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Rom. 1:24-32-²⁴ Therefore **God gave them over** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. ²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason **God gave them over** to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. ²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, **God gave them over** to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

1 Pet. 3:20-who once were disobedient, when **the patience of God kept waiting** in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.

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Ps. 19:1-4-¹The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. ²Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. ⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun.

Matt. 5:45-so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for **He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**

Ps. 103:5-Who satisfies your years with **good** things, So, that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

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Acts 12:20-23-²⁰ Now he was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; and with one accord they came to him, and having won over Blastus the king's chamberlain, they were asking for peace, because their country was fed by the king's country. ²¹ On an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the rostrum and began delivering an address to them. ²² The people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" ²³ And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because **he did not give God the glory**, and he was eaten by worms and died.

Ps. 115:1-Not to us, O Lord, not to us, But to Your name give **glory** Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.

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Gal. 6:17-From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my **body** the brand-**marks** of Jesus.

2 Cor. 11:25-Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was **stoned**, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

2 Tim. 3:11-**persecutions**, and **sufferings**, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at **Lystra**; what **persecutions** I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

Col. 4:14-**Luke, the beloved physician**, sends you his greetings, and also Demas.

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Gal. 5:22-23-²² 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.

Prov. 24:16-For **a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again**, But the wicked stumble in time of calamity.

Acts 16:1-Paul came also to Derbe and to **Lystra**. And a disciple was there, named **Timothy**, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.

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Rom. 1:16-For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the **power** of God for salvation to everyone who **believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Matt. 28:18-20-¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make **disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

2 Tim. 1:7-For God has not given us a spirit of **timidity**, but of power and love and discipline.

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Most of the New Testament references to the kingdom inarguably describe the kingdom as a future reality rather than depict it as a present reality (Matt. 6:10; 20:20–21; 26:29; Luke 23:42; Acts 14:22; 1 Cor. 6:9–10; 15:24, 50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Col. 4:11; 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess. 1:5; 2 Tim. 4:1, 18; Jas. 2:5; 2 Peter 1:11; Rev. 5:10).

1 Cor. 14:3-But one who **prophesies** speaks to men for **edification and exhortation and consolation**.

John 16:33-These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have **tribulation**, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

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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 20:28-Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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Acts 13:13-Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

Acts 13:13-14- ¹³Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.¹⁴But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.

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Acts 13:1-3-Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

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1 Cor. 16:9-for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

2 Cor. 2:12-Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a **door** was opened for me in the Lord

Col. 4:3-praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a **door** for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned.

Rev. 3:7-8-⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:
⁸ ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open **door** which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.