

When a person is nearing death their body is reminding them that life is filled with pain. It begins to feel as if it may never end. Many times fear of all kinds of things set in. Sometimes (not always) the fear of failure in their faith can preoccupy their thoughts because God seems to not be answering their prayer. What they need is to be reminded of the Scriptures that first called them to faith in Jesus Christ. With these Scriptures faith is reaffirmed (Romans 10:17) then peace that beyond understanding comes again (Phil. 4:6,7). The below Scriptures can remind them that in spite of the way they "feel" now, God's word says things will get better, and the pain and frustration in this life does not indicate they have failed as a Christian. Further below are a list of Scriptures that demonstrate how Man's perspective of what death is like is much more discouraging than God's perspective. Those Scriptures might not be the best to read to the patient but possible best by those care giving.

Remember that God's one and only Son Jesus suffered and died a very very painful, shameful death. His resurrection three days later proved that nothing could keep Him down. Remember, the story of His life, death and resurrection is not just a story made up and passed down. Even his enemies couldn't prove that the resurrection didn't happen. Those that wrote the Bible either were eyewitnesses or the contemporaries of eyewitnesses.

*John 14:1-4 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;[a] believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?[b] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going."*

*1 Thess. 4:13-18 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with*

him those who have fallen asleep. **15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,<sup>[d]</sup> that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Revelation 21: 1-8** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place<sup>[a]</sup> of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,<sup>[b]</sup> and God himself will be with them as their God.<sup>[c]</sup> **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

**5** And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6** And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. **7** The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. **8** But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

**Revelation 22:1-7** Then the angel<sup>[a]</sup> showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2** through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life<sup>[b]</sup> with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **3** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants<sup>[c]</sup> will worship him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on

their foreheads. **5** And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

### *Jesus Is Coming*

**6** And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

**7** "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

### **Psalm 23**

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

**2** He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.<sup>[a]</sup>

**3** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness<sup>[b]</sup> for his name's sake.

**4** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,<sup>[c]</sup> I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

**5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Psalm 84** Surely<sup>[d]</sup> goodness and mercy<sup>[e]</sup> shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell<sup>[f]</sup> in the house of the LORD forever.<sup>[g]</sup>

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

**2** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

**3** *Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.*

**4** *Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your  
praise! Selah*

**5** *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the  
highways to Zion.[b]*

**6** *As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.*

**7** *They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.*

**8** *O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah*

**9** *Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!*

**10** *For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

**11** *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and  
honor.*

*No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.*

**12** *O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

*Romans 8:18-27 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are  
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what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because<sup>[g]</sup> the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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## The King of Glory

### A Psalm of David.

**24** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,<sup>[a]</sup>

the world and those who dwell therein,

2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false

and does not swear deceitfully.

5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.<sup>[b]</sup> *Selah*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah*

## Teach Me Your Paths

<sup>[c]</sup> **Of David.**

**25** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.  
10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
12 Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

13 His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.  
14 The friendship<sup>[d]</sup> of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.  
17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.  
18 Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

## I Will Bless the LORD

**Of David.**

**26** Vindicate me, O LORD,

for I have walked in my integrity,

and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.<sup>[e]</sup>

3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

4 I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

5 I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

6 I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,  
7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

10 in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

## The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

**Of David.**

**27** The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

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to Allen, Brian, Cheryl, Mary, Cecil, Dale, Dan, Gerald, Jim, phyllis, Tracy

Thank you for your prayers. Grandma is still the same. breathing labored with oxygen. I have compiled the following Scriptures family and friends can read to her while they are sitting with her.

2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet<sup>[g]</sup> I will be confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire<sup>[h]</sup> in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

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