

Intro

Isa. 49:5-6-⁵ And now the Lord says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—⁶ he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. **I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.**”

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Acts 20:17-From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the **elders** of the church.

1 Tim 4:14-Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the **presbytery**.

1 Tim. 4:14 (NKJV)-Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the **eldership**.

1 Tim. 5:17-The **elders** who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

1 Tim. 5:19-Do not receive an accusation against an **elder** except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

Titus 1:5-For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint **elders** in every city as I directed you.

1 Peter 5:1-4-Therefore, I exhort the **elders** among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, ² shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Acts 11:20-Some of them, however, men from **Cyprus** and **Cyrene**, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

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Eph. 4:30-And do not **grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Acts 20:28-Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers**. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

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1 Tim. 4:14-Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of **elders laid their hands** on you.

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Acts 20:28-Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers**. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

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Rom. 1:16- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: **first to the Jew**, then to the Gentile.

Acts 12:12- When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of **John**, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

Acts 12:25- When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, taking with them **John**, also called Mark.

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Acts 19:14- Seven sons of Sceva, a **Jewish** chief priest, were doing this.

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Matt. 13:19-When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the **evil one comes and snatches away** what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

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1 John 4:4-You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because **the one who is in you is greater** than the one who is in the world.

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John 8:44-**You are of your father the devil**, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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Acts 9:8-Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and **leading him by the hand**, they brought him into Damascus.

Rev. 16:10-11- ¹⁰Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became **darkened**; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, ¹¹and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.