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HOPE
for Each Day

Words of WISDOM
and FAITH



IN TUNE WITH THE MASTER

You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.

PSALM 32:7

Out West an old shepherd had a violin, but it was out of tune. He had no way of tuning it, so in desperation he wrote to one of the radio stations and asked them at a certain hour on a certain day to strike the tone “A.” The officials of the station decided they would accommodate the old fellow, and on that particular day the true tone of “A” was broadcast. His fiddle was thus tuned, and once more his cabin echoed with joyful music.

When we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune—out of harmony with others and with God. But if we live in tune with the Master, we, too, will find ourselves surrounded by His beautiful music.

As this new year begins, ask God to help you tune your life every day to His Word, so you can bring harmony and joy to those around you.

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Are you feeling weary and worn? Are you desperate for something to change? Ask God to reveal where your life may be out of tune. He will be faithful to you.

THE SUN STILL SHINING

They looked . . . and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

EXODUS 16:10

Without the clouds we wouldn't be shielded from the burning sun. Without the clouds there would be no lavish sunsets, no beneficial rain, no beautiful landscapes.

The same is true with life's clouds. When hard times come, we easily get discouraged. But behind the clouds God is still present, and can even use them to water our souls with unexpected blessings. Longfellow once wrote, "Be still, sad heart, and cease repining; behind the clouds is the sun still shining." As God's people wandered in the wilderness, He declared, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud" (Exodus 19:9).

Each of us experiences clouds in life—sometimes slight, but sometimes dark and frightening. Whatever clouds you face today, ask Jesus, the light of the world, to help you look behind the cloud to see His glory and His plans for you.

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Help me, Lord, not to allow the clouds of the day prevent me from seeking Your face. May I, like Moses, be bold enough to approach the thick darkness (Exodus 20:21) if that is where Your presence is found.



A SPRING FOR THE SOUL

*For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.*

PSALM 36:9

Sadly, many people get their happiness only from outward circumstances. As long as their lives are untroubled, they feel happy. But when illness strikes, or a relationship breaks down, or any of a thousand other unexpected troubles engulf them, then happiness flees.

Near my home is a spring that never varies its flow. Floods may rage, but its output doesn't increase. A long summer's drought may come, but it won't decrease. Its flow is steady, reliable, and unending.

Such is the peace we all yearn for—and such is the peace Jesus promises to all who trust in Him: “The water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. . . . My peace I give to you” (John 4:14; 14:27).

Have you come to that unending spring, which is Christ? Are you coming to Him each day?

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The world attempts to woo people with its version of happiness. Today, spend some time alone with Christ and experience joy that is full and pleasures that are eternal.

THE PROMISE IS OURS

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:20

When David Livingstone returned to his native Scotland after sixteen difficult years as a missionary and explorer in Africa, his body was emaciated by the ravages of some twenty-seven fevers that had coursed through his veins during the years of his service. His left arm hung useless at his side, the result of his being mangled by a lion.

Speaking to the students at Glasgow University, he said, “Shall I tell you what sustained me during the hardship and loneliness of my exile? It was Christ’s promise, ‘Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

That promise is ours as well. No matter what trials we face, Christ never leaves us. He is with us every step of the way! Keep that promise before you today—and always.

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Have you had a loved one leave? A friend prove fickle? Unlike people, Christ’s presence is a guarantee. One day, we’ll look back on every trial and see that Jesus was always with us.



HE IS HERE TO HELP

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

ROMANS 8:35

After His resurrection Jesus came to His disciples, meeting them between the garden with its empty tomb and the city with its mob still passionate with hate. He said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren” (Matthew 28:10).

In the midst of a world filled with danger, hatred, and war, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ are just as relevant as when He spoke them. He still says to all who love Him, “Do not be afraid.”

He comes to you in the hospital room or in the midst of a family tragedy. He comes to you in the midst of an unexpected business reversal or physical crisis. And He says, “Don’t be afraid. I’m alive, and I’m here to help you. The Cross shows the depth of My love, and the Resurrection shows the depth of My power. Nothing can ever separate you from Me!”

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Thank You, Jesus, that Your love is as lavish and Your power is as unmatched as ever. Though the storms may rage and the enemy may taunt, You can still speak peace to me.