

Horn of My Salvation Comforter **This is our God...** God, who vindicates me
The Strength of His People King Forever and Ever My Portion My Hiding Place My Fortress
My Friend My Helper The Atoning Sacrifice Glorious Sword Hope of Israel
God who shows his wrath everyday. LORD. God of Truth My Deliverer Most High
My Strength My Cup of Blessing Creator Helper of the Fatherless One who Counsels Me
My Rock and My Redeemer My King and My God King of Glory The LORD of Armies
LORD who dwells in Zion The One Enthroned in Heaven Author of Life Loving Father
My Shield Righteous God My God, from my Mother's Womb
The Stronghold of My Life The LORD. Mighty in Battle My Shepherd
The One who Examines the Thoughts and Emotions The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Righteous Judge
Refuge for the Persecuted My Resting Place Word of Life Savior of All who Seek Refuge
Sin Bearer My Rock where I Seek Refuge The LORD. Strong and Mighty
The LORD. God of Israel My Stronghold The Living Stone
My Support Spirit of Justice Most High God of My Salvation My Light and My Salvation

Now devote your heart and soul
to seeking the LORD your God...

1 Chronicles 22:19

Abba, Father!

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves,

so that you live in fear again;

rather, the Spirit you received

brought about your adoption to sonship

And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15

In every nation he accepts those who fear him!

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly
that God shows no favoritism.

In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.

This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—
that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ,
who is Lord of all.

(Peter's response to the Holy Spirit falling on a gentile household.)

Acts 10:34-36 NLT

He to whom we must give an account!

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.

Everything is uncovered and laid bare
before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13

Adopts us as his children and heirs!

But when the set time had fully come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
to redeem those under the law,
that we might receive adoption to sonship...

So you are no longer a slave, but God's child;
and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:4-5, 7

The Advocate!

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you all things and will remind you of
everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

(The evening before he is arrested, Jesus prepares his
disciples for life without his physical presence.)

Our Lord God Almighty!

Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

Revelation 19:6-7

You alone are God!

All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, LORD:

they will bring glory to your name.

For you are great and do marvelous deeds:
you alone are God.

Psalms 86:9-10

Alpha and Omega!

"I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God.

I am the one who is,
who always was, and who is still to come—
the Almighty One.

Revelation 1:8 NLT

A kingdom among us!

One day the Pharisees asked Jesus.

"When will the Kingdom of God come?"

Jesus replied.

"The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs.
You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!'
For the Kingdom of God is already among you.

Luke 17:20-21 NLT

Ancient of Days!

"As I looked,

thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him:

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

Daniel 7:9-10

(Daniel's vision of God during the reign of the final king of Babylon.)

Anchor for the soul!

We who have fled
to take hold of the hope set before us
may be greatly encouraged.

We have this hope
as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Hebrews 6:18-19

Burning anger over the disobedience of his people!

Great is the LORD's anger that burns against us
because those who have gone before us
have not obeyed the words of this book:
they have not acted in accordance with
all that is written there concerning us."

2 Kings 22:13

(King Josiah responds when he hears the words of the book of the law for the first time.)

Anoints and commissions!

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,
for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed.

He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the LORD's favor has come

Isaiah 61:1-2 NLT

(Jesus declared himself the fulfillment of this prophecy. Luke 4:14-30)

Answers extravagantly!

"The poor and needy search for water, but there is none:
their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the LORD will answer them:

I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys.
I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs...

... so that people may see and know, may consider and understand,

that the hand of the LORD has done this,

that the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Isaiah 41:17-20

Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced!

For it is by believing in your heart
that you are made right with God.

and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

As the Scriptures tell us.

"Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."

Romans 10:10-11 NLT

Apart from me there is no savior!

I, even I, am the LORD.

and apart from me there is no savior.

I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—

I, and not some foreign god among you.

You are my witnesses," declares the LORD. "that I am God.

Isaiah 43:11-12

Appointed times for special offerings - a pleasing aroma!

The LORD said to Moses.

"Give these instructions to the people of Israel:

The offerings you present as special gifts are a pleasing aroma to me:

they are my food.

See to it that they are brought at the appointed times
and offered according to my instructions.

Numbers 28:1-2 NLT

Approachable throne of grace!

Let us then approach
God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Armor of God! Strength to stand!

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Put on the full armor of God,

so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,

but against the rulers, against the authorities,

against the powers of this dark world

and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Artistic craftsmanship - God-given! Spirit-enabled!

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah,

and I have filled him with the Spirit of God,

with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills-

to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze,

to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.

Exodus 31:1-5

What does the LORD your God ask of you?

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you
but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him,

to love him, to serve the LORD your God

with all your heart and with all your soul,

and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees

that I am giving you today for your own good?

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

The atoning sacrifice for our sins!

This is how God showed his love among us:
He sent his one and only Son into the world
that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

Author of life!

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers,
has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed,
and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

You disowned the Holy and Righteous One
and asked that a murderer be released to you.

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead.

We are witnesses of this.

(Peter testifies in the temple courts after healing a lame beggar.)

Acts 3:13-15

All authority!

Then Jesus came to them and said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(The "Great Commission" Jesus gives his followers before his ascension to heaven.)

Matthew 28:18-20

Mine to avenge: I will repay!

How much more severely do you think someone
deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot.

who has treated as an unholy thing
the blood of the covenant that sanctified them.

and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

For we know him who said. "It is mine to avenge: I will repay."

and again. "The Lord will judge his people."

It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:29-31

(The author is quoting the (God-dictated) Song of Moses found in Deuteronomy 31:19-22. 32:1-43)

Awakens his dead!

But your dead will live, LORD:

their bodies will rise—

let those who dwell in the dust

wake up and shout for joy—

your dew is like the dew of the morning:

the earth will give birth to her dead.

Isaiah 26:19

Awesome deeds beyond our highest expectations!

When you came down long ago,
you did awesome deeds beyond our highest expectations.

And oh, how the mountains quaked!
For since the world began, no ear has heard
and no eye has seen a God like you,
who works for those who wait for him!

Isaiah 64:3-4 NLT

Banner for the peoples!

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand
as a banner for the peoples;
the nations will rally to him,
and his resting place will be glorious.

Isaiah 11:9-10

Baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire!

"I baptize you with water for repentance.
But after me comes one who is more powerful than I,
whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

(John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus' ministry.)

Matthew 3:11

With his people in their battles!

"Be strong and courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged
because of the king of Assyria or his mighty army,

for there is a power far greater on our side!

He may have a great army, but they are merely men.

We have the LORD our God to help us

and to fight our battles for us!"

2 Chronicles 32:7-8 NLT

(King Hezekiah's speech to the people of Jerusalem as Assyria prepares to lay siege to the city.)

Beautiful!

One thing I ask from the LORD.

this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life.

to gaze on the beauty of the LORD

and to seek him in his temple.

Psalms 27:4

Betrothed forever!

I will betroth you to me forever:

I will betroth you in righteousness and justice,
in love and compassion.

I will betroth you in faithfulness,
and you will acknowledge the LORD.

Hosea 2:19-20

Blesses abundantly!

And God is able to bless you abundantly,
so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work.

As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:8-9

Glorious body!

But our citizenship is in heaven.
And we eagerly await a Savior from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power
that enables him to bring everything under his control,
will transform our lowly bodies
so that they will be like his glorious body.

Philippians 3:20-21

Sets all the boundaries of the earth!

It was you who opened up springs and streams:
you dried up the ever-flowing rivers.

The day is yours, and yours also the night:
you established the sun and moon.

It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth:
you made both summer and winter.

Psalm 74:15-17

The Righteous Branch - The LORD Our Righteous Savior!

I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Living bread!

I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

This bread is my flesh,

which I will give for the life of the world."

John 6:51

(Jesus speaks to the crowds who follow him after feeding of the 5,000.)

Breath of life!

Then the LORD God formed a man
from the dust of the ground
and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,
and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

Brings grief - but also shows compassion!

For no one is cast off by the LORD forever.
Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,
so great is his unfailing love.

For he does not willingly
bring affliction or grief to anyone.

Lamentations 3:31-33

Brings his people out from under the yoke of slavery!

I am the LORD, and I will bring you out
from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

I will free you from being slaves to them,
and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm
and with mighty acts of judgment.

I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.

Exodus 6:6-7

(These "I will" promises are celebrated at every Passover Seder.)

Daily bears our burdens!

Praise be to the LORD, to God our Savior,
who daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves:
from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

Psalm 68:19-20

God who calls into being things that were not!

We have been saying that Abraham's faith
was credited to him as righteousness...

As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."

He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—

the God who gives life to the dead
and calls into being things that were not.

Romans 4:3, 17

Cares for the land!

You care for the land and water it:
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges:
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

Psalm 65:9-10

Causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good!

But I tell you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you,

that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good,
and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Matthew 5:44-45

(Jesus - from the Sermon on the Mount.)

Celebrates the return of his lost children!

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him:

he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him...

...the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him.

Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.

For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

Luke 15:20-22

Triumphant champion!

The LORD will march out like a champion.

like a warrior he will stir up his zeal:

with a shout he will raise the battle cry

and will triumph over his enemies.

Isaiah 42:13

Has not rejected his chosen ones!

"But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,
you descendants of Abraham my friend,

I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.

I said, 'You are my servant';

I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

Isaiah 41:8-9

Cleanses his church!

Christ loved the church
and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing
her by the washing with water through the word,
and to present her to himself as a radiant church,
without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish,
but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Clearly seen from what has been made!

For since the creation of the world

God's invisible qualities—

his eternal power and divine nature—

have been clearly seen,

being understood from what has been made,

so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

Close to the brokenhearted!

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:17-18

Clothes the grass of the field!

"And why do you worry about clothes?

See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor
was dressed like one of these.

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field,
which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire,
will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

(Jesus - from the Sermon on the Mount.)

Matthew 6:28-30

God of all comfort!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

who comforts us in all our troubles,

so that we can comfort those in any trouble

with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Coming on the clouds with great power and glory!

Then everyone will see the Son of Man
coming on the clouds with great power and glory.

And he will send out his angels
to gather his chosen ones from all over the world—
from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

Mark 13:26-27 NLT

Your commandments give me life!

If your instructions hadn't sustained me with joy,

I would have died in my misery.

I will never forget your commandments,

for by them you give me life.

Psalm 119:92-93 NLT

Compassionate and gracious!

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him
and proclaimed his name, the LORD.

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming,

"The LORD, the LORD,

the compassionate and gracious God,

slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

maintaining love to thousands,

and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."

Exodus 34:5-7

Compels us to fulfill our "sacred trust"!

Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about.

I am compelled by God to do it.

How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!

If I were doing this on my own initiative,

I would deserve payment.

But I have no choice, for God has given me this sacred trust.

1 Corinthians 9:16-17 NLT

Blessed confidence!

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes: its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Confirms his covenant with all creatures on earth!

When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds,
and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures.

Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life.

When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant
between God and every living creature on earth."

Then God said to Noah, "Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant
I am confirming with all the creatures on earth."

Genesis 9:14-17 NLT

The LORD will conquer!

David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Today the LORD will conquer you...

and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!

And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear.

This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!"

1 Samuel 17:45-47 NLT

(David killed Goliath, the Philistine, with a single stone.)

Consuming fire!

...when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people
and heals the wounds he inflicted...

The LORD will cause people to hear his majestic voice
and will make them see his arm coming down
with raging anger and consuming fire,
with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail.

The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria:
with his rod he will strike them down.

Isaiah 30:26,30-31

Deeply convicts!

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God,

that he has chosen you,

because our gospel came to you

not simply with words but also with power,

with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

Chosen and precious cornerstone!

For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

1 Peter 2:6-7

Counsels me!

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me:
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 16:7-8

Keeps his covenant of love!

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God:

he is the faithful God,

keeping his covenant of love

to a thousand generations of those who love him

and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Covers you with his feathers!

He will cover you with his feathers.

He will shelter you with his wings.

His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

Psalms 91:4 NLT

Creator of all things!

For in him all things were created,
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things were created by him and for him.

He is before all things
and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:16-17

Crowns the humble with victory!

For the LORD takes delight in his people:

he crowns the humble with victory.

Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor

and sing for joy on their beds.

Psalm 149:4-5

Crushed for our sins!

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried:

it was our sorrows that weighed him down.

And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,

a punishment for his own sins!

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed

Isaiah 53:4-5 NLT

Cuts the cords of the wicked!

...let Israel say:

"they have greatly oppressed me from my youth,

but they have not gained the victory over me.

Plowmen have plowed my back

and made their furrows long.

But the LORD is righteous:

he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked."

Psalms 129: 1-4

My servant David - A prince among the sheep!

Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them:

"...I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered.

I will judge between one sheep and another.

I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them:

he will tend them and be their shepherd.

I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them.

I the LORD have spoken."

Ezekiel 34:20-24

Declares what is right!

For this is what the LORD says—
he who created the heavens, he is God...

...“I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness;

I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.'

I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Isaiah 45:18-19

Defender of the afflicted!

You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted;
you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,
defending the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that mere earthly mortals
will never again strike terror.

Psalms 10:17-18

Deity in bodily form!

For in Christ all the fullness
of the Deity lives in bodily form,
and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.
He is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10

Delegates his authority!

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness...

Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions...

...Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons.

Give as freely as you have received!

Matthew 10:1-8 NLT

Delights in his people!

Be glad: rejoice forever in my creation!
And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of happiness.
Her people will be a source of joy.
I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and delight in my people.
And the sound of weeping and crying
will be heard in it no more.

Isaiah 65:18-19 NLT

Delivers again and again!

Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death.

But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves
but on God, who raises the dead.

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril,

and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope
that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers.

2 Corinthians 1:9-11

Demonstrated his own love for us!

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless,

Christ died for the ungodly...

...But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6,8

Desires mercy, not sacrifice!

When Jesus heard this, he said,

"Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do."

Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture:

'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.'

For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous,

but those who know they are sinners."

Matthew 9:12-13 NLT

(Jesus responds to criticism of him eating with "sinners")

Destroys the mighty man! Crushes wicked power!

In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people rest from sorrow and fear,
from slavery and chains, you will taunt the king of Babylon. You will say,

"The mighty man has been destroyed. Yes, your insolence is ended.

For the LORD has crushed your wicked power and broken your evil rule.

You struck the people with endless blows of rage
and held the nations in your angry grip with unrelenting tyranny.

But finally the earth is at rest and quiet. Now it can sing again!

(The brutal Babylonian empire was crushed by the Medo-Persians,
who were more diplomatic in dealing with peaceful subject nations.)

Isaiah 14:3-7 NLT

Disaster from the LORD!

Speak to the earth, and it will instruct you.

Let the fish in the sea speak to you.

For they all know

that my disaster has come from the hand of the LORD.

For the life of every living thing is in his hand,

and the breath of every human being.

Job 12:8-10 NLT

Disciplines those he loves!

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
because the LORD disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.

Proverbs 3:11-12

Does not discriminate!

"Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe.

God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us.

He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:7-9

(Peter addresses the leaders at Jerusalem who were debating requirements for gentile believers.)

Displays his wisdom in its rich variety!

God's purpose in all this was to use the church
to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all
the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was his eternal plan,
which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10-11 NLT

Never-ending dominion!

Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth...

"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

"For he is the living God and he endures forever: his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end.

He rescues and he saves:

he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.

He has rescued Daniel* from the power of the lions."

Draws all people to himself!

Now is the time for judgment on this world:
now the prince of this world will be driven out.
And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself."

John 12:31-32

(During his final Passover week, Jesus responds when he is told Greeks wish to see him.)

Great and dreadful day of the LORD!

I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance,

as the LORD has said,

even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

Joel 2:30-32

A dwelling place among the people!

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people,
and he will dwell with them.

They will be his people,
and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Revelation 21:3

Ebenezer - The stone of help!

The Israelites were badly frightened ...

"Don't stop pleading with the LORD our God to save us from the Philistines!"

they begged Samuel.

So Samuel... pleaded with the LORD to help Israel, and the LORD answered him.

...Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah. He named it Ebenezer (which means "the stone of help").

for he said, "Up to this point the LORD has helped us!"

1 Samuel 7:7-12 NLT

El Shaddai - God Almighty!

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said,

"I am El-Shaddai - 'God Almighty.'

Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life.

I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants."

Genesis 17:1-2 NLT

Empowers through the Holy Spirit!

But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

And you will be my witnesses,

telling people about me everywhere—
in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 NLT

(Jesus makes this promise just before ascending into heaven.)

Encamps around those who fear him!

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him:
he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD
encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

Psalms 34:6-7

Eternal encouragement and good hope!

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself
and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace
gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,
encourage your hearts and strengthen you
in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

His faithful love endures forever!

After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang:

"Give thanks to the LORD: his faithful love endures forever!"

At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 NLT

(King Jehoshaphat recognizes that God alone can deliver Judah from this overwhelming force.)

Enthroned over the flood!

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

The LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to his people.

The LORD blesses his people with peace.

Psalm 29:10-11

Entrusts us with the mysteries he has revealed!

So then, no more boasting about human leaders!

All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas
or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours,
and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

This, then, is how you ought to regard us:
as servants of Christ

and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.

1 Corinthians 3:21-4:1

Equips us to do his will!

Now may the God of peace,
who through the blood of the eternal covenant
brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
equip you with everything good for doing his will,
and may he work in us what is pleasing to him,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen

Hebrews 13:20-21

Judges the peoples with equity!

The LORD reigns forever:

he has established his throne for judgment.

He rules the world in righteousness

and judges the peoples with equity.

Psalms 9:7-8

Gifts us eternal life!

But now that you have been set free from sin
and become slaves of God,

the benefit you reap leads to holiness,

and the result is eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:22-23

Every eye will see him!

"Look, he is coming with the clouds,"

and "every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him";

and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him.

So shall it be! Amen.

Revelation 1:7

Every knee will bow before him!

It is written:

'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,

'every knee will bow before me;

every tongue will acknowledge God.'

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Romans 14:11-12

From everlasting to everlasting!

LORD, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting

You are God.

Psalms 90:1-2

Everything in heaven and earth is his!

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,

for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom: you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you: you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

(David's prayer after the people give generously to build the temple.)

Exalted name!

Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens: ...

Praise the LORD from the earth, ...

For his name alone is exalted:

His splendor is above the earth and heavens!

Psalm 148:1.7.13

Example to follow!

Follow God's example, therefore,
as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love,
just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Makes his face shine on you!

"Tell Aaron and his sons.

This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you:

the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you:

the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Numbers 6:22-27

(For over 3,000 years, this "Aaronic Benediction" has been spoken over God's people.)

Faithful forever!

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.
He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them -
he remains faithful forever.

Psalms 146:5-6

Far above any ruler or authority!

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of
God's power for us who believe him.

This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him
in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else -
not only in this world but also in the world to come.

Ephesians 1:19-21 NLT

Far-reaching greatness!

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times..."

He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they will live securely, for then his greatness

will reach to the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:2-4

(Jesus' birth in Bethlehem was the fulfillment of the first part of this prophecy. Luke 2:1-20)

Father of the heavenly lights!

Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17

Loving Father!

See what great love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are!

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God,
and what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when Christ appears,
we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:1-2

Father to the fatherless! Defender of widows!

Sing praises to God and to his name!

Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.

His name is the LORD -
rejoice in his presence!

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows -
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

Psalms 68:4-5 NLT

Now is the time of his favor!

As God's co-workers we urge you
not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says,

"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor,
now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Greatly feared in the council of the holy ones!

The heavens praise your wonders, LORD.

your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?

Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared:

he is more awesome than all who surround him.

Psalms 89:5-7

Preparing a feast for all peoples!

On this mountain the LORD Almighty
will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,

a banquet of aged wine—

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Isaiah 25:6-8

Feeds the birds!

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life -
whether you have enough food and drink,
or enough clothes to wear.

Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?

Look at the birds.

They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your
heavenly Father feeds them.

And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?

(Jesus - from the Sermon on the Mount.)

Matthew 6:25-26 NLT

Fellowship with us!

And we know that the Son of God has come, and he
has given us understanding
so that we can know the true God.

And now we live in fellowship with the true God
because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ.
He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

1 John 5:20 NET

Fights those who fight his people!

Who can snatch the plunder of war from the hands of a warrior?

Who can demand that a tyrant let his captives go?

But the LORD says,

"The captives of warriors will be released,

and the plunder of tyrants will be retrieved.

For I will fight those who fight you,

and I will save your children.

Isaiah 49:24-25 NLT

Fills the empty!

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,

"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything.

But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so,

they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them,

and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

Luke 5:4-7

Firstborn of the dead!

Grace and peace to you
from him who is, and who was, and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ,
who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:4-5

Offers forgiveness of sins for all who repent!

And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem:

'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'

You are witnesses of all these things.

Luke 24:46-48 NLT

(Jesus explains the scriptures to his followers after his resurrection.)

Foretaste of future glory!

And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering.

We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

Romans 8:23 NLT

Fortified tower!

The name of the LORD is a fortified tower:

the righteous run to it and are safe.

The wealth of the rich is their fortified city:

they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

Before a downfall the heart is haughty,

but humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 18:10-12

Fortress of salvation for his anointed one!

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

The LORD is the strength of his people,

a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

Save your people and bless your inheritance;

be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Psalm 28:7-9

Sure foundation for our times!

He will be a sure foundation for your times,
a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge;
the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

Isaiah 33:6

Fountain of life!

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house:

you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life:

in your light we see light.

Psalm 36:7-9

Glorious freedom from death and decay!

Yet what we suffer now is nothing
compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day
when God will reveal who his children really are.

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse.

But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day

when it will join God's children

in glorious freedom from death and decay.

Romans 8:18-21 NLT

Frees us from our sins by his blood!

All glory to him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins
by shedding his blood for us.

He has made us a Kingdom of priests
for God his Father.

All glory and power to him forever and ever!

Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6 NLT

Friend who pleads on our behalf!

Even now my witness is in heaven:

my advocate is on high.

My intercessor is my friend

as my eyes pour out tears to God:

on behalf of a man he pleads with God

as one pleads for a friend.

Job 16:19-21

Frustrates the intelligence of the intelligent!

For the message of the cross
is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

1 Corinthians 1:18-19

Gate for the sheep!

I am the gate:

Whoever enters through me will be saved.

He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy:

I have come that they may have life,

and have it to the full.

John 10:9-10

(Jesus confronts the Pharisees who are investigating his healing of a blind man.)

He who gathers the exiles of Israel!

The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

Isaiah 56:8

Gave himself for our sins!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins
to rescue us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,
to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5

Gentle and humble in heart!

Come to me,

All you who are weary and burdened,

and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Gives good gifts to his children!

"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give

good gifts to your children, how much more will

your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you,

for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:9-12

Gives grace to each one of us!

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”

Ephesians 4:7-8

Gives the spirit as a deposit and guarantee

For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened,

because we do not wish to be unclothed

but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God,

who has given us the Spirit as a deposit,

guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 5:4-5

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice.

Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed.

"O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant.

Prove that I have done all this at your command.

O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you,

O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."

1 Kings 18:36-37 NLT

(Elijah's prayer just before his showdown with the prophets of Baal.)

God of glory!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name:
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters:
the God of glory thunders.

the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

Psalms 29:2-3

The LORD God of Heaven's Armies!

"...Prepare to meet your God in judgment, you people of Israel!"

For the LORD is the one who shaped the mountains,
stirs up the winds, and reveals his thoughts to mankind.

He turns the light of dawn into darkness
and treads on the heights of the earth.

The LORD God of Heaven's Armies is his name!

Amos 4:12-13 NLT

(Amos prophecies against the northern kingdom of Israel
for systemic injustice and persistent idolatry.)

God of my life!

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls:
all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

By day the LORD directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.

Psalms 42:7-8

God of the living!

But about the resurrection of the dead—
have you not read what God said to you,

‘I am the God of Abraham,

the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?

He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

Matthew 22:31-32

(Jesus corrects Sadducees who deny the resurrection of the dead.)

Abundant goodness!

They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

The LORD is good to all:
he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalms 145:7-9

God of all grace!

And the God of all Grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while
will himself restore you,
and make you strong, firm, and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:10

Longs to be gracious!

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the LORD is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more.

How gracious he will be when you cry for help!

As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

Isaiah 30:18-19

Grants sleep to those he loves!

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,

the guards stand watch in vain.

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat-

for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Psalms 127:1-2

Great and awesome!

They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. But we prayed to our God...

...After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people,

"Don't be afraid of them.

Remember the LORD, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

Nehemiah 4:8-9,14

(Nehemiah's rallies those rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem in the face of fierce opposition..)

God who makes things grow!

I planted the seed. Apollos watered it.

but God has been making it grow.

So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything.

but only God, who makes things grow.

The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose.

and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.

For we are co-workers in God's service: you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

Has not left you without a guardian-redeemer!

"Don't call me Naomi... because the Almighty has made my life very bitter.

I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty...

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife... and she gave birth to a son...

The women said to Naomi:

"Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer..."

Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him.

The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!"

Ruth 1:20-21, 4:13-17

(The child that Naomi cradles in her arms is Obed, the grandfather of King David.)

Our guide, even to the end!

Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers,

consider well her ramparts, view her citadels,

that you may tell of them to the next generation.

For this God is our God forever and ever:

he will be our guide even to the end.

Psalm 48:12-14

Hands that hold securely!

My sheep listen to my voice:

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish:

no one will snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all:

no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

I and the Father are one."

John 10:27-30

(The Jews have divided opinions after Jesus heals a blind man and then declares himself 'one' with the Father.)

Lord of the harvest!

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others
and sent them two by two ahead of him

to every town and place where he was about to go.

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,

to send out workers into his harvest field.

Luke 10:1-2

Seven things the LORD hates!

There are six things the LORD hates- no, seven things he detests:

haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent,

a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong,

a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Proverbs 6:16-19 NLT

Head of the body, the church!

He is before all things,

and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church:

he is the beginning

and the firstborn from among the dead,

so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:17-18

The LORD who heals you!

"If you listen carefully to the LORD your God
and do what is right in his eyes,

if you pay attention to his commands
and keep all his decrees,

I will not bring on you any of the diseases

I brought on the Egyptians,

for I am the LORD, who heals you."

Exodus 15:26

God hears!

And the angel also said,

"You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son.

You are to name him Ishmael

(which means 'God hears').

for the LORD has heard your cry of distress.

Genesis 16:11 NLT

(Hagar, the servant of Abraham's wife Sarai, learns she will give Abram a son.)

My helper!

The LORD is with me: I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?

The LORD is with me: he is my helper.

I look in triumph on my enemies.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in humans.

Psalms 118:6-8

No longer hides his face!

In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment,
but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you."
says the LORD your Redeemer.

"To me this is like the days of Noah,
when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth.
So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again.

Isaiah 54:8-9

Hiding place!

You are my hiding place:
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 32:7

High priest who meets our need!

...but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

Therefore he is able to save completely
those who come to God through him,

because he always lives to intercede for them.

Such a high priest truly meets our need—
one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners,
exalted above the heavens.

Hebrews 7:24-26

Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving!

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer.

"Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men.

Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf.

Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving.

whether by many or by few."

1 Samuel 14:6

(The Philistine army was defeated before the end of the day.)

One who holds my head high!

But you, O LORD, are a shield around me:
you are my glory, the one who holds my head high.

I cried out to the LORD,

and he answered me from his holy mountain. (Interlude)

I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety,

for the LORD was watching over me.

Psalm 3:3-5 NLT

Holds the keys of death and the grave!

Don't be afraid!

I am the First and the Last.

I am the living one.

I died, but look-

I am alive forever and ever!

And I hold the keys of death and the grave.

Revelation 1:17-18 NLT

Makes us holy!

Consecrate yourselves and be holy,

because I am the LORD your God.

Keep my decrees and follow them.

I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

Leviticus 20:7-8

Holy. Holy. Holy!

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings.

Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 4:8

The Holy One of God!

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him,

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and to know that
you are the Holy One of God."

John 6:67-69

(Many would-be followers desert Jesus after his words become too "difficult". Jesus' question is probably asked with deep emotion.)

Honored name!

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time,
as he had done before at Gibeon. The LORD said to him,

"I have heard your prayer and your petition.

I have set this Temple apart to be holy—
this place you have built where my name will be honored forever.

I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart.

1 Kings 9:2-3 NLT

Hope of all the ends of the earth!

You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,

who formed the mountains by your power,

having armed yourself with strength,

who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

Psalms 65:5-7

Horn of salvation!

"Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David ...

... to enable us to serve him without fear
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days..

Luke 1:68-69-74-75

(From Zechariah's song after the birth of John the Baptist)

His house is a house of prayer for all nations!

And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD...

...these I will bring to my holy mountain

and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar:

for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Isaiah 56:6-7

(Jesus quotes this when he drives the money-changers from the temple. Matthew 21:12-13)

Shared in our humanity!

Since the children have flesh and blood,

he too shared in their humanity

so that by his death he might break the power
of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—
and free those who all their lives were held in slavery
by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Humbled himself!

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage:

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death- even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5-8

Humbles and tests his people!

Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way
in the wilderness these forty years.

to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart,
whether or not you would keep his commands.

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna,
which neither you nor your ancestors had known,

to teach you that man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

My husband!

I will return her vineyards to her
and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope.

She will give herself to me there,
as she did long ago when she was young,
when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt.

When that day comes," says the LORD,

"you will call me 'my husband' instead of 'my master.'

Hosea 2:15-16 NLT

(The "Valley of Trouble" recalled the tragic consequences of sin recorded in Joshua 7.)

I am who I am!

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites:

'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses,

"Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—
has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

Exodus 3:14-15

Identifies you as his own!

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit
by the way you live.

Remember, he has identified you as his own,
guaranteeing that you will be saved
on the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30 NLT

Immanuel - God is with us!

All right then, the LORD himself will give you the sign.

Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son

and will call him Immanuel

(which means 'God is with us').

Isaiah 7:14 NLT

(Isaiah's prophecy to King Ahaz was ultimately fulfilled through Mary in Luke 1:26-38)

Immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more
than all we ask or imagine,

according to his power that is at work within us,

to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Impartial and incorruptible!

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords,

the great God, mighty and awesome,

who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow,

and loves the foreigner residing among you.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18

Indwells and gives life to our mortal bodies!

But if Christ is in you,

then even though your body is subject to death because of sin,

the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,

he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies

because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Romans 8:10-11

Indisputable judgments!

But how can mere mortals prove their innocence before God?

Though they wished to dispute with him,

they could not answer him one time out of a thousand.

His wisdom is profound, his power is vast...

... "How then can I dispute with him?

How can I find words to argue with him?

Though I were innocent, I could not answer him:

I could only plead with my Judge for mercy.

Job 9:1-4, 14-15

Inescapable!

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there...

... If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Psalm 139:7-12

Gives his good Spirit to instruct his people!

“Because of your great compassion
you did not abandon them in the wilderness.

By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path
nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.

You gave your good Spirit to instruct them.

You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave
them water for their thirst. Nehemiah 9:19-20

(The returnees to Jerusalem praise God and confess sins on the eighth day of Sukkot - Booths.)

But God intended it for good!

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"...

...But Joseph said to them,

"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:15,19

Intercedes for us!

Who will bring any charge against those whom
God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Who then is the one who condemns? No one.

Christ Jesus who died—more than that,

who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God
and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:33-34

Invincible - No one can withstand you!

"LORD, the God of our ancestors,
are you not the God who is in heaven?

You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations.

Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you...

...we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us

We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

2 Chronicles 20:6,12

(King Jehoshaphat's prayer as three powerful armies wage war against Judah.)

Invites us to join him in quiet places of rest!

The apostles gathered around Jesus
and reported to him all they had done and taught.
Then, because so many people were coming and going
that they did not even have a chance to eat,
he said to them,

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

Mark 6:30-31

The LORD, whose name is Jealous!

Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you.

Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.

Do not worship any other god.

for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:12-14

Fills with inexpressible and glorious joy!

Though you have not seen him, you love him;
and even though you do not see him now,

you believe in him and are filled
with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

for you are receiving the goal of your faith,

the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8-9

Judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart!

For the word of God is alive and active.

Sharper than any double-edged sword,

it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow:

it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

The LORD is just!

But the godly will flourish like palm trees
and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.

For they are transplanted to the LORD's own house.

They flourish in the courts of our God.

Even in old age they will still produce fruit;

they will remain vital and green. They will declare,

"The LORD is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in him!".

Psalms 92:12-15 NLT

Establishes justice!

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;

I will put my Spirit on him
and he will bring justice to the nations...

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

Isaiah 42:1,3-4

Keeps in perfect peace!

You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.

Trust in the LORD forever.

for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:3-4

Keeps no record of sins!

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,

LORD, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Psalm 130:3-4

Knows the anguish of my soul!

I will be glad and rejoice in your love,

for you saw my affliction

and knew the anguish of my soul.

You have not given me into the hands of the enemy

but have set my feet in a spacious place.

Psalm 31:7-8

Knows our needs!

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?'
or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

For the pagans run after all these things,
and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

(Jesus - Sermon on the Mount.)

Matthew 6:31-33

Lamb of God!

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,

"Look, the Lamb of God,

who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29

Lamb without blemish or defect!

For you know that it was not with perishable things
such as silver or gold that you were redeemed
from the empty way of life
handed down to you from your ancestors,
but with the precious blood of Christ,
a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 Peter 1:18-19

The last Adam - the heavenly man!

So it is written:

"The first man Adam became a living being": the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.

The first man was of the dust of the earth: the second man is of heaven.

As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth:
and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man,
so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brings laughter!

Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter,
and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."

And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham
that Sarah would nurse children?

Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Genesis 21:6-7

Lays down his life for his friends!

My command is this:

Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you servants.

because a servant does not know his master's business.

Instead, I have called you friends.

for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:12-15

Leads the people he has redeemed!

In your unfailing love you will lead
the people you have redeemed.

In your strength you will guide them
to your holy dwelling.

Exodus 15:13

Brought life and immortality to light!

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—
not because of anything we have done
but because of his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,
but it has now been revealed through the appearing of
our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death
and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:9-10

Lifts up those who are weighed down!

He gives justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.

The LORD frees the prisoners.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are weighed down.

The LORD loves the godly.

Psalms 146:7-8 NLT

Light of the world!

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,

"I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,

but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Lingers until the appointed time!

For the revelation awaits an appointed time:

it speaks of the end and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it:

it will certainly come and will not delay.

Habakkuk 2:3

Lion of the tribe of Judah!

I wept and wept because no one was found
who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.
Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep!
See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David, has triumphed.
He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

Revelation 5:4-5

Listens to my cry!

From inside the fish

Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said:

"In my distress I called to the LORD,

and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead

I called for help, and you listened to my cry."

Jonah 2:1-2

In his great mercy - new birth into a living hope!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

1 Peter 1:3-4

Lord of lords and King of kings!

They will wage war against the Lamb.

but the Lamb will triumph over them

because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—

and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.

Revelation 17:14

Lord of the Sabbath!

Then Jesus said to them,

"The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people,
and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.
So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!"

Mark 2:27-28 NLT

(Jesus' response to criticism of his disciples picking grain to eat on the Sabbath.)

This is how God loved the world!

"For this is how God loved the world:

He gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
will not perish but have eternal life.

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world,
but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17 NLT

(Jesus explains the gospel to the Pharisee, Nicodemus.)

Majestic glory!

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power.

but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying,

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-18

Maker of all things!

As you do not know the path of the wind,
or how the body is formed in a mother's womb,
so you cannot understand the work of God,
the Maker of all things.

Ecclesiastes 11:5

Manna in the wilderness! Water from the rock!

He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness,

that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions.

He brought you water out of hard rock.

He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness,

something your ancestors had never known,

to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

Deuteronomy 8:15-16

Marks out the times and boundaries of the nations!

From one man he made all the nations,
that they should inhabit the whole earth;
and he marked out their appointed times in history
and the boundaries of their lands.

God did this so that they would seek him
and perhaps reach out for him and find him,

though he is not far from any one of us.

(Paul explains "The Unknown God" to the philosophers in Athens.)

Acts 17:26-28

Mediator of a new covenant!

But you have come to Mount Zion,

to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,

to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

You have come to God, the Judge of all,

to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood

that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:22-24

Memorable and mighty deeds!

"To this I will appeal:

the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.

I will remember the deeds of the LORD:

yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

Psalms 77:10-12

Merciful Father!

But love your enemies, do good to them,
and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.

Then your reward will be great,
and you will be children of the Most High,
because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:35-36

Messiah, Son of the Blessed One!

Again the high priest asked him,

"Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

"I am," said Jesus.

"And you will see the Son of Man
sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One
and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Mark 14:61-62

(The high priest, Caiaphas questions Jesus at his trial.)

Mightier than the violent raging of the seas!

The floods have risen up. O LORD.

The floods have roared like thunder:

the floods have lifted their pounding waves.

But mightier than the violent raging of the seas,

mightier than the breakers on the shore—

the LORD above is mightier than these!

Psalm 93:3-4 NLT

A mighty hand and an outstretched arm!

Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation,

by testings, by signs and wonders, by war,

by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds,

like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

You were shown these things so that you might know that

the LORD is God:

besides him there is no other.

Deuteronomy 4:34-35

Glorious ministry of the Spirit!

Now if the ministry that brought death,
which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory...
...will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious,
how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

2 Corinthians 3:7-9

Most High over all the earth!

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all peoples see his glory...

...Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah

are glad because of your judgments, LORD.

For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth:

you are exalted far above all gods.

Psalms 97:6-9

Mystery and hidden treasures!

My goal is that they may be
encouraged in heart and united in love,

so that they may have

the full riches of complete understanding,

in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,
in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3

Name above every name!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

Near to all who call!

The LORD is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

he hears their cry and saves them.

Psalms 145:18-19

Never leaves, never forsakes!

Then Moses summoned Joshua
and said to him in the presence of all Israel,

"Be strong and courageous, for you must go...

...The LORD himself goes before you

and will be with you;

he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

Gives new birth and new life!

But-When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7 NLT

Obedience to his voice is what pleases him!

“What is more pleasing to the LORD:
your burnt offerings and sacrifices
or your obedience to his voice?”

Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice,
and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15:22 NLT

(Samuel confronts King Saul about his disobedience to the LORD's commands.)

Offered himself - a pleasing aroma!

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do,
because you are his dear children.

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us,
a pleasing aroma to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2 NLT

Omnipotent God who does as he pleases!

I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored.
Then I praised the Most High: I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion:

his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing.

He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

Daniel 4:34-35

(Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar's prayer after God restores his sanity.)

Omniscient, everlasting God!

Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD, or instruct the LORD as his counselor?

Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way?

Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding?

...Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 40:13-14,28

No God but one!

We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that

"There is no God but one."

For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth

(as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords").

Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came

and for whom we live:

and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came,

and through whom we live.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

One! Perfect unity of Father & Son indwelling believers!

"My prayer is not for them alone.

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

that all of them may be one.

Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

I have given them the glory that you gave me,

that they may be one as we are one-

I in them and you in me-so that they may be brought to complete unity.

John 17:20-23

(Jesus prays for "all who will believe" after the Passover meal.)

The only true God!

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

For you granted him authority over all people
that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:1-3

(Jesus prays for glory for himself and his Father after the Passover meal.)

Opens a door that no one can close!

"Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

This is the message from the one who is holy and true,

the one who has the key of David.

What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open:

"I know all the things you do,

and I have opened a door for you that no one can close.

Revelation 3:7-8 NLT

Opens our eyes to the unseen!

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning,
an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city.

"Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered.

"Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see."

Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked
and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

(As the army of Aram approached Elisha, God struck them with blindness.) 2 Kings 6:15-17

Opens the floodgates of heaven to pour out blessing!

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,

that there may be food in my house.

Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty,

"and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven

and pour out so much blessing

that there will not be room enough to store it.

Malachi 3:10

Opens minds to understand the scriptures!

He said to them,

"This is what I told you while I was still with you:
Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me
in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Luke 24:44-45

(Jesus explains the scriptures to his followers following his resurrection.)

Overcame the world!

"A time is coming and in fact has come
when you will be scattered, each to your own home.

You will leave me all alone.

Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.

In this world you will have trouble.

But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:32-33

Overseer of our souls!

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness:

"by his wounds you have been healed."

For "you were like sheep going astray,"

but now you have returned to the

Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:24-25

Freely pardons!

Seek the LORD while he may be found:

call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways

and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

Invited you into partnership!

He will keep you strong to the end
so that you will be free from all blame on the day
when our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says,
and he has invited you into partnership with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 NLT

Passionate for the Spirit he placed within us!

Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning?

They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him.

And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

James 4:5-8 NLT

God who gives patience and encouragement!

And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement
as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement,
help you live in complete harmony with each other,
as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:4-5 NLT

Yahweh-Shalom - The LORD is peace!

When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he cried out,

"Oh, Sovereign LORD, I'm doomed!

I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!"

"It is all right," the LORD replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die."

And Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and named it

Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the LORD is peace").

Judges 6:22-24 NLT

Perfect way! Flawless word!

David sang to the LORD the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul...

"...As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless:
he shields all who take refuge in him.

For who is God besides the LORD?

And who is the Rock except our God?

It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.

2 Samuel 22:1.31-33

Performs miraculous signs and wonders!

King Nebuchadnezzar.

To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth:

May you prosper greatly!

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders
that the Most High God has performed for me.

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders!

His kingdom is an eternal kingdom:

his dominion endures from generation to generation. Daniel 4:2-3

(King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon testifies to the greatness and power of our God.)

Pioneer and Perfector of our Faith!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,
fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame,
and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

The LORD is in this place!

He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD...

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."
Genesis 28:12-13,16-17

(Jacob had this dream while fleeing from his brother, Esau, after stealing the birthright.)

His plans stand firm forever!

The LORD foils the plans of the nations:

he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever.

the purposes of his heart through all generations..

Psalm 33:10-11

Jezeel - God plants!

"In that day, I will answer," says the LORD.

"I will answer the sky as it pleads for clouds.
And the sky will answer the earth with rain.

Then the earth will answer the thirsty cries
of the grain, the grapevines, and the olive trees.

And they in turn will answer, 'Jezeel' - 'God plants!'

Hosea 2:21-23 NLT

Pleased to give you the kingdom!

Do not be afraid, little flock,

for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out,

a treasure in heaven that will never fail,

where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:32-34

Pondered by all who delight in his works!

Great are the works of the LORD:

they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered:

the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Psalms 111:2-4

My portion and my cup!

LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup:
you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen
for me in pleasant places:
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Psalms 16:5-6

Positions people for courageous action!

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer:

"Do not think that because you are in the king's house
you alone of all the Jews will escape.

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews
will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish.

And who knows but that you have come to your royal position
for such a time as this?" Esther 4:12-14

(Queen Esther is challenged to speak up for her people at great risk to her own life.)

The potter to our clay!

Yet you, LORD, are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

Isaiah 64:8

Pours out his Spirit on all people!

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your old men will dream dreams,

your young men will see visions.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Joel 2:28-29

(Peter declares this prophecy fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:16-21)

The hand of the LORD is powerful!

He said to the Israelites. "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'

For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over.

The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.

He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know

that the hand of the LORD is powerful

and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

Joshua 4:21-24

(This occurs days after the death of Moses and days before the battle of Jericho.)

Praiseworthy deeds told from generation to generation!

My people, hear my teaching: listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable:

I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds
of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Psalms 78:1-4

Precious are his decrees!

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned:
In keeping them there is great reward.

Psalms 19:9-11

Predestined us for adoption!

In love he predestined us for adoption
to sonship through Jesus Christ,
in accordance with his pleasure and will—
to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 1:4-6

Preparing a place for us!

“Don't let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God, and trust also in me.

There is more than enough room in my Father's home.

If this were not so, would I have told you
that I am going to prepare a place for you?

When everything is ready, I will come and get you,
so that you will always be with me where I am.

John 14:1-3 NLT

Glorious presence!

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you before his glorious presence
without fault and with great joy -
to the only God our Savior
be glory, majesty, power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

Pride and joy of the remnant of his people!

Then at last the LORD of Heaven's Armies
will himself be Israel's glorious crown.

He will be the pride and joy
of the remnant of his people.

Isaiah 28:5 NLT

Righteous God who probes hearts and minds!

Bring to an end the violence of the wicked
and make the righteous secure—
you, the righteous God
who probes minds and hearts.

1 My shield is God Most High,
who saves the upright in heart.

Psalm 7:9-10

Fulfills his promises!

But why am I so favored,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed is she who has believed
that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Luke 1:43-45

(Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist blesses her young cousin, Mary, the mother of Jesus.)

Protects those who acknowledge his name!

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him:

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him:

I will be with him in trouble.

I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation."

Psalms 91:14-16

Proved holy through his people!

I will accept you as fragrant incense
when I bring you out from the nations and gather you
from the countries where you have been scattered,
and I will be proved holy through you
in the sight of the nations.

Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 20:41-42

Provides streams in the wasteland!

The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls,

because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,

to give drink to my people, my chosen,

the people I formed for myself

that they may proclaim my praise.

Isaiah 43:20-21

Punishes with everlasting destruction!

God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you
and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well.

This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire
with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God
and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

They will be punished with everlasting destruction
and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9

Purchased our freedom and forgave our sins!

For he has rescued us
from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us
into the Kingdom of his dear Son,
who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Colossians 1:13-14 NLT

Purifies us from all unrighteousness!

If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

For this very purpose I raised you up!

For by now I could have stretched out my hand
and struck you and your people with a plague
that would have wiped you off the earth.

But I have raised you up for this very purpose,
that I might show you my power
and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Exodus 9:15-16

(The LORD told Moses to give Pharaoh this message before the seventh plague.)

Pursues his foes into the realm of darkness!

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.

He cares for those who trust in him,

but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh:

he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.

Whatever they plot against the LORD he will bring to an end:

trouble will not come a second time.

Nahum 1:7-9

(Within 50 years of Nahum's prophecy, Ninevah fell to the Babylonians.)

His goodness and unfailing love pursue us!

My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:5-6 NLT

Qualifies you to share in the inheritance!

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives...

...and giving joyful thanks to the Father,

who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:9-12

Radiance!

Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds
on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.

This was the appearance of the likeness
of the glory of the LORD.

When I saw it, I fell facedown,
and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Ezekiel 1:28

Ransom for many!

Whoever wants to be a leader among you
must be your servant.

and whoever wants to be first among you
must be the slave of everyone else.

For even the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve others

and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:43-45 NLT

(Jesus responds to his disciple's competition to be first in importance.)

Rebukes those he loves!

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire,

so you can become rich;

and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness;

and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.

So be earnest and repent.

Revelation 3:18-19

Reconciles us to Himself!

Once you were alienated from God
and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body
through death to present you holy in his sight,

without blemish and free from accusation -

if you continue in your faith, established and firm,

and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

Colossians 1:21-23

Refines his people like silver!

I will refine them like silver and test them like gold.

They will call on my name and I will answer them:

I will say, 'They are my people.'

and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

Zechariah 13:9

Refreshes my soul!

The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

he leads me beside quiet waters.

he refreshes my soul.

Psalms 23:1-3

Refuge from our enemies!

I am praying to you
because I know you will answer. O God.

Bend down and listen as I pray.

Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways.

By your mighty power you rescue
those who seek refuge from their enemies.

Psalm 17:6-7 NLT

Reigns for ever and ever!

By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone -
until your people pass by. LORD, until the people you bought pass by.

You will bring them in and plant them
on the mountain of your inheritance -
the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling,
the sanctuary, LORD, your hands established.

"The LORD reigns for ever and ever."
Exodus 15:16-18

(Moses and the Israelites sing after God parted the Red Sea for them to escape the Egyptians.)

All creation rejoices before Him!

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad:

let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them:

let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes.

he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Psalms 96:11-13

Rejoices in doing good to his people!

They will be my people, and I will be their God.

I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them.

I will make an everlasting covenant with them:

I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.

I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.

Jeremiah 32:38-41

Releases those held in bondage by Satan!

But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant
that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day...

But the Lord replied...

...This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham,
has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years.
Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?"

Luke 14:13-16 NLT

(Jesus releases a woman bent over by an evil spirit - in the synagogue, on the Sabbath.)

Relents from sending calamity!

Rend your heart and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and abounding in love,

and he relents from sending calamity.

Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing—
grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.

Joel 2:13-14

Reliable name for those lost in the darkness!

Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the word of his servant?

Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light,
trust in the name of the LORD and rely on their God.

Isaiah 50:10

When the earth gives way, his faithful love remains!

For the mountains may move and the hills disappear,
but even then my faithful love for you will remain.

"My covenant of blessing will never be broken,"
says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Isaiah 54:10 NLT

Remembers his people as a mother does her child!

Yet Jerusalem says,

"The LORD has deserted us; the LORD has forgotten us."

Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?

Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?

But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!

See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.

Always in my mind is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins.

Isaiah 49:14-16 NET

Sounding of trumpets remind him of his covenant!

"When you arrive in your own land and go to war against your enemies who attack you, sound the alarm with the trumpets.

Then the LORD your God will remember you and rescue you from your enemies.

Blow the trumpets in times of gladness, too.

sounding them at your annual festivals and at the beginning of each month.

And blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and peace offerings.

The trumpets will remind your God of his covenant with you.

I am the LORD your God."

Numbers 10:9-10 NLT

Removes our sins far from us!

For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.

The LORD is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

Psalm 103:11-13 NLT

Renews our spirits every day!

Though our bodies are dying,
our spirits are being renewed every day.

For our present troubles are small
and won't last very long.

Yet they produce for us a glory
that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 NLT

Requires good things - justice, mercy, humility!

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Rescues from oppression and violence!

For he will deliver the needy who cry out,

the afflicted who have no one to help.

He will take pity on the weak and the needy

and save the needy from death.

He will rescue them from oppression and violence,

for precious is their blood in his sight.

Psalm 72:12-14

Responds to prayer and fasting!

...I proclaimed a fast,

so that we might humble ourselves before our God

and ask him for a safe journey for us

and our children, with all our possessions...

So we fasted and petitioned our God about this,

and he answered our prayer.

Ezra 8:21,23

(Ezra, the scribe, describes preparation for the exiles journey from Babylon to Jerusalem.)

Restrains anger!

Yet he was merciful;

he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them.

Time after time he restrained his anger
and did not stir up his wrath.

He remembered they were but flesh,
a passing breath that does not return.

Psalms 78:38-39

Restores the outcast!

But I will restore you to health
and heal your wounds.'

declares the LORD.

'because you are called an outcast,

Zion for whom no one cares.'

Jeremiah 30:17

The resurrection and the life!

Jesus said to her,

"I am the resurrection and the life.

The one who believes in me will live,

even though they die;

and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

(Before raising his friend, Lazarus, from the dead, Jesus questions Lazarus' sister, (Martha.)

Reveals great and unsearchable things!

This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth,

the LORD who formed it and established it—

the LORD is his name:

‘Call to me and I will answer you

and tell you great and unsearchable things

you do not know.’

Jeremiah 33:2-3

Respect the elderly and revere your God!

Stand up in the presence of the aged,

show respect for the elderly

and revere your God.

I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:32

Rewards those who earnestly seek him!

And without faith it is impossible to please God,

because anyone who comes to him

must believe that he exists

and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Rich & glorious inheritance!

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened
in order that you may know the hope
to which he has called you,

the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,
and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 1:18-19

Righteous king who brings peace to the nations!

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious,
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey - riding on a donkey's colt.

I will remove the battle chariots from Israel
and the warhorses from Jerusalem.

I will destroy all the weapons used in battle,
and your king will bring peace to the nations.

Zechariah 9:9-10 NLT

No other Rock! No other God!

Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me
what has happened since I established my ancient people,
and what is yet to come - yes, let them foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock: I know not one."

Isaiah 44:7-8

Rock that is higher than I!

From the ends of the earth I call to you,

I call as my heart grows faint:

lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

I long to dwell in your tent forever
and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Psalms 61:2-4

The blessed and only Ruler!

God, the blessed and only Ruler,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal
and who lives in unapproachable light,
whom no one has seen or can see.
To him be honor and might forever.

Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

Makes me dwell in safety!

Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"

Let the light of your face shine on us.

Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalms 4:6-8

Salvation is found in no one else!

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...

"...know this, you and all the people of Israel:

It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Jesus is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone:

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven

given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:8-12

(Peter confronts the Sanhedrin members after he and John were jailed for proclaiming the resurrection.)

Sanctifies us by the truth!

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world
but that you protect them from the evil one.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Sanctify them by the truth: your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17:15-19

(Jesus prays for his disciples in the upper room on the evening before he is arrested.)

Satisfies the desires of every living thing!

The eyes of all look to you.

and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Psalms 145:15-16

Saves once and forever!

But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever.

Therefore he is able, once and forever,

to save those who come to God through him.

He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

Hebrews 7:24-25 NLT

The Savior of the world!

Then they said to the woman,

"Now we believe, not just because of what you told us,

but because we have heard him ourselves.

Now we know that he is indeed

the Savior of the world."

John 4:42

(Samaritans who heard the testimony of the "Woman at the well"
declare their personal faith in Jesus.)

Scepter of justice!

But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever:
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Hebrews 1:8-9

He who searches our hearts!

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do not know what we ought to pray for,

but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,

because the Spirit intercedes for God's people

in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

Seated us in heavenly realms!

And God raised us up with Christ
and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,
in order that in the coming ages he might show
the incomparable riches of his grace,
expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6-7

Secret things belong to him!

The secret things belong to the LORD our God,
but the things revealed belong to us
and to our children forever,

that we may follow all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 29:29

(Moses calls Israel to renew their covenant with God, as the time
for the people to enter the promised land draws near.)

The One who sees me!

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her:

"You are the God who sees me," for she said,

"I have now seen the One who sees me."

Genesis 16:13

(Hagar, Sarai's Egyptian maid - and the future mother of Abraham's son, Ishmael - responds to God after her encounter with him in the desert.)

Sends poverty and wealth!

The LORD sends poverty and wealth: he humbles and he exalts.

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap:

he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.

For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's:

on them he has set the world.

1 Samuel 2:7-8

(From Hannah's prayer - after she presented her long-awaited son, Samuel, for service to God.)

Came as a servant!

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you
so that God will be given glory.

Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show
that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors.

He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God
for his mercies to them

Romans 15:7-9 NLT

Sets apart the godly for himself!

You can be sure of this:

The LORD set apart the godly for himself.

The LORD will answer when I call to him.

Psalm 4:3 NLT

The shadow of the Almighty - a place of rest!

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

This I declare about the LORD:

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.

Psalms 91:1-2 NLT

Shelter for the oppressed!

The LORD is a shelter for the oppressed,

a refuge in times of trouble.

Those who know your name trust in you,

for you, O LORD.

do not abandon those who search for you.

Psalms 9:9-10 NLT

Good shepherd!

I am the good shepherd:
I know my sheep and my sheep know me -
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father -
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

Shield, helper, and glorious sword!

So Israel will live in safety: Jacob will dwell secure
in a land of grain and new wine, where the heavens drop dew.

Blessed are you, Israel!

Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD?
He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword.

Your enemies will cower before you,
and you will tread on their heights."

Deuteronomy 33:28-29

(Moses blesses the Israelites before his death.)

The light shining in the darkness!

The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

John 1:4-5 NLT

Shoot from the stump of Jesse!

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse:

from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might,

the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:1-3

Shows you which path to take!

Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.

Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

Silences the boastful songs of ruthless people!

You are a refuge from the storm and a shelter from the heat.
For the oppressive acts of ruthless people are like a storm beating
against a wall, or like the relentless heat of the desert.

But you silence the roar of foreign nations.

As the shade of a cloud cools relentless heat,
so the boastful songs of ruthless people are stilled.

Isaiah 25:4-5 NLT

Sin-bearer!

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,

and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin...

...because he poured out his life unto death

and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many

and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:10,12

Sings over you!

He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing...

At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes."

Zephaniah 3:17,20

Smooths the road ahead of his people!

I will lead blind Israel down a new path,
guiding them along an unfamiliar way.

I will brighten the darkness before them
and smooth out the road ahead of them.

Yes, I will indeed do these things:

I will not forsake them.

Isaiah 42:16 NLT

The Son of Man - the one speaking with you!

Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight.

"He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see"...

...Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said,

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

Jesus said, "You have now seen him: in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him."

John 9:15,35-38

(Jesus heals a man born blind, and later reveals his identity.)

Man of Sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief!

There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance,
nothing to attract us to him.

He was despised and rejected—

a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.

He was despised, and we did not care.

Isaiah 53:2-3 NLT

Source of our ability and success!

But remember the LORD your God,
for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,
and so confirms his covenant,
which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Deuteronomy 8:18

Sovereign LORD!

...he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley;

it was full of bones... bones that were very dry.

He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them,

Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones:

I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

Ezekiel 37:1-5

Spirit of justice! Source of strength!

He will be a spirit of justice
to the one who sits in judgment,
a source of strength

to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

Isaiah 28:6

Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline!

For God has not given us
a spirit of fear and timidity,

but of power, love, and self-discipline.

So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 NLT

Spirit of Truth!

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,
he will guide you into all the truth.

He will not speak on his own:

he will speak only what he hears.

and he will tell you what is yet to come.

He will glorify me because it is from me

that he will receive what he will make known to you.

John 16:13-14

Kingdom of Glorious Splendor!

All your works praise you LORD:

your faithful people extol you.

They tell of the glory of your kingdom

and speak of your might,

so that all people may know of your mighty acts

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Psalm 145:10-12

Stands with the Needy!

With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD:
in the great throng of worshipers. I will praise him.

For he stands at the right hand of the needy,

to save their lives from those who would condemn them.

Psalm 109:30-31

Stars fight the enemies of his people!

The stars fought from heaven.

The stars in their orbits fought against Sisera.

The Kishon River swept them away—
that ancient torrent, the Kishon.

March on with courage, my soul!

Judges 5:20-21

(Deborah and Barak's sing a victory song after Israel defeated the Canaanite army.)

The Living Stone!

As you come to him, the living Stone—
rejected by humans but chosen by God
and precious to him— you also, like living stones,
are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

Stores up good things for those who fear him!

How abundant are the good things

that you have stored up for those who fear you.

that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you.

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from all human intrigues:

you keep them safe in your dwelling from accusing tongues.

Psalm 31:19-20

Strengthens hearts that are fully committed to him!

At that time Hanani the seer
came to Asa king of Judah and said to him:

"Because you relied on the king of Aram
and not on the LORD your God, the army of the King of Aram has escaped...

...when you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your hand.

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth
to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:7-9

(After reigning for thirty-five years, King Asa fails to rely on God for deliverance.)

Stronghold of My Life!

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?

When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Psalm 27:1-3

Sufficient grace!

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited,
I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.
Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

But he said to me,

"My grace is sufficient for you,

for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses,
so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Summons us by name!

But now, this is what the LORD says—
he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1

He who supplies seed to the sower!

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will also supply and increase your store of seed
and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way
so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Support and Consolation!

When I said, "My foot is slipping,"
your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.

When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.

Psalm 94:18-19

Surrounds his people!

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.

Psalms 125:1-2

Sustains all things by his powerful word!

The Son is the radiance of God's glory
and the exact representation of his being,
sustaining all things by his powerful word.

After he had provided purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 1:3

When heart and flesh fail, he takes us into glory!

Yet I am always with you: you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel.

and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail.

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalms 73:23-26

Tasted Death for Everyone!

But we do see Jesus,
who was made lower than the angels for a little while,
now crowned with glory and honor
because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God
he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

Teaches and Reminds

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things
and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:26-27

Tempted in every way - yet did not sin!

For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who has been tempted in every way,
just as we are - yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15

God who is seated on the throne!

The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down
and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne.

And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

"Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, both great and small!"

Revelation 19:4-5

Thunders with his majestic voice!

Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice,

to the rumbling that comes from his mouth.

He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven
and sends it to the ends of the earth.

After that comes the sound of his roar: he thunders with his majestic voice.

When his voice resounds, he holds nothing back.

God's voice thunders in marvelous ways:
he does great things beyond our understanding.

Job 37:2-5

Transforms us into his image!

Now the Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory,

are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory,

which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Treads our sins underfoot!

Who is God like you, who pardons sin and forgives
the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

You will again have compassion on us;

you will tread our sins underfoot

and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

God's light in our hearts - treasure in jars of clay!

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

made his light shine in our hearts

to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory

displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay

to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Trustworthy in all he promises!

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:13-14

Truth that sets you free!

To the Jews who had believed him,
Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching,
you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

Unchanging!

"I the LORD do not change.

So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

Ever since the time of your ancestors

you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them.

Return to me, and I will return to you."

says the LORD Almighty.

Malachi 3:6-7

Undeniable!

For since the creation of the world
God's invisible qualities— his eternal power
and divine nature— have been clearly seen,
being understood from what has been made,
so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

Understands every desire and every thought!

“And you, my son Solomon,
acknowledge the God of your father,
and serve him with wholehearted devotion
and with a willing mind,
for the LORD searches every heart
and understands every desire and every thought.

1 Chronicles 28:9

Unequaled!

"With whom will you compare me or count me equal?
To whom will you liken me that we may be compared?"

...Remember the former things, those of long ago:

I am God, and there is no other:

I am God, and there is none like me.

Isaiah 46:5.9

The God who shows me unfailing love!

But as for me, I will sing about your power.

Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love.

For you have been my refuge,

a place of safety when I am in distress.

O my Strength, to you I sing praises,

for you, O God, are my refuge,

the God who shows me unfailing love.

Psalms 59:16-17 NLT

Unfathomable!

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,

and his understanding no one can fathom.

Isaiah 40:28

Brings unity to all things!

With all wisdom and understanding,
he made known to us the mystery of his will
according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,
to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—
to bring unity to all things
in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Ephesians 1:8-10

Unshakeable Kingdom!

Since we are receiving a Kingdom
that is unshakable,

let us be thankful and please God
by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.

For our God is a devouring fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29 NLT

Unstoppable!

Therefore, in the present case I advise you:

Leave these men alone! Let them go!

For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.

But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men:

you will only find yourselves fighting against God."

Acts 5:38-39

(Respected Pharisee Gamaliel advises the Sanhedrin to use caution when dealing with those teaching about Jesus in the temple courts.)

Upholds his people!

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Upright, just, and faithful God who does no wrong!

I will proclaim the name of the LORD.

Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

He is the Rock, his works are perfect,

and all his ways are just.

A faithful God who does no wrong,

upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ!

But thanks be to God,

who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession
and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ
among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Considers us valuable!

What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin?

But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground
without your Father knowing it.

And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.

So don't be afraid:

you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31 NLT

Comes with vengeance! Comes to save!

Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,

"Be strong, do not fear: your God will come,
he will come with vengeance: with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

Isaiah 35:3-4

Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

God who vindicates me!

I cry out to God Most High,

to God, who vindicates me.

He sends from heaven and saves me,

rebuking those who hotly pursue me—

God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.

Psalm 57:2-3

The true vine and the gardener!

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener...

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you,

you will bear much fruit;

apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-5

The wall of fire around - The glory within!

Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of
the great number of people and animals in it.

And I myself will be a wall of fire around it;
declares the LORD.

'and I will be its glory within.'

Zechariah 2:4-5

Wants everyone to come to repentance!

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise,
as some understand slowness.

Instead he is patient with you,
not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Patiently warns!

For many years you were patient with them.

By your Spirit you warned them through your prophets.

Yet they paid no attention.

so you gave them into the hands of the neighboring peoples.

But in your great mercy

you did not put an end to them or abandon them.

for you are a gracious and merciful God.

Nehemiah 9:30-31

Mighty Warrior who saves!

The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you:

Never again will you fear any harm.

On that day they will say to Jerusalem,

"Do not fear, Zion: Do not let your hands hang limp.

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves."

Zephaniah 3:15-17

Let's nothing be wasted!

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God,
and distributed them to the people.

Afterward he did the same with the fish.

And they all ate as much as they wanted.

After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples,

"Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted."

John 6:11-12

Watches over the foreigner!

The LORD watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

Psalms 146:9-10

Rivers of living water!

On the last and greatest day of the festival,

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:37-39

The way, the truth, and the life!

When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going."

"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said.

"We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 14:3-6 NLT

The new and living way!

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings...

Hebrews 10:19-22

Weighs our deeds!

Then Hannah prayed and said:

"My heart rejoices in the LORD: in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance...

"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance,
for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

1 Samuel 2:1-3

Welcomes little children with open arms!

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these..."

...And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

(This happens on the final trip to Jerusalem when fear and trepidation hang over everyone travelling with Jesus.)

Mark 10:13-16

Welcomes sinners and eats with them!

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered,

"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus told them...

...I tell you that in the same way

there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:1-3.7

Who was, and is, and is to come!

Each of the four living creatures had six wings
and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings.

Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 4:8

Even the wind and waves obey him!

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves.

Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm.

Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?"

The disciples were terrified and amazed.

"Who is this man?" they asked each other.

"When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!"

Luke 8:24-25 NLT

Will wipe away every tear from our eyes!

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,

and there will be no more death

or sorrow or crying or pain.

All these things are gone forever."

Revelation 21:4 NLT

True wisdom - The fear of the LORD!

"God alone understands the way to wisdom: he knows where it can be found,
for he looks throughout the whole earth and sees everything under the heavens.

He decided how hard the winds should blow and how much rain should fall.

He made the laws for the rain and laid out a path for the lightning.

Then he saw wisdom and evaluated it. He set it in place and examined it thoroughly.

And this is what he says to all humanity:

"The fear of the LORD is true wisdom: to forsake evil is real understanding."

Job 28:23-28 NLT

Greater witness than John!

John was like a burning and shining lamp,
and you were excited for a while about his message.

But I have a greater witness than John—
my teachings and my miracles.

The Father gave me these works to accomplish,
and they prove that he sent me.

And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself.

John 5:35-37 NLT

I am with you!

and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him.

And the people feared the LORD.

Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people:

"I am with you," declares the LORD.

Haggai 1:12-13

(Through Haggai, God reveals that the people will not prosper while his house lies in ruin.)

Wonderful deeds for mankind!

Let them give thanks to the LORD
for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalms 107:8-9

Signs and wonders through the name of Jesus!

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God...

"Now, Lord, consider their threats
and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.
Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders
through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

(The believers in Jerusalem pray after Peter and John are jailed
and warned against continuing to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus.)

Acts 4:24,28-31

The Word of life!

this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

The life appeared: we have seen it and testify to it,

and we proclaim to you the eternal life,

which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,

so that you also may have fellowship with us.

And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:1-3

Word that stands firm in the heavens!

Your word, LORD, is eternal;

it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues through all generations:

you established the earth, and it endures.

Your laws endure to this day,

for all things serve you.

Psalms 119:89-91

Working in you!

Work hard to show the results of your salvation,
obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

For God is working in you,
giving you the desire and the power
to do what pleases him.

Philippians 2:12-13 NLT

Worshipped in the Spirit and in truth!

Yet a time is coming and has now come
when the true worshipers will worship the Father
in the Spirit and in truth.

for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

John 4:23-24

Worth the wait!

I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance;
therefore, I will hope in him!"

The LORD is good to those who depend on him,
to those who search for him.

So it is good to wait quietly
for salvation from the LORD.

Lamentations 3:24-26 NLT

Worthy to receive glory and honor and power!

They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things,

and by your will they were created

and have their being."

Revelation 4:10-11

Great wrath!

If only we knew the power of your anger!

Your wrath is as great
as the fear that is your due.

Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:11-12

Writes his new name on his victorious ones!

The one who is victorious

I will make a pillar in the temple of my God.

Never again will they leave it.

I will write on them the name of my God
and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem,
which is coming down out of heaven from my God;
and I will also write on them my new name.

Revelation 3:12

I am Yahweh - the LORD!

And God said to Moses,

"I am Yahweh - the LORD."

I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob
as El-Shaddai - 'God Almighty' -

but I did not reveal my name, Yahweh, to them.

Exodus 6:2-3 NLT

Yahweh-Yireh - The LORD will provide!

Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh
(which means "the LORD will provide").

To this day, people still use that name as a proverb:
"On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

Genesis 22:14 NLT

His heart yearns for his straying child!

"Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight?"

Though I often speak against him, I still remember him.

Therefore my heart yearns for him:

"I have great compassion for him," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:20

Yoke of his discipline!

And it is good for people to submit at an early age
to the yoke of his discipline:

Let them sit alone in silence beneath the LORD's demands.

Let them lie face down in the dust,

for there may be hope at last.

Lamentations 3:27-29 NLT

Renews youth

Praise the LORD, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:2-5

Zeal of the LORD Almighty!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

And these are but the outer fringe of his works...

How faint the whisper we hear of him!

Job 26:14

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