willing to let God use you to influence those around you who have great potential for God? What if Salathiel had been bitter about his past and never adopted, loved, encouraged and taught the love of God to Zerubbabel?

2 Chronicles 3:17

And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

Jachin means "he establishes" and Boaz means "in him is strength". 1 Kings 7:15-20, describes these columns. The pillars were 27 ft (8.1 m) high. The circumference of each column was 12 cubits (18ft, or 5.4 m). They were very ornate of molten brass with "nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.", (v.17). On the pillars were two hundred rows of pomegranates (v.20). Without these pillars the temple would fall.

CONCEPT: Christ establishes us when we become a child of God and He gives strength. Without Him we would fall; may our Christian witness display the strength of God's strong pillars holding us up through every sorrow and trial of life.

We are to adorn ourselves with the gospel. Others should see Christ in us. Titus 2:10, "Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." I Peter 3:3-5, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:"

Isaiah 61:10, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

In Heaven at the day of the great coronation of Christ as King and Lord of Lords, God will provide for me a bridal gown of salvation and a regal robe of righteousness. But I determine the jewels I will wear. Jewels are earned on earth and worn on this great day. We lay these jewels as gifts at the feet of our precious Savior. Let us desire to be beautifully ornate like these two pillars of the temple. If the jewels we wear are like the pomegranates on the pillars, may we be wearing two hundred!

Ezra 3:17 – Does not exist

Nehemiah 3:17

After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Kelilah, in his part.

CONCEPT: The Levites were working alongside everyone else. Too many Christians are quick to use the excuse, "It's not my job" to keep them from surrendering to whatever task God sends our way. Just think of the many blessings they miss due to this attitude. Just think how God responds in Heaven when we look down at the task He has put before us. Determine to ignore your pride and take to the task with a joyful attitude giving God your best.

Esther 3:17 – Does not exist

Job 3:17

There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary by at rest.

CONCEPT – As humans we can be overwhelmed with sorrows and grief. We see no hope and feel deep despair. Death appears as a peaceful place of rest. Whenever death looks more pleasant than life we are being tested in our faith. Determine to endure the test of faith that you may receive the crown of life. James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

Psalms 3:17 – Does not exist

Proverbs 3:17

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

CONCEPT: Wisdom is to be greatly desired by each Christian to guide and direct our steps. The word pleasantness in this verse, Hebrew "Shalom", means harmony, wholeness. How much conflict and how many trials in our lives could have been avoided if we simply sought wisdom from the Holy Spirit before taking a step?

Ecclesiastes 3:17

I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

CONCEPT: The judgment day for the righteous is coming. What will I be held accountable for when I stand in front of the Lord?

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Matthew 12:36-37, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

It is clear that I will be judged for my actions and my words. Have I been diligent in seeking forgiveness from God for each failure on that list? I need Christ's shed blood of forgiveness to cover each and every one. Are your prayers so general that when you ask for forgiveness of your sins, God responds, which ones? If God keeps a detailed list, shouldn't we be detailed in seeking forgiveness for each one?

Song of Solomon 3:17 – Does not exist

Isaiah 3:17

Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

CONCEPT: Isaiah 3:12 warns about children ruling the homes and women being the spiritual leaders, "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

Henry Morris states, "Isaiah 3:16-24 is a devastating indictment of the wanton behavior of the Jewish women of that day. When the women of a nation become as selfish and immoral as the men, the nation's doom is near."

Jeremiah 3:17

At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

CONCEPT: This verse talks about when Christ returns. He will be worshipped in Jerusalem and the battle with our evil flesh against our spirit will be no more!

Ezekiel 3:17

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

CONCEPT: This powerful verse reminds us of our purpose on earth, soul-winning. How many tracks did you pass out today? How concerned are you over lost souls around you? What type of 'watchman' are you? Are you watching or are you sleeping?

Daniel 3:17

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

CONCEPT: May God build my faith to be as strong as these three men, so when I am called upon to take a stand, I will stand firmly. I want to experience the blessed joy of walking with Jesus in the fire!

Hosea 3:17 – Does not exist

Joel 3:17

So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

CONCEPT: This verse is at the closing of the description of the campaign of Armageddon (v. 9-17 & Rev. 16:14). Micah 4:3 gives us the fulfillment after Armageddon, "And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." There will be a peace that will flow out of Zion which the world has never known. For the first time in world history, true world peace will exist.

Amos 3:17 – Does not exist

Obadiah 3:17 – Does not exist

Jonah 3:17 – Does not exist

Micah 3:17 – Does not exist

Nahum 3:17

Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are.

CONCEPT: These verses speak about the inevitable judgement of the wrath of God. The wicked may be many, they may be strong, they may be well fortified with military strength, but in the day of judgement they are no match for God.

Habakkuk 3:17

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:"

CONCEPT: This verse is a prediction of famine and starvation. A clear picture of human kind realizing we have no control over life. There is nothing humanly possible that can be done to “fix” any foreseen doom. The only resource we have is prayer: humble ourselves and trust our maker.

Verse 18 states, “Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”

How do you choose to respond when life becomes “un-fixable” by you? Do you choose to praise the Lord and rejoice looking forward to seeing how God’s hand is going to move and resolve the problem?

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

CONCEPT: My love for God brings Him joy, rest (as in the rest my husband has in my love for him – he rests secure in knowing I love him with all my heart), and He sings about my love for Him. This thought just makes me want to love Him more!

Lord, help me live my life in such a manner that when You sing about me, it is a song You enjoy singing.

Haggai 3:17 – Does not exist

Zechariah 3:17 – Does not exist

Malachi 3:17

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

CONCEPT: There will be a day when I am in Heaven and Jesus will claim me as His own. What a wonderful day to hear our master point at the group I am in and say, They are mine!

Matthew 3:17

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

CONCEPT: I can’t help but think about the people standing nearby who hear God’s clear voice. For over 400 years, God’s voice had been silent. Maybe a grandmother or great-grandmother shared stories passed down through the family of days when God spoke to His people. Others standing near may have had no exposure to even the existence of God. Yet, these people heard the voice which could not be denied coming from Heaven and declaring Jesus as God’s beloved Son.

If I were standing in their shoes, how would I respond? Would I be like John’s disciples and follow Jesus? Would I stand there in a daze trying to rationalize what I had just witnessed only to find that the moment to follow Jesus had passed me by?

We may not hear an audible voice of God today, but the Holy Spirit of God will talk to your heart. We just have to make sure our spiritual ears are tuned into His voice. We also must beware to tune out the voice of our flesh along with the voice of the devil and his angels which may be whispering in our ear.



I look forward to the day when Jesus is crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. On the day of His royal coronation, I will be able to witness the audible voice of God say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Mark 3:17

And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

Saul's name was changed to Paul after his conversion. But James and John seemed to be the only ones who were given a nickname of honor, the sons of thunder.

If God was to give me a loving nickname which represented my character, would I be proud to be called that nickname or ashamed?

Luke 3:17

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

It is of dire importance that every person know for sure whether they are truly saved or not. We must know if in that day we will be considered wheat or chaff.

Matthew 7:21-23, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Notice that these people truly believed they were wheat in God's eyes. How shocking it must have been for them to realize that they had deceived themselves, misread their deeds as proof of salvation and headed to hell with no chance to correct their mistake!

Who presented this false truth that snared them into a lie? The author of lies, Satan. When we take a close evaluation of our true condition, we cannot allow ourselves to measure it by man's opinions. We can only get a true evaluation by comparing to God's Word. (2 Corinthians 10:12-13)

First, it is important to see what God says about what one must do to become wheat. Romans 10:9-10 give us what I call the formula for salvation. Verse 9 says you must confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. Notice that the word Lord is before Jesus because you must believe He is God's son not just a good man who walked the earth doing good. Then you have to believe that God raised Him from the dead and He is now in Heaven. If you doubt any one of these truths, then you cannot be wheat.

Verse 10 says that if you believe in the truths of verse 9 you meet all the requirements for salvation. And with a repentant heart over your sins mingled with these truths, you have one more step to take. You must with your mouth through prayer, ask. Ask God to forgive you and become your Lord and Savior.

We must understand that when we truly repent and ask for forgiveness, the Holy Spirit comes and resides in our hearts (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). According to the Bible, you can know whether you are saved or not by evidence of the Holy Spirit in your life. (1 John 4:13)

As you evaluate your true spiritual condition to determine whether you are wheat or chaff, look for the following evidence of the Holy Spirit:

- 1) The Holy Spirit inside you has the job of revealing truth and understanding in scripture, 1 Corinthians 3:13-14. Have you ever been reading your Bible during your alone time with God and it seems as if the Word comes alive and speaks directly to your heart, maybe even convicting you of a particular sin? When you are in church and the sermon seems to step on your toes, did you know that the Holy Spirit was doing His job in your heart? Have you experience times in the past where the Holy Spirit talked to your heart, but it has been too long since that happened? Understand that the devil has been working diligently at keeping you too busy to spend quality time in God's Word. Or too distracted to get anything out of Bible preaching. He knows that if you quench the Spirit through your disobedience you will begin to doubt your salvation and become an ineffective footman in God's army. Simply confess this sin of omission and determine to get back into His Word and be faithful to attend good Bible preaching so the communication with the Holy Spirit is reestablished and you no longer linger in the chains of doubt.
- 2) The Holy Spirit also has the job of bringing scripture to your mind to keep you from sinning. Psalm 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." If you have never heard a verse of God's Word come into your mind just when you needed it to remind you to stay away from a particular sin, you are either not saved or you have been disobedient as a Christian and have not been memorizing scripture. Too many Christians miss out on this blessing of the assistance of the Holy Spirit helping you walk the narrow path because they do not make memorizing a priority. When I read my Bible and the Holy Spirit makes a verse "come alive" and talk to me, I write that verse down, put it in front of my eyes every day and begin memorizing it. Whenever possible, I also put the verse to music and sing it throughout the day. I want to be like the psalmist who said that God's Word is precious (Psalm 119:97).
- 3) The Holy Spirit will also convict you of sin. If you are living a sinful life without receiving God's Hand of conviction and correction, the Bible says you are chaff, Hebrews 12:5-8. As a Christian you will experience the correcting hand of God. He will not allow His children to stay in sin. He wants you to experience the full joy of your salvation and that cannot happen living a life of sin.

John 3:17

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

CONCEPT: This verse has been memorized by thousands of children and has been used by God to see many come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Acts 3:17

And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

CONCEPT: We all commit sins of ignorance every day. As we grow as Christians, God reveals to us these sins. This is a life-long process. David pleaded for forgiveness of his known sins as well as his unknown sins of ignorance.

Whenever I find myself frustrated with the sins of others, I try to remind myself that there are many sins of ignorance on my list which may be seen by others and frustrating to them as well. This thought helps me to let go of my frustration, pray for them and have compassion and forgiveness.

Romans 3:17

And the way of peace have they not known:

CONCEPT: Peace in life is only given by God and only the Christian can obtain true peace in life. This fruit of the Spirit is a powerful tool that can be used to draw the unsaved to Christ. May the world see the peace that God gives us; creating a desire in them to want what we have.

1 Corinthians 3:17

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

CONCEPT: As Christians our bodies are the temple in which the Holy Spirit of God resides. Do we honor our bodies like we should in our dress, in the food we eat, in how we take care of our health? Do the words that come out of our mouths and our actions honor or defile our temple?

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

CONCEPT: The Holy Spirit that resides in us IS the Lord God. What an amazing concept! Once I learn how to tune my ears to hear the Holy Spirit, I receive such wonderful liberty in life. I fully surrender to Him in all things, whether great or small, and He guides each step I take. If I fall into a "mud hole", it will not be because I refused to listen, it will be because God knows that the "mud hole" will help me grow and become more like Him. I do not need to fear because He will be right there holding my hand.

Galatians 3:17

And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

CONCEPT: The promises God made to Abraham are still in effect today and can never be disannulled. These precious promises are part of the blessings we receive today when we become adopted into the family of God.

Ephesians 3:17

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

CONCEPT: What a beautiful picture of how faith that has blossomed is rooted and grounded in the love of Christ! No storm, cold or outside destructive forces can uproot or damage that blossom of faith.

Philippians 3:17

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

CONCEPT: Who we choose to follow and imitate can influence our decisions and determine the doses of correction that comes our way.

Colossians 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

CONCEPT: God cares about every word and every action we do. Our goal is to make sure both magnify His name since we represent Him.

1 Thessalonians 3:17 – Does not exist

2 Thessalonians 3:17

The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

CONCEPT: Paul could have easily had someone write each letter. Yet he wanted to demonstrate his love and compassion for these people with a personal touch. Showing others how much you care about them through the little personal touches speaks more than any words we could ever say.

1 Timothy 3:17 – Does not exist

2 Timothy 3:17

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

CONCEPT: The Holy Spirit inside us perfects us and supplies us with everything we need to perform good works for God.

Titus 3:17 – Does not exist

Philemon 3:17 – Does not exist

Hebrews 3:17

But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

CONCEPT: May we never forget how God truly feels about sin in our lives: sin of unbelief, sin of distrust in Him, sin of complaining and murmuring, etc. God distinctly recorded all these events of the past as a warning to us. Let us not simply look at the Old Testament as just stories, but use them as magnifying glasses to examine our own hearts.

James 3:17

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.

CONCEPT: This is a great verse to evaluate if the wisdom you lean upon is from God or from man. Are the fruits described in this verse clearly visible?

1 Peter 3:17

For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

CONCEPT: If it is God's will for us to walk in the shoes of suffering, may that suffering be a result of doing good instead of a result of sin in my life.

2 Peter 3:17

Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

CONCEPT: The devil is cunning and one way he attacks Christians is through over confidence. We become steadfast in what should be done each day to walk with God. But we can be carried about with the motions and miss out on feeding, correcting or taming our sinful heart. We begin to falsely trust ourselves and assume we would do no wrong. The trap is then set and Satan comes in and leads us away from truth and we soon fall from our steadfastness.

1 John 3:17

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

CONCEPT: One of the true tests of life which reveal to us how much we love God is related with goods or money. True love is demonstrated by a willingness to give anything and everything you have if another Christian has a need. How deep is your compassion? How deep is your love for God?

2 John 3:17 – Does not exist

3 John 3:17 – Does not exist

Jude 3:17 – Does not exist

Revelation 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

CONCEPT: Pride is our biggest enemy when it comes to seeing ourselves as God sees us. We will never be able to change our own wretchedness, until we see our true selves.