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How Do You Find Your Way

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Isaiah 30:18-33

God Is Gracious and Just

¹⁸ Therefore the LORD ^[a] longs to be gracious to you,
And therefore He ^[b] waits on high to have compassion on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
How blessed are all those who ^[c] long for Him.

¹⁹ ^[d] O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. ²⁰ Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, *He*, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. ²¹ Your ears will hear a word behind you, ^[e] "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left. ²² And you will defile your graven images overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing, *and* say to ^[f] them, "Be gone!"

²³ Then He will give *you* rain for ^[g] the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread *from* the yield of the ground, and it will be ^[h] rich and ^[i] plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture. ²⁴ Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which ^[j] has been winnowed with shovel and fork. ²⁵ On every lofty mountain and on every high hill there will be ^[k] streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. ²⁶ The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times *brighter*, like the light of seven days, on the day the LORD binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise ^[l] He has inflicted.

²⁷ Behold, the name of the LORD comes from a ^[m] remote place;
Burning is His anger and ^[n] dense is *His* ^[o] smoke;
His lips are filled with indignation
And His tongue is like a consuming fire;

²⁸ His breath is like an overflowing torrent,
Which reaches to the neck,
To shake the nations back and forth in a ^[p] sieve,
And to *put* in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which ^[q] leads to ruin.

²⁹ You will have ^[r] songs as in the night when you keep the festival,
And gladness of heart as when one marches to *the sound of* the flute,
To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

³⁰ And the LORD will cause ^[s] His voice of authority to be heard,
And the ^[t] descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger,
And *in* the flame of a consuming fire
In cloudburst, downpour and hailstones.

³¹ For at the voice of the LORD Assyria will be terrified,
When He strikes with the rod.

³² And every ^[u] blow of the ^[v] rod of punishment,
Which the LORD will lay on him,
Will be with *the music of* tambourines and lyres;
And in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them.

³³ For ^[w]Topheth has long been ready,
Indeed, it has been prepared for the king.
He has made it deep and large,
^[x]A pyre of fire with plenty of wood;
The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of brimstone, sets it afire.

Footnotes:

- a. Isaiah 30:18 Lit *waits*
- b. Isaiah 30:18 Lit *is on high*
- c. Isaiah 30:18 Lit *wait*
- d. Isaiah 30:19 M.T. reads *A people will inhabit Zion, Jerusalem*
- e. Isaiah 30:21 Lit *saying, "This*
- f. Isaiah 30:22 Lit *it "Go out"*
- g. Isaiah 30:23 Lit *your*
- h. Isaiah 30:23 Lit *fatness*
- i. Isaiah 30:23 Lit *fat*
- j. Isaiah 30:24 Lit *one winnows*
- k. Isaiah 30:25 Lit *canals, streams of water*
- l. Isaiah 30:26 Lit *of His blow*
- m. Isaiah 30:27 Lit *distance*
- n. Isaiah 30:27 Lit *heaviness*
- o. Isaiah 30:27 Lit *uplifting*
- p. Isaiah 30:28 Lit *sifting of the worthless*
- q. Isaiah 30:28 Lit *misleads*
- r. Isaiah 30:29 Lit *the song*
- s. Isaiah 30:30 Lit *the majesty of His voice*
- t. Isaiah 30:30 Lit *descent*
- u. Isaiah 30:32 Lit *passing*
- v. Isaiah 30:32 Lit *staff of foundation*
- w. Isaiah 30:33 I.e. the place of human sacrifice to Molech
- x. Isaiah 30:33 Lit *Its pile*

Jeremiah 29:10-14

¹⁰“For thus says the LORD, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans that I ^[a]have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will restore your ^[b]fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’

Footnotes:

- a. Jeremiah 29:11 Lit *am planning*
- b. Jeremiah 29:14 Or *captivity*

Hebrews 13:1-14

The Changeless Christ

¹Let love of the brethren continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, *and* those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. ⁴Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage bed is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers

God will judge. ⁵ *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," ⁶ so that we confidently say,

"THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.
WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

⁷ Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the ^[a]result of their conduct, imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹ Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who ^[b]were so occupied were not benefited. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the ^[c]tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come.

Footnotes:

- a. Hebrews 13:7 Or *end of their life*
- b. Hebrews 13:9 Lit *walked*
- c. Hebrews 13:10 Or *sacred tent*

Galatians 5:16-24

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh ^[a]sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you ^[b]please. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: ^[c]immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, ^[d]factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who ^[e]belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Footnotes:

- a. Galatians 5:17 Lit *lusts against*
- b. Galatians 5:17 Lit *wish*
- c. Galatians 5:19 I.e. sexual immorality
- d. Galatians 5:20 Or *heresies*
- e. Galatians 5:24 Lit *are of Christ Jesus*

Romans 2:1-16

The Impartiality of God

¹Therefore you have no excuse, ^[a]everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² And we know that the judgment of God ^[b]rightly falls upon those who practice such things. ³ But do you suppose this, O man, ^[c]when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But ^[d]because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who WILL

RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. ⁹ *There will be* tribulation and distress ^[e] for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

¹² For all who have sinned ^[f] without the Law will also perish ^[g] without the Law, and all who have sinned ^[h] under the Law will be judged ^[i] by the Law; ¹³ for *it is* not the hearers ^[j] of the Law *who* are ^[k] just before God, but the doers ^[l] of the Law will be justified. ¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have ^[m] the Law do ^[n] instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having ^[o] the Law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, ¹⁶ on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Footnotes:

- a. Romans 2:1 Lit *O man, everyone who*
- b. Romans 2:2 Lit *is according to truth against*
- c. Romans 2:3 Lit *who passes judgment*
- d. Romans 2:5 Or *in accordance with*
- e. Romans 2:9 Lit *upon*
- f. Romans 2:12 Or *without law*
- g. Romans 2:12 Or *without law*
- h. Romans 2:12 Or *under law*
- i. Romans 2:12 Or *by law*
- j. Romans 2:13 Or *of law*
- k. Romans 2:13 Or *righteous*
- l. Romans 2:13 Or *of law*
- m. Romans 2:14 Or *law*
- n. Romans 2:14 Lit *by nature*
- o. Romans 2:14 Or *law*

Matthew 6:1-13

Giving to the Poor and Prayer

¹ “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

² “So when you ^[a] give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ³ But when you ^[b] give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your ^[c] giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

⁵ “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners ^[d] so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

⁹“Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ ‘Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ ‘Give us this day ^[e]our daily bread.

¹² ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from ^[f]evil. ^[g][For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’]

Footnotes:

- a. Matthew 6:2 Or *give alms*
- b. Matthew 6:3 Or *give alms*
- c. Matthew 6:4 Or *alms*
- d. Matthew 6:5 Lit *to be apparent to men*
- e. Matthew 6:11 Or *our bread for tomorrow*
- f. Matthew 6:13 Or *the evil one*
- g. Matthew 6:13 This clause not found in early mss

James 1

Testing Your Faith

^{1 [a]}James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes who are ^[b]dispersed abroad: Greetings.

² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various ^[c]trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces ^[d]endurance. ⁴ And let ^[e]endurance have *its* perfect ^[f]result, so that you may be ^[g]perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and ^[h]without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, ⁸ *being* a ^[i]double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ But the ^[j]brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; ¹⁰ and the rich man *is to glory* in his humiliation, because like ^[k]flowering grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with ^[l]a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

¹² Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has ^[m]been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted ^[n]by God”; for God cannot be tempted ^[o]by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin ^[p]is accomplished, it brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be ^[q]deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or ^[r]shifting shadow. ¹⁸ In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be ^[s]a kind of first fruits ^[t]among His creatures.

¹⁹ ^[u] *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* ^[v] that remains of wickedness, in ^[w] humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his ^[x] natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, ^[y] he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but ^[z] an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in ^[aa] what he does.

²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not ^[ab] bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained ^[ac] by the world.

Footnotes:

- a. James 1:1 Or *Jacob*
- b. James 1:1 Lit *in the Dispersion*
- c. James 1:2 Or *temptations*
- d. James 1:3 Or *steadfastness*
- e. James 1:4 V 3, note 1
- f. James 1:4 Lit *work*
- g. James 1:4 Or *mature*
- h. James 1:5 Lit *does not reproach*
- i. James 1:8 Or *doubting, hesitating*
- j. James 1:9 I.e. church member
- k. James 1:10 Lit *the flower of the grass*
- l. James 1:11 Lit *the*
- m. James 1:12 Or *passed the test*
- n. James 1:13 Lit *from*
- o. James 1:13 Lit *of evil things*
- p. James 1:15 Lit *is brought to completion*
- q. James 1:16 Or *misled*
- r. James 1:17 Lit *shadow of turning*
- s. James 1:18 Or *a certain first fruits*
- t. James 1:18 Lit *of*
- u. James 1:19 Or *Know this*
- v. James 1:21 Lit *abundance of malice*
- w. James 1:21 Or *gentleness*
- x. James 1:23 Lit *the face of his birth; or nature*
- y. James 1:24 Lit *and he*
- z. James 1:25 Lit *a doer of a work*
- aa. James 1:25 Lit *his doing*
- bb. James 1:26 Or *control*
- cc. James 1:27 Lit *from*

Ephesians 6:1-3

Family Relationships

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

20 Then God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ^[a]slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods ^[b]before Me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself ^[c]an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing loving kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not ^[d]leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who ^[e]stays with you. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Footnotes:

- a. Exodus 20:2 Lit *slaves*
- b. Exodus 20:3 Or *besides Me*
- c. Exodus 20:4 Or *a graven image*
- d. Exodus 20:7 Or *hold him guiltless*
- e. Exodus 20:10 Lit *is in your gates*

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