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Excerpt from William Tyndale’s Prologue to the first printed English New Testament, published in 1525:

I have here translated, brethren and sisters most dear and tenderly beloved in Christ, the New Testament for your spiritual edifying, consolation and solace, exhorting instantly and beseeching those that are more knowledgeable in the tongues than I, and that have higher gifts of grace to interpret the sense of Scripture, and meaning of the Spirit, than I, to consider and ponder my labor, and that with the spirit of meekness. And if they perceive in any places that I have not attained the very sense of the tongue, or meaning of the Scripture, or have not given the right English word, that they put to their hands to amend it, remembering that so is their duty to do. For we have not received the gifts of God for ourselves only, or for to hide them; but for to bestow them unto the honoring of God and Christ and edifying of the congregation, which is the body of Christ.
In this wonderful day of many new translations and revisions, we can greet another new one with either dread or joy! Dread that “people will become confused” or joy that some will understand more perfectly what the Bible is talking about. We choose the way of joy! For each new presentation of God’s Word will find its circle, large or small, of those to whom it will minister strength and blessing.

This book, though arriving late on the current translation scene, has been under way for many years. It has undergone several major manuscript revisions and has been under the careful scrutiny of a team of Greek and Hebrew experts to check content, and of English critics for style. Their many suggestions have been largely followed, though none of those consulted feels entirely satisfied with the present result. This is therefore a tentative edition. Further suggestions as to both renderings and style will be gladly considered as future printings are called for.

A word should be said here about paraphrases. What are they? To paraphrase is to restate something in different words than the author used, normally with the goal of clarifying the meaning of what was originally communicated. This book is a paraphrase of the Old and New Testaments. Its purpose is to say as exactly as possible what the writers of the Scriptures meant, and to say it simply, expanding where necessary to promote a clear understanding for the modern reader.

The Bible writers often used idioms and patterns of thought that are hard for us to follow today. Frequently the thought sequence is fast-moving, leaving gaps for the reader to understand and fill in, or the thought jumps ahead or backs up to something said before (as one would do in conversation) without clearly stating the antecedent reference. Sometimes the result for us, with our present-day stress on careful sentence construction and sequential logic, is that we are left far behind.

Then, too, the writers often have compressed enormous thoughts into single technical words that are full of meaning, but need expansion and amplification if we are to be sure of understanding
what the author meant to include in such words as “justification,” “righteousness,” “redemption,” “baptism for the dead,” “elect,” and “saints.” Such amplification is permitted in a paraphrase but exceeds the responsibilities of a strict translation.

There are dangers in paraphrases, as well as value. For whenever the author’s exact words are not translated from the original languages, there is a possibility that the translator, however honest, may be giving the English reader something that the original writer did not mean to say. This is because a paraphrase is guided not only by the translator’s skill in simplifying, but also by the clarity of his understanding of what the author meant and by his theology. For when the Greek or Hebrew is not clear, then the theology of the translator is his guide, along with his sense of logic, unless perchance the translation is allowed to stand without any clear meaning at all. The theological lodestar in this book has been a rigid evangelical position.

If this paraphrase helps to simplify the deep and often complex thoughts of the Word of God, and if it makes the Bible easier to understand and follow, deepening the Christian lives of its readers and making it easier for them to follow their Lord, then the book has achieved its goal.

KENNETH N. TAYLOR
Adapted from the preface to the first edition of Living Letters
When God began creating the heavens and the earth, the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.

Then God said, “Let there be light.” And light appeared. And God was pleased with it and divided the light from the darkness. He called the light "daytime," and the darkness "nighttime." Together they formed the first day.

And God said, “Let the vapors separate to form the sky above and the oceans below.” So God made the sky, dividing the vapor above from the water below. This all happened on the second day.

Then God said, “Let the water beneath the sky be gathered into oceans so that the dry land will emerge.” And so it was. Then God named the dry land “earth,” and the water “seas.” And God was pleased.

And he said, “Let the earth burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant, and fruit trees with seeds inside the fruit, so that these seeds will produce the kinds of plants and fruits they came from.” And so it was, and God was pleased.

This all occurred on the third day.

Then God said, “Let bright lights appear in the sky to give light to the earth and to identify the day and the night; they shall bring about the seasons on the earth, and mark the days and years.” And so it was. For God had made two huge lights, the sun and moon, to shine down upon the earth—the larger one, the sun, to preside over the day and the smaller one, the moon, to preside through the night; he had also made the stars. And God set them in the sky to light the earth, and to preside over the day and night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God was pleased.

Then God said, “Let the waters teem with fish and other life, and let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.” So God created great sea animals, and every sort of fish and every kind of bird. And God looked at them with pleasure, and blessed them all. “Multiply and stock the oceans,” he told them, and to the birds he said, “Let your numbers increase. Fill the earth!” That ended the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth every kind of animal—cattle and reptiles and wildlife of every kind.” And so it was. God made all sorts of wild animals and cattle and reptiles. And God was pleased with what he had done.

Then God said, “Let us make a man—someone like ourselves, to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies.”

So God made man like his Maker. Like God did God make man; man and maid did he make them.

And God blessed them and told them, “Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all the animals. And look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I’ve given all the grass and plants to the animals..."
and birds for their food.” Then God looked over all that he had made, and it was excellent in every way. This ended the sixth day.*

2 Now at last the heavens and earth were successfully completed, with all that they contained. So on the seventh day, having finished his task, God ceased from this work he had been doing, and God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he ceased this work of creation.

3 Here is a summary of the events in the creation of the heavens and earth when the Lord God made them.

4 There were no plants or grain sprouting up across the earth at first, for the Lord God hadn’t sent any rain; nor was there anyone to farm the soil. (However, water welled up from the ground at certain places and flowed across the land.) The time came when the Lord God formed a man’s body from the dust of the ground* and breathed into it the breath of life. And man became a living person.

5 Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, to the east, and placed in the garden the man he had formed. The Lord God planted all sorts of beautiful trees there in the garden, trees producing the choicest of fruit. At the center of the garden he placed the Tree of Life, and also the Tree of Conscience, giving knowledge of Good and Bad.

6 A river from the land of Eden flowed through the garden to water it; afterwards the river divided into four branches. One of these was named the Pishon; it winds across the entire length of the land of Havilah,* where nuggets of pure gold are found, also beautiful bdellium and even lapis lazuli. The second branch is called the Gihon, crossing the entire length of the land of Cush. The third branch is the Tigris, which flows to the east of the city of Asher. And the fourth is the Euphrates.

7 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden as its gardener, to tend and care for it. But the Lord God gave the man this warning: “You may eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the Tree of Conscience—for its fruit will open your eyes to make you aware of right and wrong, good and bad. If you eat its fruit, you will be doomed to die.”

8 And the Lord God said, “It isn’t good for man to be alone; I will make a companion for him, a helper suited to his needs.” So the Lord God formed from the soil every kind of animal and bird, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever he called them, that was their name. But still there was no proper helper for the man.

9 Then the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the place from which he had removed it, and made the rib into a woman, and brought her to the man.

10 “This is it!” Adam exclaimed. “She is part of my own bone and flesh! Her name is ‘woman’ because she was taken out of a man.”

11 The serpent was the craftiest of all the creatures the Lord God had made. So the serpent came to the woman. “Really?” he asked. “None of the fruit in the garden? God says you mustn’t eat any of it?”

12 “Of course we may eat it,” the woman told him. “It’s only the fruit from the tree at the center of the garden that we are not to eat. God says we mustn’t eat it or even touch it, or we will die.”

13 “That’s a lie!” the serpent hissed. “You’ll not die! God knows very well that the instant you eat it you will become like him, 1:31 This ended the sixth day, literally, “And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day (or ‘period of time’).” 2:7 from the dust of the ground, or “from a lump of soil,” or “from clods in the soil,” or “from a clod of clay.” 2:11-12 the land of Havilah, located along the border of Babylonia. 2:24 become one person, literally, “become one flesh.”
for your eyes will be opened—you will be able to distinguish good from evil!"

6The woman was convinced. How lovely and fresh looking it was! And it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit and gave some to her husband, and he ate it too. 7And as they ate it, suddenly they became aware of their nakedness, and were embarrassed. So they strung fig leaves together to cover themselves around the hips.

8That evening they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and they hid themselves among the trees.

9The Lord God called to Adam, “Why are you hiding?”

10And Adam replied, “I heard you coming and didn’t want you to see me naked. So I hid.”

11“Who told you you were naked?” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten fruit from the tree I warned you about?”

12“Yes,” Adam admitted, “but it was the woman you gave me who brought me some, and I ate it.”

13Then the Lord God asked the woman, “How could you do such a thing?”

14“ ‘The serpent tricked me,’ she replied.

15So the Lord God said to the serpent, “This is your punishment: You are singled out from among all the domestic and wild animals of the whole earth—to be cursed. You shall grovel in the dust as long as you live, crawling along on your belly. 16From now on you and the woman will be enemies, as will your offspring and hers. You will strike his heel, but he will crush your head.”

17Then God said to the woman, “You shall bear children in intense pain and suffering; yet even so, you shall welcome your husband’s affections, and he shall be your master.”

18And to Adam, God said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit when I told you not to, I have placed a curse upon the soil. All your life you will struggle to extract a living from it. 19It will grow thorns and thistles for you, and you shall eat its grasses. 20All your life you will sweat to master it, until your dying day. Then you will return to the ground from which you came. For you were made from the ground, and to the ground you will return.”

21The man named his wife Eve (meaning “The life-giving one”), 22and the Lord God clothed Adam and his wife with garments made from skins of animals.

23Then the Lord said, “Now that the man has become as we are, knowing good from bad, what if he eats the fruit of the Tree of Life and lives forever?”

24So the Lord God banished him forever from the Garden of Eden, and sent him out to farm the ground from which he had been taken. 25Thus God expelled him, and placed mighty angels at the east of the Garden of Eden, with a flaming sword to guard the entrance to the Tree of Life.

Then Adam had sexual intercourse with Eve his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to a son, Cain (meaning “I have created”). For, as she said, “With God’s help, I have created a man!” 2Her next child was his brother, Abel.

Abel became a shepherd, while Cain was a farmer. 3At harvest time Cain brought the Lord a gift of his farm produce, 4and Abel brought the fatty cuts of meat from his best lambs, and presented them to the Lord. And the Lord accepted Abel’s offering, 5but not Cain’s. This made Cain both dejected and very angry, and his face grew dark with fury.

6“How are you angry?” the Lord asked him. “Why is your face so dark with rage? 7It can be bright with joy if you will do what you should! But if you refuse to obey, watch out. Sin is waiting to attack you, longing to destroy you. But you can conquer it!”

8One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were together there, Cain attacked and killed his brother.

3:9 Why are you hiding? or “Where are you?” 3:20 Eve (meaning “The life-giving one”). Many Hebrew names are based on puns. In this instance the Hebrew word for Eve sounds similar to a Hebrew word that means “life-giving.”
But afterwards the Lord asked Cain, “Where is your brother? Where is Abel?” “How should I know?” Cain retorted. “Am I supposed to keep track of him wherever he goes?”

But the Lord said, “Your brother’s blood calls to me from the ground. What have you done? You are hereby banished from this ground which you have defiled with your brother’s blood. No longer will it yield crops for you, even if you toil on it forever! From now on you will be a fugitive and a tramp upon the earth, wandering from place to place.”

Cain replied to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. For you have banished me from my farm and from you, and made me a fugitive and a tramp; and everyone who sees me will try to kill me.”

The Lord replied, “They won’t kill you, for I will give seven times your punishment to anyone who does.” Then the Lord put an identifying mark on Cain as a warning not to kill him.

So Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Then Cain’s wife conceived and presented him with a baby son named Enoch; so when Cain founded a city, he named it Enoch, after his son.

Enoch was the father of Irad; Irad was the father of Mehujael; Mehujael was the father of Methusael; Methusael was the father of Lamech.

Lamech married two wives—Adah and Zillah. To Adah was born a baby named Jabal. He became the first of the cattlemen and those living in tents.

His brother’s name was Jubal, the first musician—the inventor of the harp and flute.* To Lamech’s other wife, Zillah, was born Tubal-cain. He opened the first foundry* forging instruments of bronze and iron.

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Later on Eve gave birth to another son and named him Seth (meaning “Granted”); for, as Eve put it, “God has granted me another son for the one Cain killed.” When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. It was during his lifetime that men first began to call themselves “the Lord’s people.”

Here is a list of some of the descendants of Adam—*the man who was like God* from the day of his creation. God created man and woman and blessed them, and called them Man from the start.

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21-24 Enoch: Enoch was sixty-five years old when his son Methuselah was born. Afterwards he lived another 300 years in fellowship with God, and produced sons and daughters; then, when he was 365, and in constant touch with God, he disappeared, for God took him!

25-27 Methuselah: Methuselah was 187 years old when his son Lamech was born; afterwards he lived another 782 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 969.

28-31 Lamech: Lamech was 182 years old when his son Noah was born. Lamech named him Noah (meaning “Relief”) because he said, “He will bring us relief from the hard work of farming this ground which God has cursed.” Afterwards Lamech lived 595 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 777.

32 Noah: Noah was 500 years old and had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6 Now a population explosion took place upon the earth. It was at this time that beings from the spirit world looked upon the beautiful earth women and took any they desired to be their wives. Then Jehovah said, “My Spirit must not forever be disgraced in man, wholly evil as he is. I will give him 120 years to mend his ways.”

4 In those days, and even afterwards, when the evil beings from the spirit world were sexually involved with human women, their children became giants, of whom so many legends are told.

5 When the Lord God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the trend and direction of men’s lives were only towards evil, he was sorry he had made them. It broke his heart.

7 And he said, “I will blot out from the face of the earth mankind that I created. Yes, and the animals too, and the reptiles and the birds. For I am sorry I made them.”

8 But Noah was a pleasure to the Lord. Here is the story of Noah: He was the only truly righteous man living on the earth at that time. He tried always to conduct his affairs according to God’s will. And he had three sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Meanwhile, the crime rate was rising rapidly across the earth, and, as seen by God, the world was rotten to the core.

12-13 As God observed how bad it was, and saw that all mankind was vicious and depraved, he said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all mankind; for the earth is filled with crime because of man. Yes, I will destroy mankind from the earth. Make a boat from resinous wood, sealing it with tar; and construct decks and stalls throughout the ship. Make it 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Construct a skylight all the way around the ship, eighteen inches below the roof; and make three decks inside the boat—a bottom, middle, and upper deck—and put a door in the side.

17 “Look! I am going to cover the earth with a flood and destroy every living being—everything in which there is the breath of life. All will die. But I promise to keep you safe in the ship, with your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring a pair of every animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you, to keep them alive through the flood. Bring in a pair of each kind of bird and animal and reptile. Store away in the boat all the food that they and you will need.”

22 And Noah did everything as God commanded him.

7 Finally the day came when the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I consider you alone to be righteous.

6:1-2 beings from the spirit world, literally, “sons of God,” used here in the sense of his created, supernatural beings, but no longer godly in character (v. 3). Some commentators believe that the expression “sons of God” refers to the “godly line” of Seth, and “daughters of men” to women from the line of Cain. 7:3 seven pairs, literally, “the male and female.”
life reproducing again after the flood has ended. 4 One week from today I will begin forty days and nights of rain; and all the animals and birds and reptiles I have made will die.”

5 So Noah did everything the Lord commanded him. 6 He was 600 years old when the flood came. 7 He boarded the boat with his wife and sons and their wives, to escape the flood. 8-9 With him were all the various kinds of animals—those for eating and sacrifice, and those that were not, and the birds and reptiles. They came into the boat in pairs, male and female, just as God commanded Noah.

10-12 One week later, when Noah was 600 years, two months, and seventeen days old, the rain came down in mighty torrents from the sky, and the subterranean waters burst forth upon the earth for forty days and nights. 13 But Noah had gone into the boat that very day with his wife and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives.

14-15 With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild—and reptiles and birds of every sort. 16 Two by two they came, male and female, just as God had commanded. Then the Lord God* closed the door and shut them in.

17 For forty days the roaring floods prevailed, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. 18 As the water rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely upon it; 19 until finally the water covered all the high mountains under the whole heaven, 20 standing twenty-two feet and more above the highest peaks. 21 And all living things upon the earth perished—birds, domestic and wild animals, and reptiles and all mankind—22 everything that breathed and lived upon dry land.

23 All existence on the earth was blotted out—man and animals alike, and reptiles and birds. God destroyed them all, leaving only Noah alive, and those with him in the boat. 24 And the water covered the earth 150 days.

8 God didn’t forget about Noah and all the animals in the boat! He sent a wind to blow across the waters, and the floods began to disappear, 2 for the subterranean water sources ceased their gushing, and the torrential rains subsided. 3-4 So the flood gradually receded until, 150 days after it began, the boat came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat. 5 Three months later,* as the waters continued to go down, other mountain peaks appeared.

6 After another forty days, Noah opened a porthole 7 and released a raven that flew back and forth* until the earth was dry. 8 Meanwhile he sent out a dove to see if it could find dry ground, 9 but the dove found no place to light, and returned to Noah, for the water was still too high. So Noah held out his hand and drew the dove back into the boat.

10 Seven days later Noah released the dove again, 11 and this time, toward evening, the bird returned to him with an olive leaf in her beak. So Noah knew that the water was almost gone. 12 A week later he released the dove again, and this time she didn’t come back.

13 Twenty-nine days after that,* Noah opened the door to look, and the water was gone. 14 Eight more weeks went by. Then at last the earth was dry. 15-16 Then God told Noah, “You may all go out. 17 Release all the animals, birds, and reptiles, so that they will breed abundantly and reproduce in great numbers.” 18-19 So the boat was soon empty. Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives all disembarked, along with all the animals, reptiles, and birds—all left the ark in pairs and groups.

20 Then Noah built an altar and sacrificed on it some of the animals and birds God had designated* for that purpose. 21 And Jehovah was pleased with
BIBLE READING PLAN

INTRODUCTION
We usually think of the Bible as one book. That’s logical because it looks like one book and claims to come from one Author. We also speak of it as God’s Word. But when we read and study the Bible, we discover that it is actually an entire library between two covers. Not one book, but 66 (39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament)! Each book has its own style and uniqueness—yet each book contributes to the message God wants to convey throughout his Word. What’s more, though we use the word book, some parts of the Bible are letters (like Paul’s letter to the Romans) or song collections (like Psalms). Still, the overall message of the Bible is one message because it has one main Author—God. The styles throughout the Bible vary because God teamed up with dozens of people to write his Word.

HOW THIS PLAN IS DIFFERENT
There are many plans to help you read through the Bible library. You can even start at page one and read straight through. The approach taken here, however, is designed to help you get a taste of the whole Bible by reading short selections from it each day throughout the year. You will be reading the best-known stories and many of the most important passages. Some parts of the Bible offer so much help that they can be read every day. Among these are the Gospels, Psalms, and Proverbs. One way or another, you need to get into God’s Word!

OLD TESTAMENT
January 1 / Genesis 1:1–2:3 / How It All Began
January 2 / Genesis 2:15–3:24 / Adam and Eve
January 3 / Genesis 4:1-16 / Cain and Abel
January 4 / Genesis 6:9-22 / Noah Builds a Boat
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January 8 / Genesis 11:1-9 / Tower of Babel
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January 10 / Genesis 18:1-15 / Unusual Visitors
January 11 / Genesis 19:15-29 / Sodom and Gomorrah
January 12 / Genesis 21:8-21 / Hagar and Ishmael
TOPOICAL CONCORDANCE

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ABANDONING
By God
Dt 31:17 .........I will abandon them
Jgs 6:13 ..........Now the Lord has thrown us away
1 Kgs 14:16 ......He will abandon Israel
2 Kgs 21:14..... I will hand them over to their enemies
Ps 22:1 ..........My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Ps 78:60.........he abandoned his Tabernacle
Is 2:6............The Lord has rejected you
Jer 12:7 ........I have abandoned my people,
Jer 23:33 .........the Lord has cast you away!
Hos 5:15 .........I will abandon them and return to my home
Of God and his laws
Dt 31:16 .......worshiping foreign gods
Jgs 10:6 ..........Israel turned away from the Lord
1 Kgs 9:9 .........Israel abandoned the Lord
2 Kgs 22:17.... people of Judah have thrown me aside
2 Chr 7:22 ......Because his people abandoned the Lord
Ezra 9:10 ......again we have abandoned you
Is 1:4 ..........they have turned their backs upon the Lord
Jer 2:13 ........have forsaken me,
Of Christ
Mt 27:46 .......My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Mk 15:34 .......God was623ing with him,
Mt 27:12 ........made their many accusations against him,
Acts 6:11 ........brought in some men to lie about him

ABILITY
God-given
Ex 31:3 ........giving him great wisdom, ability,
and skill
Ex 36:1 ..........craftsmen with God-given abilities
Dn 1:17 ..........God gave these four youths great ability
Acts 2:4 .........the Holy Spirit gave them this ability
1 Cor 12:1 .......special abilities the Holy Spirit gives
1 Cor 12:11 ...who gives all these gifts and powers,
1 Pt 4:10 .........God has given each of you some special abilities;
Natural
Job 29:20 ......my abilities were constantly refreshed
Prv 18:20.......Ability to give wise advice
Dn 1:4 ..........well informed, alert and sensible,
Mt 25:15 ..........in proportion to their abilities
1 Tm 3:10 .........as a test of their character and ability,

ABUNDANCE
A gift of God
Dt 30:9 ...........your God will prosper everything you do
Job 36:31 .........blesses the people, giving them food in abundance.
Is 30:23 ..........God will bless you with rain
Is 55:7 ..........he will abundantly pardon
Jer 2:7 ..........I brought them into a fruitful land,
Am 9:13 ..........there will be such abundance of crops,
Rom 5:20 ......we see God's abounding grace
2 Cor 9:8 ........giving you everything you need
Eph 2:8 ..........it is a gift from God.
Phil 4:19 .........it is he who will supply all your needs

ACCUSATION
False
Ex 23:1 .........Do not pass along untrue reports.
Ex 23:7 ...........Keep away from falsely charging anyone
Lev 19:16 .......Don't falsely accuse your neighbor
Dt 22:19 ........he has falsely accused a virgin
1 Kgs 21:13 ....two men who had no conscience accused him
Ezra 4:6 .........they wrote him a letter of accusation
Is 58:9 ..........stop making false accusations
Mt 5:11 ..........lied about because you are my followers
Mt 27:12 .........made their many accusations against him,
Mk 15:3-4 ......chief priests accused him of many crimes,
Acts 6:11 .........brought in some men to lie about him

ACHIEVEMENT, See SUCCESS

ADOPTION
Examples of
Gen 15:2-3 .......another member of my household will inherit
Gen 48:5 .........I am adopting them as my own,
Ex 2:10 ...........he became her son.
Est 2:7 ...........whom he had adopted into his own family
Acts 7:21 .........found him and adopted him as her own son,
Adultery

Of Israel by God
Ex 4:22 .....Israel is my eldest son,
Is 43:6 .....surely you are still our Father!
Jer 3:19 .....I looked forward to your calling me Father,
Jer 31:9 .....I am a Father to Israel,
Hos 11:1 .....I loved him as a son, and brought him out of Egypt.

Of believers
Rom 8:15 .....adopted into the bosom of his family,
Rom 8:23 .....our full rights as his children,
2 Cor 6:18 .....you will be my sons and daughters.
Gal 4:5 .....so that he could adopt us as his very own
Eph 1:5 .....plan has always been to adopt us

ADULTERY, See FORNICATION
Examples of
Gen 38:18 .....she let him come and sleep with her;
2 Sm 11:4 .....when she came David slept with her.
2 Sm 16:22 .....to lie with his father’s wives.
Mk 6:17-18 .....Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife.
Jn 8:4 .....caught in the very act of adultery.

Forbidden
Ex 20:14 .....You must not commit adultery.
Lev 20:10 .....If a man commits adultery
Dt 5:18 .....You must not commit adultery.

Penalties of
Lev 19:20 .....tried in a court but not put to death,
Lev 20:10 .....both shall be put to death.
Jn 8:5 .....Moses’ law says to kill her.
1 Cor 6:9-10 .....adulterers have no share in his kingdom
Rev 21:8 .....their doom is the Lake that burns with fire

Christ's teaching
Mt 5:28 .....Anyone who even looks at a woman with lust
Mt 5:32 .....he who marries her commits adultery.
Mt 15:19 .....from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery,
Mk 10:11 .....if he marries someone else, he commits adultery

Figurative, See Idol worship

ADVOCATE, See HOLY SPIRIT
Christ our advocate
Heb 7:25 .....to remind God that he has paid for their sins
1 Jn 2:1 .....there is someone to plead for you

AFFECTION, See LOVE

AFFLICTION, See SUFFERING
The result of sin
Dt 28:47-48 .....you will become slaves to your enemies
Dt 29:28 .....the Lord rooted them out of their land
Dt 30:18 .....you shall surely perish;
2 Sm 12:14 .....so your child shall die.
2 Chr 7:20 .....then I will destroy my people
Ps 106:43 .....were finally destroyed by their sin.
Ps 107:12 .....fell and none could help them
Ezek 14:10 .....all will be punished for their sins,

Prayer in
Ex 17:4 .....Then Moses pleaded with Jehovah.
Jgs 4:2-3 .....they begged the Lord for help
Jgs 6:6-7 .....Israel began to cry out to the Lord
1 Sm 1:10 .....crying bitterly as she prayed
2 Sm 12:16 .....David begged him to spare the child,
2 Kgs 19:15 .....Then he prayed this prayer:
Ps 4:1 .....in my distress; now hear me as I call
Ps 34:6 .....This poor man cried to the Lord
Jer 18:19 .....O Lord, help me! See what they are planning
Lam 2:18 .....Then the people wept before the Lord.
Job 1:19 .....help us! The heat has withered the pastures
Mt 14:30 .....Save me, Lord! he shouted.
Mt 26:39 .....let this cup be taken away from me.
Acts 7:59 .....Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
2 Cor 12:8 .....I begged God to make me well
Jas 5:13 .....He should keep on praying about it.

Benefits of
2 Chr 7:14 .....forgive their sins and heal their land.
Job 23:10 .....he will pronounce me completely innocent
Job 36:10 .....to turn them away from their sin.
Ps 66:12 .....brought us into wealth and great abundance.
Ps 94:12-13 .....This makes us follow his paths,
Ps 119:67 .....now I closely follow all you say.
Prv 3:11-12 .....punishment is proof of his love.
Ezek 14:11 .....people of Israel will learn not to desert
Zec 13:9 .....make them pure, as gold and silver
Jn 15:2 .....he prunes those branches that bear fruit
Acts 14:22 .....Kingdom of God through many tribulations.
Rom 5:3 .....help us learn to be patient
Rom 8:37 .....overwhelming victory is ours
2 Cor 4:17 .....will result in God’s richest blessing
Heb 12:11 .....the result, a quiet growth in grace
Jas 1:4 .....strong in character, full and complete
1 Pt 2:20 .....patient beneath the blows, God is well pleased.

Endurance under
2 Sm 12:16 .....lay all night before the Lord
Job 1:22 .....Job did not sin or revile God.
Ps 15:4 .....keeps a promise even if it ruins him,
Ps 39:1 .....I’m going to quit complaining!
Ps 55:22 .....He will not permit the godly to slip
Dt 9:3 .....I prayed, I fasted, and wore sackcloth,
Mt 10:22 .....you who endure to the end shall be saved.
Lk 21:19 .....stand firm, you will win your souls.
Rom 12:12 Be patient in trouble.
2 Thes 1:4 your patience and complete faith in God.
Heb 12:1 run with patience the particular race
Jas 1:4 your patience is finally in full bloom.
Jas 5:11 stayed true to him.

Consolation under
Gen 21:18 I will make a great nation from his descendants.
Ex 3:8 I have come to deliver them from the Egyptians.
Ps 9:9 He is a refuge for them in their trouble.
Ps 23:4 you are close beside me, guarding, guiding.
Is 25:4 O Lord, you are a refuge from the storm.
Is 40:1 Comfort, oh comfort my people.
Mt 5:4 for they shall be comforted.
Mt 5:4 for they shall be comforted.
Jn 16:33 have peace of heart and mind.

Deliverance from
Ps 34:4 he answered me! He freed me.
Psalms 40:2 he lifted me out of the pit.
Jon 2:2 I cried to the Lord and he answered me;
2 Thes 1:7 God will give you rest.
Heb 4:15 understands our weaknesses.
1 Pt 5:7 Let him have all your worries and cares.

AGONY, See suffering; affliction

ALIENS
Privileges of
Ex 22:21 You must not oppress a stranger in any way;
Lev 19:33 do not wrong them.
Nm 35:15 for the protection of foreigners and travelers.
Dt 10:19 you must love foreigners.
Jos 20:9 Cities of Refuge were for foreigners.
Jer 22:3 Protect the rights of aliens.

ALONE, See loneliness

AMBITION
Examples of
Gen 11:3-4 they began to talk about building a great city,
Nm 12:2 Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?
Nm 16:2 to incite a rebellion against Moses.
2 Sm 15:4 I surely wish I were the judge;
2 Sm 15:10 he sent spies to incite rebellion against David.

Corrupted, See Lust
Ps 49:11 You name your estates after yourselves.
Hab 2:9 getting rich by evil means.
Mt 4:9 if you will only kneel and worship me.
Mt 18:1 which of them would be greatest.
Lk 22:24 as to who would have the highest rank.
Jas 2:16 the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you.

Prescribed (Right)
Dt 4:29 begin to search again for Jehovah.
Ps 14:2 any who are wise, who want to please God.
Prv 28:5 they are much concerned about justice.
Mt 16:24 deny himself and take up his cross.
Lk 11:9 keep on asking and you will receive.
Lk 12:31 make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.
Lk 13:24-25 Work hard to get into heaven.
Rom 15:20 my ambition has been to go still farther.
1 Cor 9:24 So run your race to win.
1 Cor 12:31 try your best to have the more important gifts.
1 Cor 14:12 anxious to have special gifts from the Holy Spirit.
Phil 3:14 I strain to reach the end of the race.

ANGEL(S)
Of the Lord
Gen 16:7 The Angel of the Lord found her.
Gen 21:17 the Angel of God called to Hagar.
Gen 22:15 the Angel of God called again.
Ex 3:2 suddenly the Angel of Jehovah appeared.
Ex 23:23 my Angel shall go before you.
Nm 22:24 the angel of the Lord stood at a place.
Jgs 2:1 the Angel of the Lord arrived at Bochim.
Jgs 6:12 The Angel of the Lord appeared to him.
1 Kgs 19:7 the angel of the Lord came again.
Ps 34:7 the Angel of the Lord guards.
Is 37:36 That night the Angel of the Lord.
Zec 1:11 reported to the Angel of the Lord.
Anger

Appearances of
Gen 18:2 he noticed three men coming toward him.
Gen 19:1 two angels came to the entrance of the city
Gen 28:12 he saw the angels of God
Jgs 13:2-3 one day the Angel of the Lord
2 Sm 24:17 David saw the angel,
1 Kgs 19:7 the angel of the Lord came again
Dn 6:22 My God has sent his angel,
Mt 1:20 saw an angel standing beside him.
Lk 1:30 the angel told her,
Acts 5:19 angel of the Lord came at night,
Acts 8:26 as for Philip, an angel of the Lord said
Acts 27:23 an angel of the God to whom I belong
Rev 1:1 an angel was sent from heaven
Rev 19:9 the angel dictated this sentence

Duties and responsibilities of
Gen 3:24 to guard the entrance to the Tree of Life.
Gen 24:7 He will send his angel on ahead of you,
Ex 23:20 I am sending an Angel before you
2 Kgs 1:15 the angel of the Lord said to Elijah
Ps 91:11 he orders his angels to protect you
Lk 16:22 carried by the angels to be with Abraham
Jn 5:4 an angel of the Lord came from time to time
Acts 10:3 in this vision he saw an angel
Acts 12:7 The angel slapped him on the side
Heb 1:7 his angels as messengers swift as the wind

Remedy for
Prv 15:1 soft answer turns away
Prv 21:14 angry man is silenced by giving
Eph 4:26 Don't let the sun go down with you angry.

ANGER, DIVINE
Examples of
Ex 22:24 my anger shall flame against you,
Nm 11:1 His anger flared out against them
Nm 25:3 the anger of the Lord was hot
Dt 29:20 His anger and jealousy will be hot
2 Kgs 22:12-13 you must be very angry with us,
Job 9:13 God does not abate his anger.
Is 5:25 the anger of the Lord is hot
Is 13:9 terrible day of his wrath
Jer 4:4 my anger will burn you
Jer 32:37 in my fury I will scatter them.
Ezek 25:14 They will carry out my furious vengeance.

Propitiation of
Rom 3:25 Jesus to take the punishment for our sins
Rom 5:9 to save us from all of God's wrath
Col 1:20 Christ's death on the cross has made peace
1 Thes 1:10 Jesus our only Savior from God's terrible anger

ANOINTED ONE, See CHREST, NAMES OF
Of the Lord
1 Sm 12:3 before his anointed king
2 Sm 23:1 the anointed of the God of Jacob;
2 Kgs 9:3 the Lord has anointed him to be king
1 Chr 11:3 anointed him as king of Israel,
Ps 84:9 on the one you have anointed as your king.
Is 45:1 to Cyrus, God's anointed
Dn 9:25 until the Anointed One comes!
Zec 4:14 two anointed ones who assist the Lord
Lk 2:26 he had seen him—God's anointed King.

ANOINTING
In grooming
Dt 28:40 olive oil to anoint yourselves!
Ps 104:15 olive oil is a lotion for his skin,
Am 6:6 perfume ourselves with sweet ointments,
Mi 6:15 not get enough to anoint yourself!
For dedication
Ex 28:41 ...by anointing their heads with olive oil,
Ex 29:29 ...for his anointing ceremony.
Lev 6:19-20 ...Aaron and his sons are anointed
Nm 3:3 ...All were anointed as priests
1 Sm 9:16 ...You are to anoint him as leader
1 Sm 16:3 ...I will show you which of his sons
to anoint.
1 Kgs 1:39 ...poured it over Solomon;
1 Kgs 19:16 ...anoint Jehu to be king of Israel,
2 Kgs 9:6 ...young man poured the oil over his head
2 Kgs 11:12 ...Jehoiada anointed him as king.

For burial
Mt 26:12 ...prepare my body for burial.
Mk 14:8 ...anointed my body ahead of time
Lk 23:56 ...ointments to embalm him;

Of Christ
Mk 14:3 ...she poured it over his head
Lk 7:38 ...poured the perfume on them.
Jn 12:3 ...Mary anointed Jesus' feet with it

Figurative
Is 61:1 ...the Lord has anointed me to bring
good news
Acts 4:27 ...Jesus, your anointed Son,

APOSTLES
Lists of the twelve
Mt 10:2-4 ...the names of his twelve disciples:
Mk 3:16-19 ...the names of the twelve he chose:
Lk 6:14-16 ...Here are their names:
Acts 1:14 ...the list of those who were present

Calling of
Mt 4:19 ...Jesus called out, Come along with me
Mt 9:9 ...Come and be my disciple,
Mk 1:17 ...Come, follow me!
Lk 5:11 ...they left everything and went with him.
Jn 1:37 ...they turned and followed Jesus.

Mission of
Mt 28:19 ...go and make disciples in all nations,
Mk 3:14-15 ...to go out to preach and to cast out demons
Mk 16:15 ...go into all the world and preach
Jn 15:27 ...you must tell everyone about me,
Jn 21:16 ...take care of my sheep,
Acts 1:8 ...testify about me with great effect,
Acts 13:31 ...testified to this in public witness.

ARMOR
Of a soldier
1 Sm 17:4-7 ...helmet, a two-hundred-pound coat of mail,
1 Sm 17:38-39 ...Saul gave David his own armor
1 Sm 31:9 ...stripped off his armor
2 Sm 21:16 ...sporting a new suit of armor,
1 Kgs 22:34 ...between the joints of his armor.

Backsliding
2 Chr 18:33 ...where the lower armor and the breastplate meet.
Psa 35:2 ...Put on your armor, take your shield
Prv 6:11 ...attacks you in full armor.
Jer 46:3 ...Buckle on your armor, you Egyptians
Jer 46:4 ...sharpen your spears, put on your armor.

Figurative
Rom 13:12-13 ...put on the armor of right living,
Eph 6:11 ...Put on all of God's armor
Eph 6:13 ...use every piece of God's armor
1 Thes 5:8 ...protected by the armor of faith

ASCENSION
Of Enoch
Gen 5:21-24 ...he disappeared, for God took him!

Of Elijah
2 Kgs 2:11 ...was carried by a whirlwind into heaven.

Of Jesus
Mk 16:19 ...he was taken up into heaven
Lk 24:51 ...began rising into the sky, and went on to heaven.
Acts 1:9 ...he rose into the sky

ASSURANCE, See confidence

ATONEMENT
Day of
Ex 30:10 ...sin offering for atonement.
Lev 23:26-27 ...The Day of Atonement follows nine days later:
Lev 25:9 ...on the Day of Atonement, let the trumpets blow
Nm 29:7 ...a day of solemn humility
1 Chr 6:49 ...annual Day of Atonement

By Christ
Mt 20:28 ...to give my life as a ransom
Gal 4:5 ...to buy freedom for us who were slaves
Eph 1:5 ...sending Jesus Christ to die for us.
1 Tm 2:6 ...by giving his life for all mankind.
Heb 9:12 ...once for all took blood into that inner room,

AWE, See fear of God

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BACKSLIDING
Examples of
1 Sm 15:26 ...Saul, you have rejected the Lord's commandment
1 Kgs 11:3 ...Solomon turned his heart away from the Lord.
2 Chr 12:1 ...Rehoboam abandoned the Lord,
2 Chr 24:24 ...Judah had forsaken the Lord God
Jon 1:3 ...Jonah ran away from the Lord.
Mt 26:70 ...But Peter denied it loudly.
Jn 6:66 ...his disciples turned away
2 Cor 12:20 ...will find you quarreling,
1 Tm 1:19 ...they lost their faith in Christ