

He that
OVERCOMETH

shall inherit all things; and I will be
his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:7

POWER after
the TESTING



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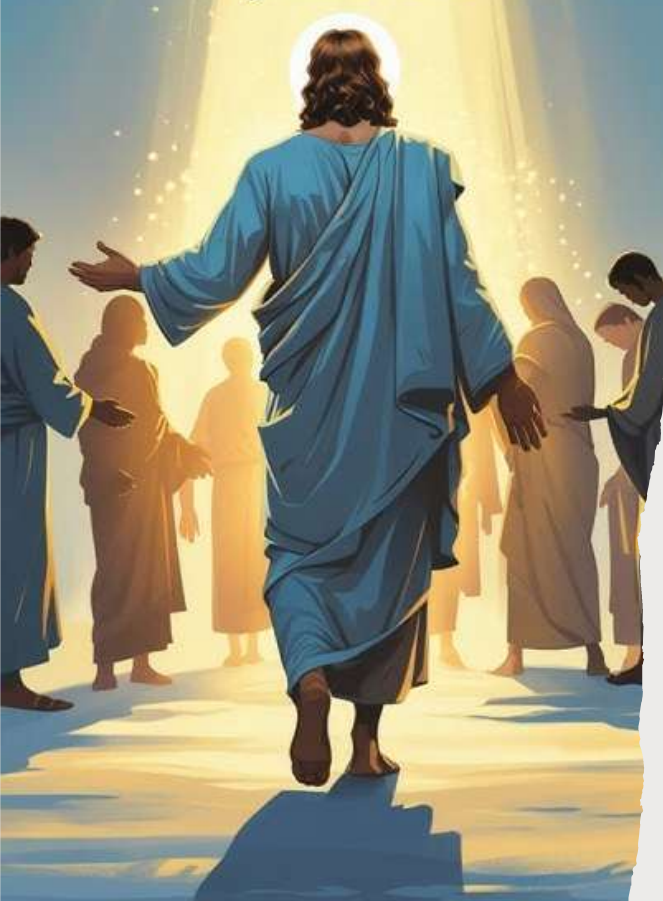
Colossians 3:17

- If our ministries are to be effective, we must center everything that we do and teach in JESUS.
 - **And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Colossians 3:17
- **Our message must be Christ-centered.**
 - If you hear a message and it doesn't keep Christ as the center, then you should pray about the source for Holy Spirit guidance.
- Do you want to be **like Jesus**?
- Do you believe that He is the **Pattern Son**?
- Then understand that Jesus **went THROUGH the wilderness!**
- **First** of all, Jesus was **BORN OF THE SPIRIT**.
- Did you realize that He was **conceived** and **begotten** of the Holy Ghost.
 - And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.** Luke 1:35

Acts 10:38

HOW GOD ANOINTED

JESUS



- **Secondly**, Jesus was **BAPTIZED IN WATER**.
- This too, is **not an option**, for He is the **Prototype** of all sons.
 - Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, **that Jesus also being BAPTIZED**...Luke 3:21
- **Third**, Jesus was **FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST**.
 - How **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power**: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10:38
- What Jesus received at the Jordan was more than what we received in the Pentecostal experience, which is but the **firstfruits** of the Spirit and the **earnest** of our inheritance.
 - And not only *they*, but ourselves also, **which have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. Romans 8:23
 - In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,
 - Which is the **earnest of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13-14

- **Jesus** received the **Spirit without measure**, the **fullness** of the **Godhead** bodily.
 - For **he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him***. John 3:34
 - For in him **dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily**. Colossians 2:9
- But the principle is there.
- **Jesus was born of the Spirit**, and **baptized** in water, and **filled** with the **Holy Ghost**.
 - Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, **that Jesus also being baptized**, and praying, **the heaven was opened**,
 - And **the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him**, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. Luke 3:21-22



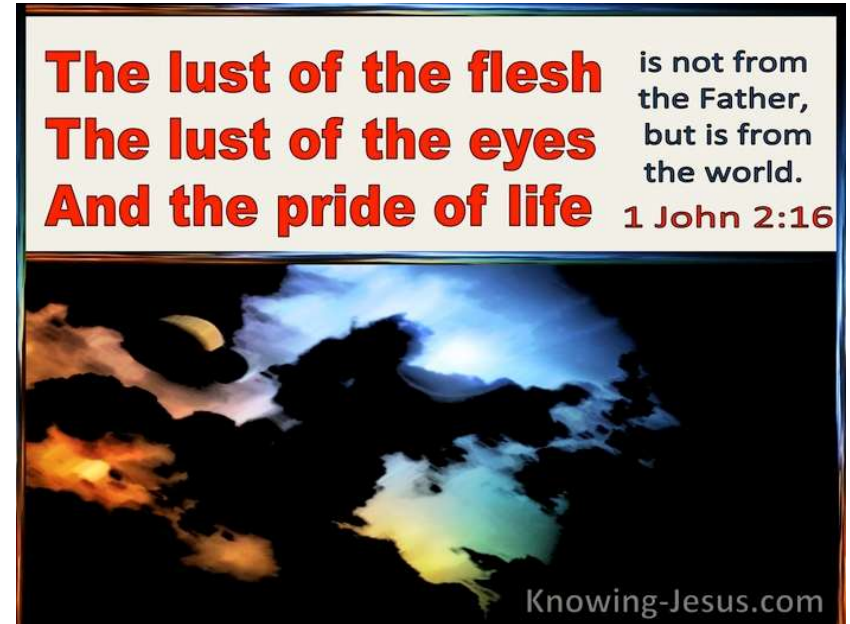
- Jesus was **conceived** by the Spirit; and **so were you.**
- He was **baptized** in **water**; and **so were many of you.**
- He was **filled** with the **Holy Ghost**; and **so were many of you.**
- This fulfills the foundation of Acts 2:38 in the life of the believer:
 - Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the **Holy Ghost**.
- Then what happened to the **Pattern - JESUS?**
- **The same thing that must happen to every one of us** who have been **converted** and **baptized** in water and **in the Holy Ghost**.
 - And **Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was **LED by the Spirit into the WILDERNESS...And immediately the Spirit DRIVETH him into the wilderness.** Luke 4:1; Mark 1:12



- Jesus was **led by the Spirit** into the **wilderness!**
- Isn't it rather odd that some of those **who profess** to be sent with **HIS Word** would tell you otherwise?
- Note that the Gospel of Mark states that **Jesus was DRIVEN** into the place of **testing**.
- Let's allow the Lord to do the **driving**.
- Let Him be your **chauffeur**.
- Jesus is the **Pattern**.



- Jesus was **tempted** and **tested** and **overcame in three areas** or **dimensions**.
- The Bible lists these **three principles**:
 - **Love not the world**, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
 - For ALL that *is* in the world, **THE LUST OF THE FLESH**, and **THE LUST OF THE EYES**, and **THE PRIDE OF LIFE**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
 - And **the world passeth away**, and the lust thereof: but **he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever**. 1 John 2:15-17
- Like Jesus, **we must also be proven in these three principles**.



- I'm glad that **you are saved**.
- I'm thrilled that **you are filled with the Holy Ghost**.
- Now learn the **purpose** of **Pentecost**.
- **What is on the other side of that wilderness?**
 - And **Jesus returned in the POWER of the Spirit** into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. Luke 4:14
- Compare this verse with Acts 1:8 and you will discover a tremendous principle.
 - But **ye shall receive POWER, AFTER THAT the Holy Ghost is come upon you**: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.



- You shall receive **POWER** “after that”.
- After what?
- Follow the **Pattern** in Luke 4 and you will know the answer.
- Jesus had just “**returned**” from **the place of being PROVEN** in the **POWER** of the **Spirit**.
- The word “**power**” means “**DUNAMIS**” – “dynamite, dynamic”.
- The word **POWER** is found 120 times in the New Testament.
- It’s interesting that there were 120 in the upper room.
 - And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, **(the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)** Acts 1:15



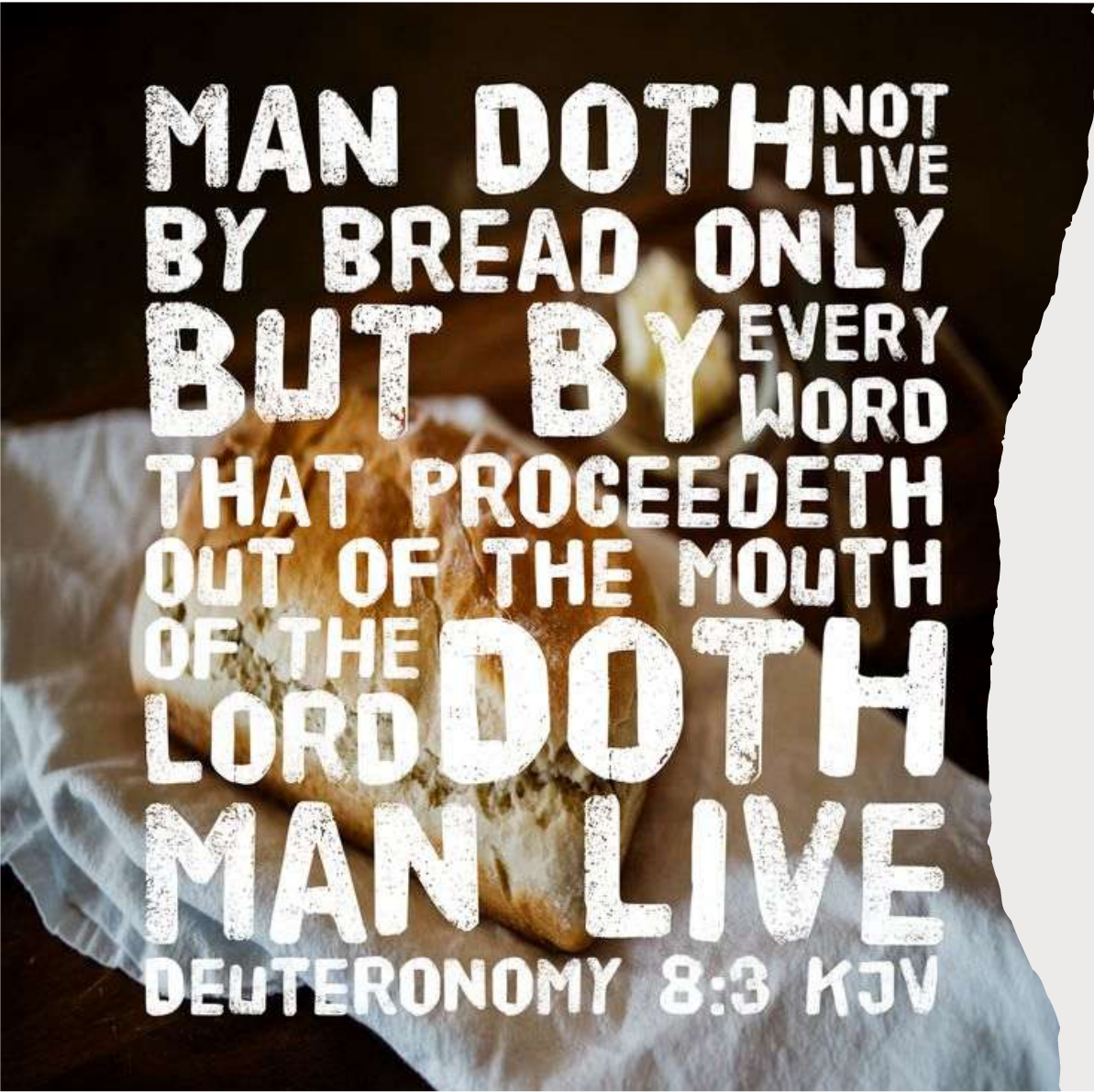


- The word “**POWER**” is rendered as “ability, abundance, mighty deeds, might, mighty, miracle, workers of miracles, power, strength, mighty works, wonderful works, virtue”.
- **Why don’t we see these things in the church?**
- Because **nobody wants the wilderness experience that will produce it.**
- **Two things** are lacking in the Church world today that are evident if you read the Book of Acts.
- Number One – **POWER**.
- Number Two – the **PRICE** to get it.

and that these stones be made bread



- These **signs shall follow them that believe.** (Mark 16:15-20)
- If we don't see these things, then we simply do not believe.
- The **Pattern (JESUS)** was tested in the area of the **LUST OF THE FLESH.**
 - And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
 - Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days **he did eat nothing:** and when they were ended, **he afterward hungered.**
 - And the devil said unto him, **If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.**
 - And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.** Luke 4:1-4
- This deals with the realm of **SELF-SATISFACTION.**



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DEUTERONOMY 8:3 KJV

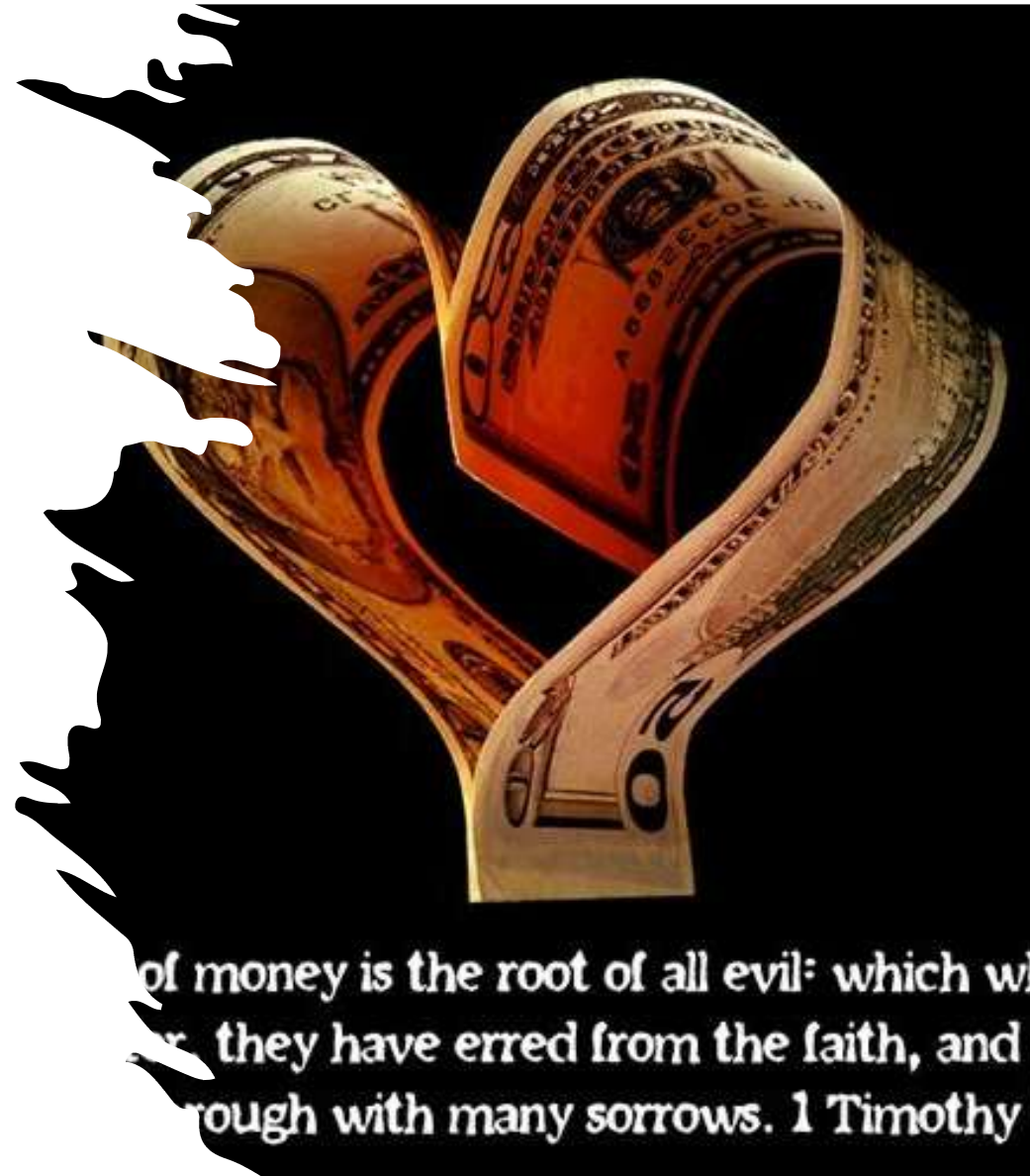
- Some use the anointing for their **selfish** gain.
- **What WE want.**
- The devil said, “If thou be the **Son of God**, command this stone that it be made bread.”
- **But Jesus wouldn't do it.**
- He quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 and overcame in this realm.
 - And he humbled thee, and **suffered thee to hunger**, and **fed thee with manna**, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that **man doth not live by bread only, but by every word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.
- **And we must do the same.**
 - **To him that overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Revelation 3:21

- Jesus was tested in the area of the **LUST OF THE EYES**.

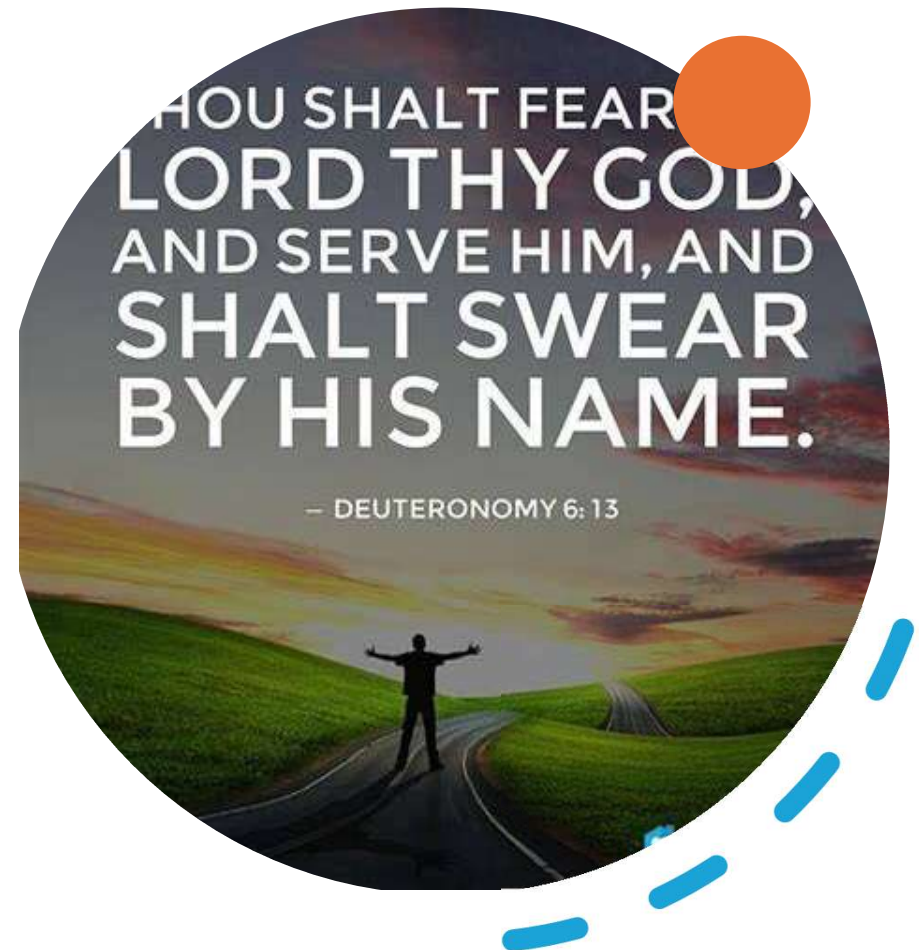
- And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- And the devil said unto him, **All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them:** for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
- **If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.**
- And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan:** for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:5-8

- This speaks of **MATERIALISM** and the **LOVE OF MONEY**.

- For the **love of money is the root of all evil:** which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:10



- Some **use the anointing to make money and merchandise of God's people.**
 - And through covetousness shall they with feigned words **make merchandise of you:** whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. 2 Peter 2:3
- **Jesus refused the glitter of the world systems** and won the second round.
- Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:13 and 10:20
 - **Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him,** and shalt swear by his name.
 - Thou **shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve,** and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.
- **A true son cannot be bought.**





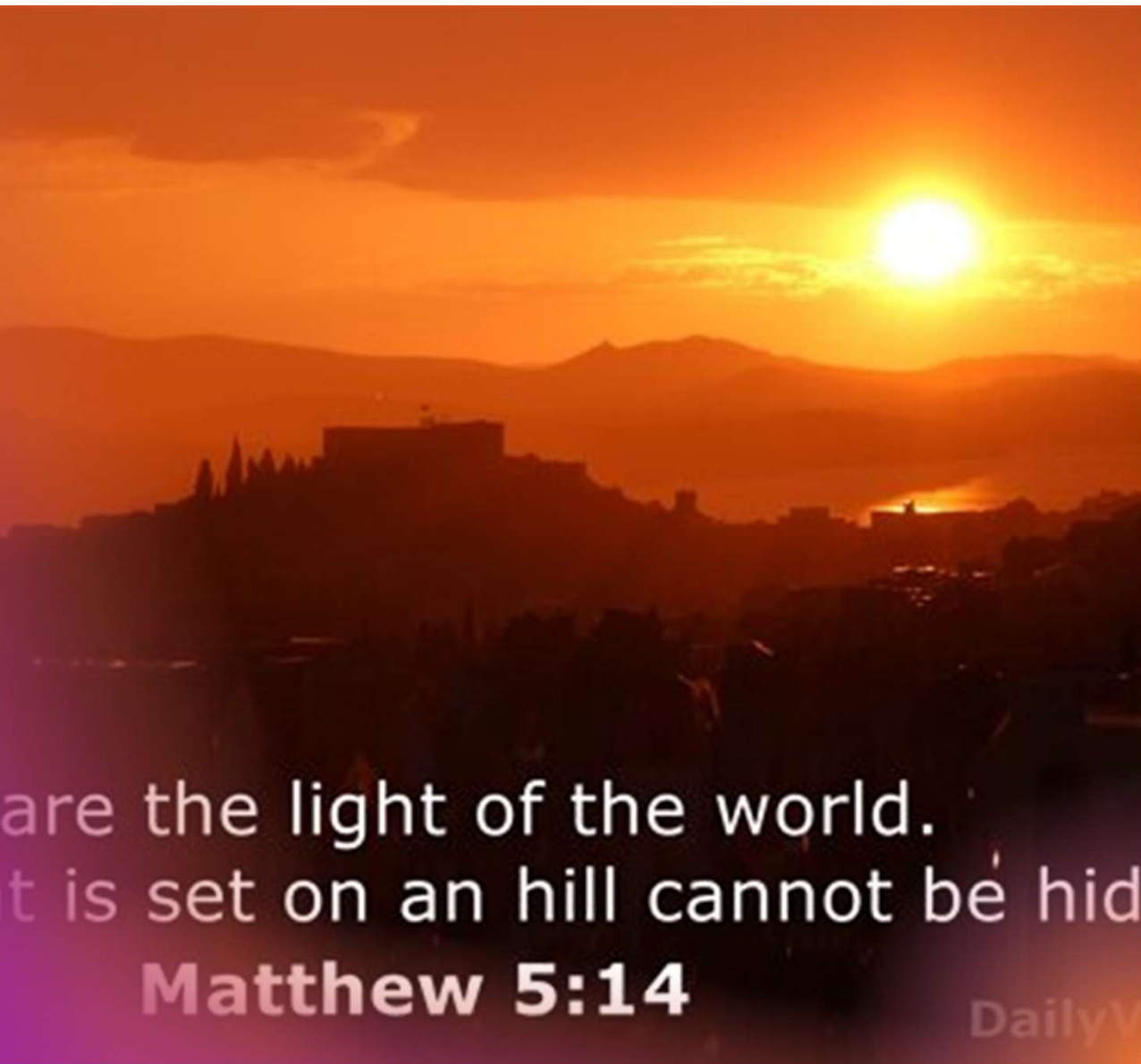
- **Thirdly**, the Lord was tested in the area of the **PRIDE OF LIFE**.
 - And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, **If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:**
 - For it is written, **He shall give his angels charge over thee**, to keep thee:
 - And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.
 - And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, **Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**
 - And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. Luke 4:9-13
- **Likewise, we must be dealt with in these three dimensions.**



You shall not tempt the LORD your
as you tempted him in Massah.

Deuteronomy 6:16

- Some use the anointing to be **seen of men** and to **receive man-worship**.
- **They want to be popular.**
- Satan knows the Bible. He quoted Psalms 91:11 to Jesus.
- Jesus used the Word to overcome the misuse of the Word.
- Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:16, overcoming the Evil One by the Word of God.
 - **For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.**
 - **Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God.**
- Jesus made himself of **no reputation**.
 - **But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.**
Philippians 2:7



- Jesus was **not interested in being seen of men**; therefore, He could not be hid.
 - Ye are the light of the world. **A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.** Matthew 5:14
- I want to be like Jesus, don't you?
- **The Church is the light of the world.**
- It is to be made up of people who are **radiating HIM** so that men can't see anything or anyone else but Jesus.
 - And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:
 - The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, **Sir, we would see JESUS.** John 12:20-21



- **Follow the Pattern.**
- **Follow the Lamb.**
- Jesus was proven in the three realms given above and was an Overcomer by the Word, “**IT IS WRITTEN!**”
- On the **other side of that wilderness** was a Jubilee ministry of **great deliverance**.
- “**Jubilee**” means “the blast of a horn (from its continuous sound); the signal of the silver trumpets; hence the instrument itself and the festival thus introduced; jubilee, ram’s horn, trumpet.”
- The root word means “to flow, to bring (with pomp); bring forth, carry, lead forth.”

- The context of the **Year of Jubilee** is when the land lies fallow, all possessions (especially the land, its produce, and slaves) revert to the **ORIGINAL OWNERS**, and produce is provided for the people by Yahweh's blessing upon the land in the previous year.
- The produce is brought forth to provide for the fallow jubilee year, and property is brought or **RETURNED** to the original owners.
- The “**Year of Jubilee**” begins with the blast of the “**shopar**” of the **Day of Atonement** each fiftieth year.
- It is a year that is holy (separated) unto God.
- **The possession is returned to the original owner.**



Psalms 2:8

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The *Spirit* **of the Lord**
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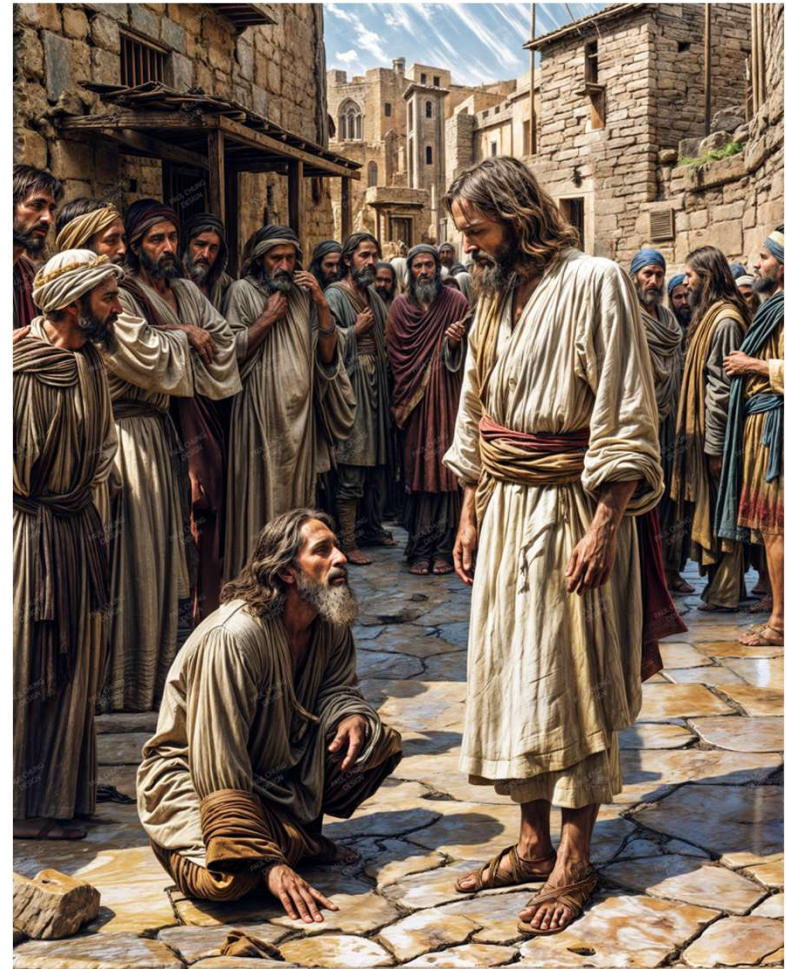
- What this means that in light of present truth, **man is going to inherit the earth.**
 - Ask of me, and **I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.** Psalms 2:8
- The **Jubilee ministry** is a ministry that **DELIVERS THE CREATION.** (Romans 8:14-23)
- **Jesus Christ is the Pattern of such a ministry.**
- After the necessity of being tested, the Lord went into His home town, and His “home church” and said,
 - The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath **ANOINTED** me to preach the gospel to the **POOR**; he hath sent me to heal the **BROKENHEARTED**, to preach deliverance to the **CAPTIVES**, and recovering of sight to the **BLIND**, to set at liberty them that are **BRUISED**. To preach the **ACCEPTABLE YEAR** of the Lord. Luke 4:18-19

- The “acceptable Year of the Lord” is the “**year of LIBERTY**”, which is the **Year of Jubilee**.
 - But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to **the year of liberty**; after it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them. Ezekiel 46:17
- This ministry of Jesus operated **on the other side of the wilderness** experience.
- **Only a free man can set a man free.**
- Once you have walked through the wilderness, and come out on the other side, you can understand the needs of others who are going through temptations and trials.
- We are called to be **proven** and then to **deliver** the creation.
- **All slaves were released in the Year of Jubilee.**
- **Prison doors swung open.**
- The **Lord Jesus** came to inaugurate this ministry of deliverance.

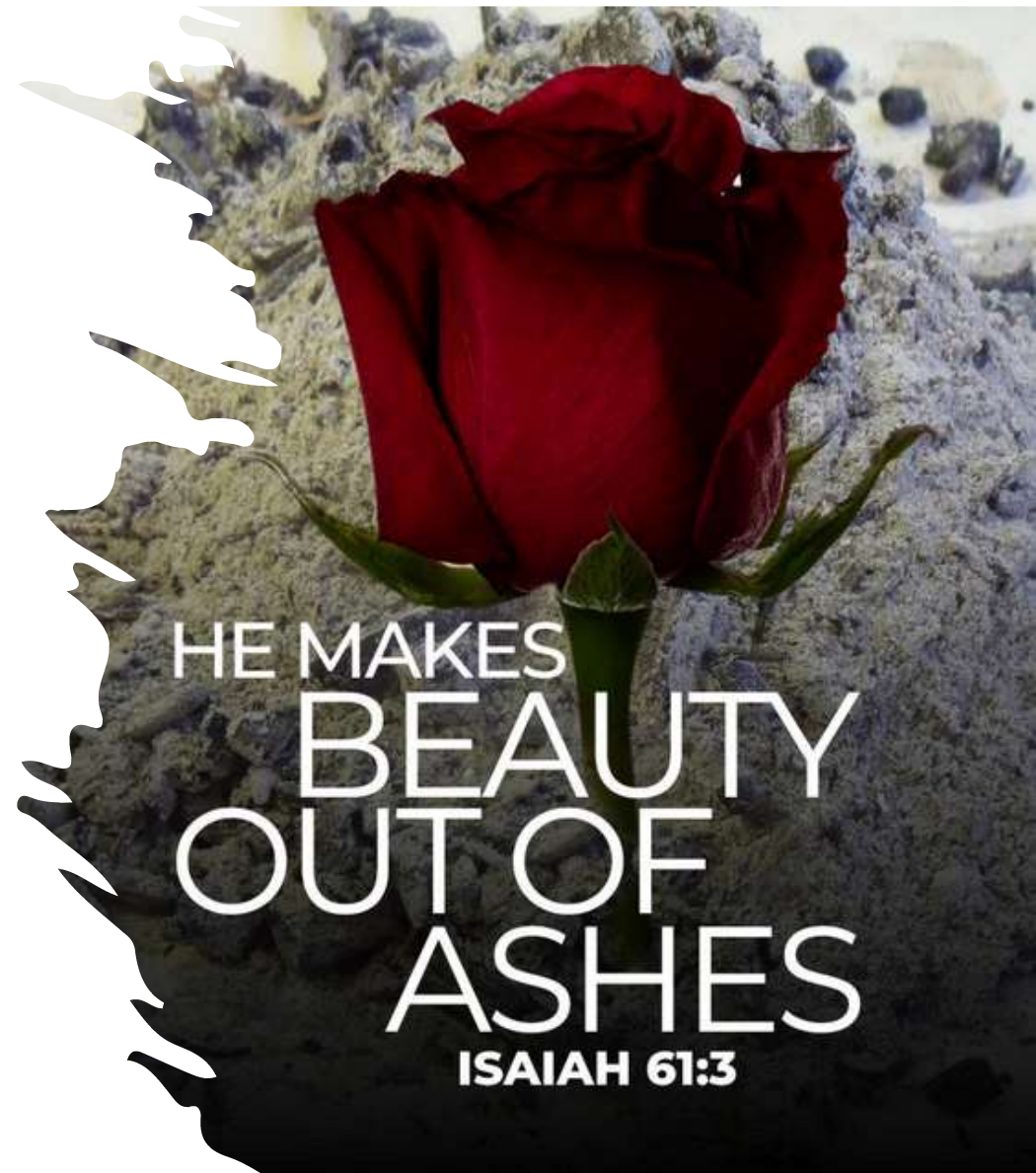


But ye shall receive **POWER, AFTER THAT** the Holy Ghost is come upon you: Acts 1:8

- Jesus came to deliver the
 - 1. **BEGGAR** (“the poor”)
 - 2. **BROKENHEARTED**
 - 3. **BOUND** (“the captives”)
 - 4. **BLIND**
 - 5. **BRUISED**
- **You and I are called to deliver the BEGGARS.**
- Throw away your **tin cup** and then throw away your **beggar’s garment**.
- A lot of people want God to “**touch**” them.
- Why don’t you get **FILLED** with Him? Hallelujah!



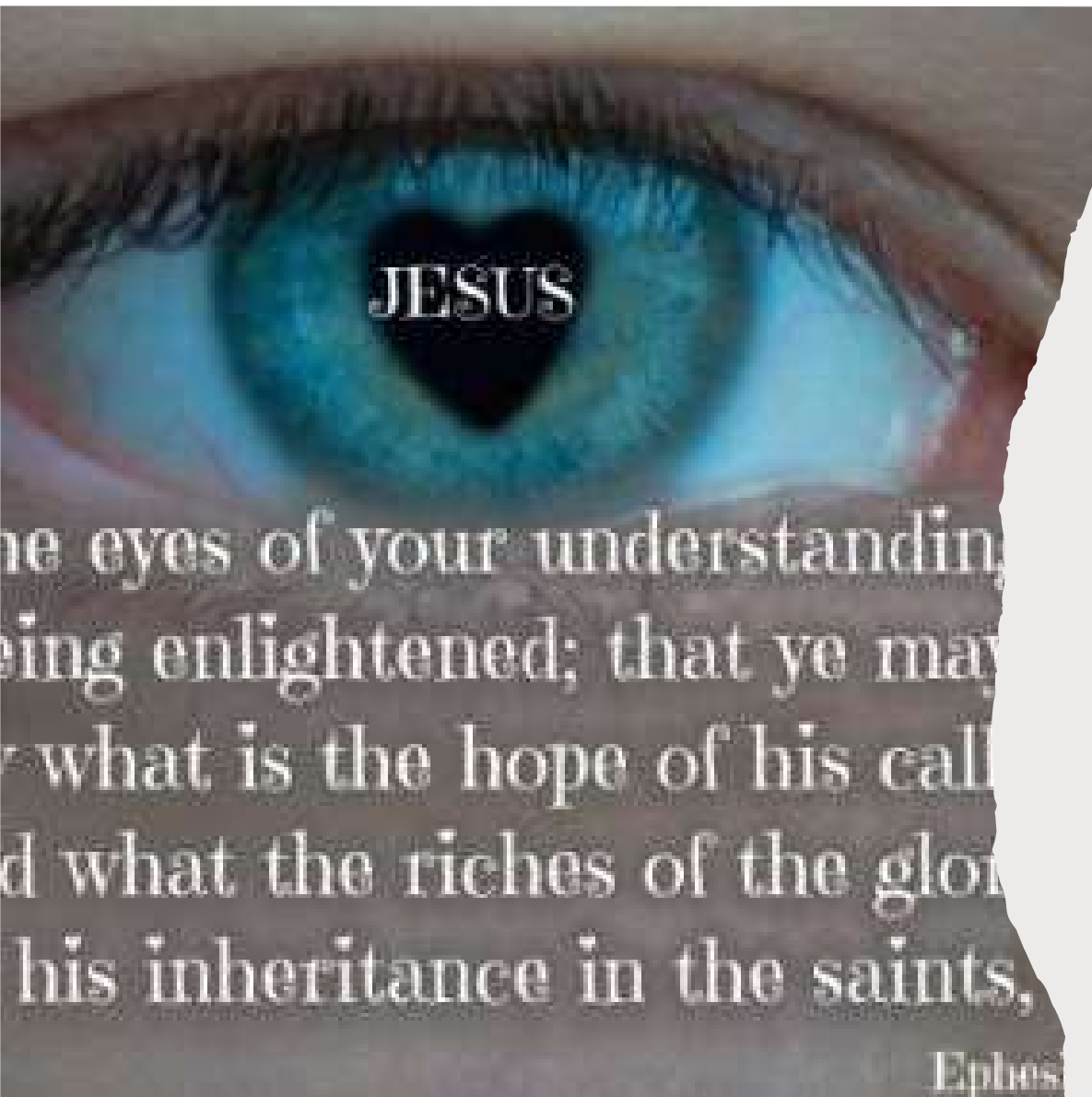
- Jesus is the **King of Kings** and the **Lord of Lords**. (Revelation 19:16)
- We are to be **kings** and **priests**, not **beggars**.
- **You are I are called to deliver the BROKENHEARTED.**
- The **joy** of the Lord is your **strength**. (Nehemiah 8:10)
- Let us go forth and exchange somebody's **spirit of heaviness** for a **garment of praise**. (Isaiah 61:3)
- Let us be filled with the **oil of gladness**, and then **dispense His life and strength to others**.



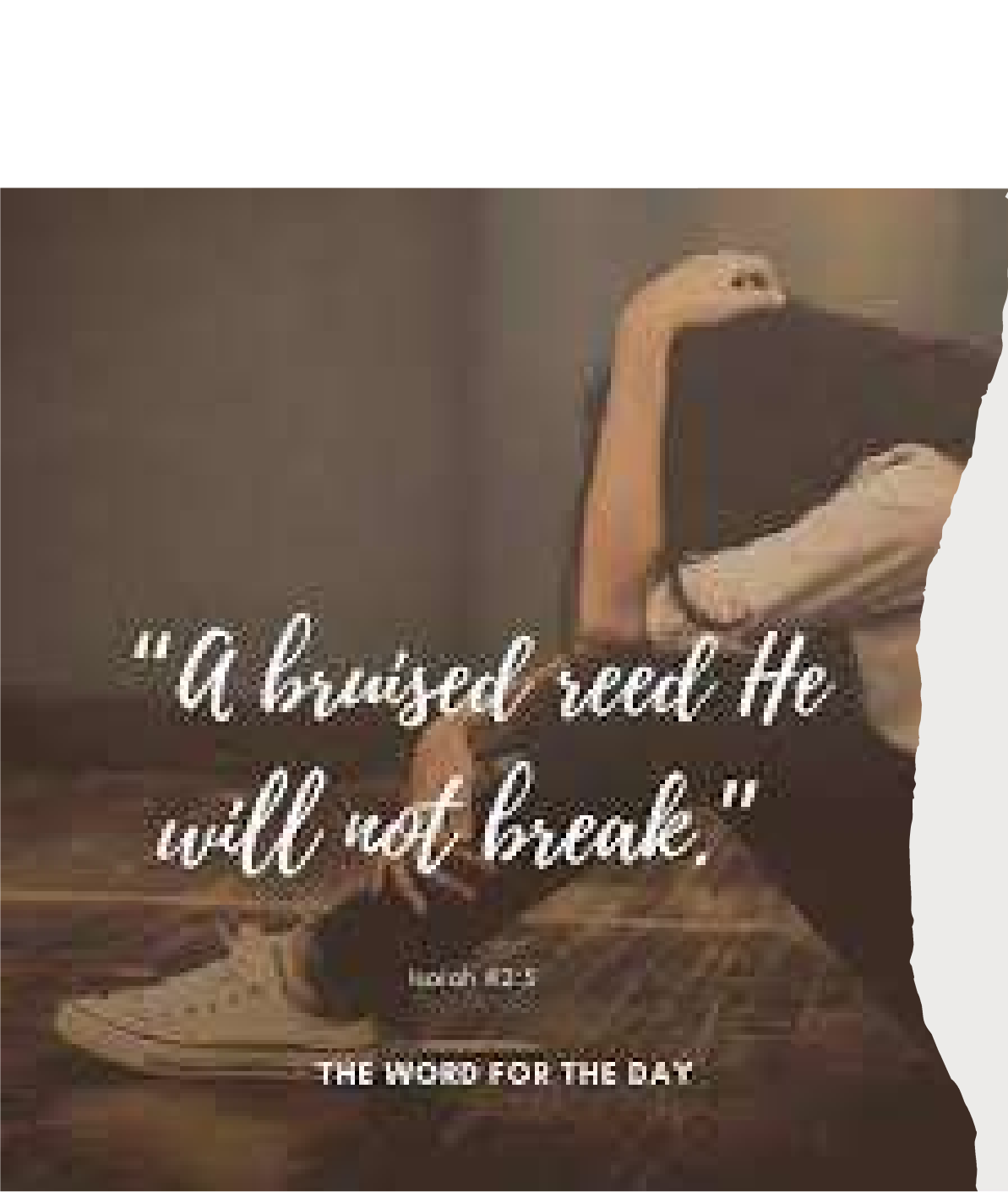
HE MAKES
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ISAIAH 61:3



- **You and I are called to deliver the BOUND.**
- This is a **spiritual warfare**.
- There are many **different spirits** that are **binding** people.
- We are called to **cast out devils**.
 - And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils**; they shall speak with new tongues. Mark 16:17
- Many sit in a prison house of their own making.
- Their own **conceit**, and **self-pity**, and **rebellion**, and **resentment**, and **bitterness** has **shackled** their **mind** and **spirit**.
- **Let us set them free in the Name of the Lord!**



- **You and I are called to deliver the BLIND.**
- This is true in the **natural** and in the **spirit**.
- Our **eyes have been opened** to the dealings and the **purposes** of God.
- Let us **lift the scales of unbelief** from the understanding of others.
 - **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:18
- **We who have become blind that we might see are sent to help others.** (Acts 9:8-19)



*"A bruised reed He
will not break."*

Isaiah 42:3

THE WORD FOR THE DAY

- **You and I are called to deliver the BRUISED.**
- I am not speaking of those who are squealing under the rod of discipline or correction, **but those who have been tossed and buffeted by the enemy.**
- Like the Pattern, **we must be gentle in ministering life** to these who have been **wounded.**
 - **A bruised reed shall he not break**, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.
Matthew 12:20
- God wants to give you **your city.**
- God wants to give you **your local area.**
- God wants to fill us with **the Holy Ghost** and **flow** through us in **deliverance.**
- **But we must know what it is to press through the wilderness.**
- We must know what it is to be **overcomers.**

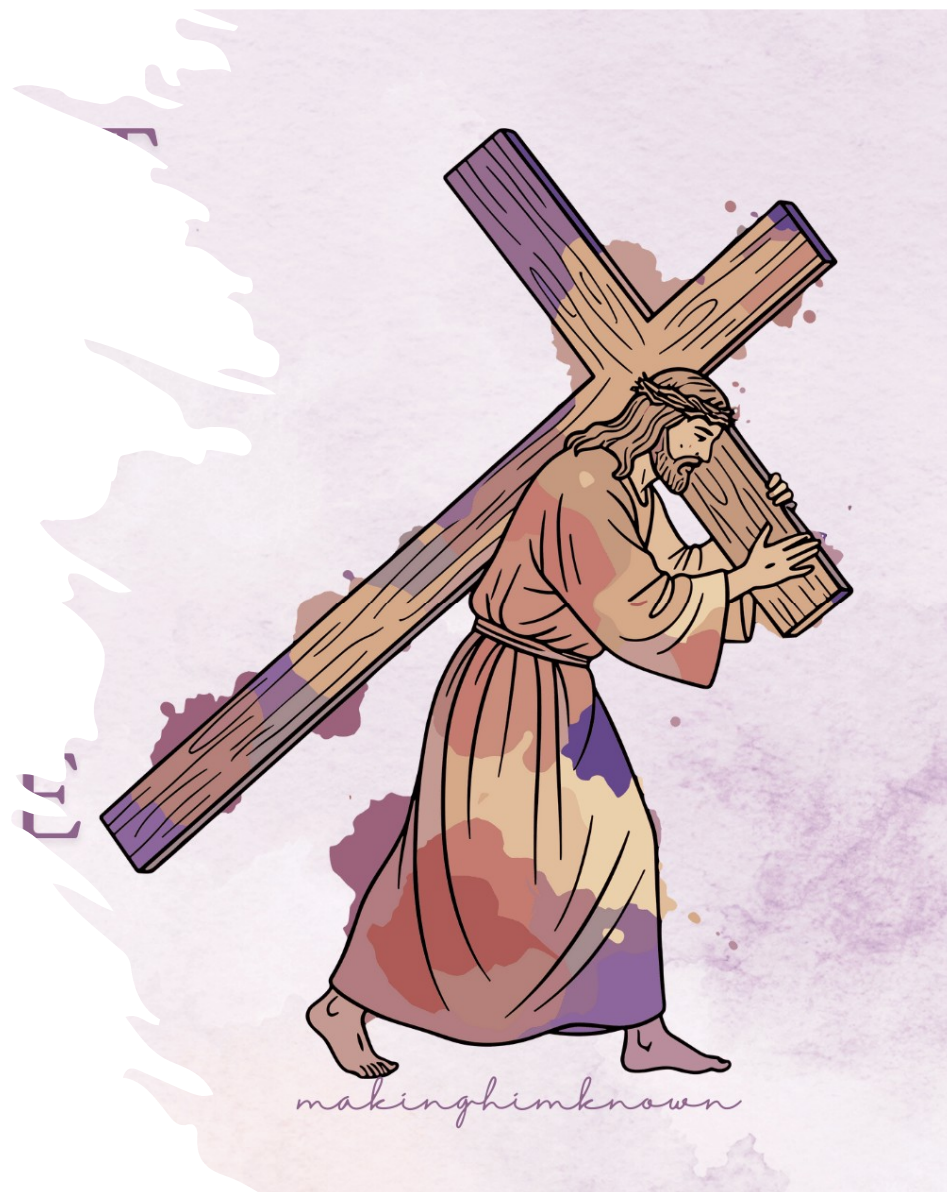


- **On the other side of the wilderness is a great ministry.**
- For those who **learn to overcome the wilderness** and maintain a right spirit, there is a **partaking and sharing** of the **ministry of Jesus**.
- **On the other side of the wilderness** is great satisfaction.
- We have been **led by the Spirit** into the dealings of God.
- **Everything that God has worked into us has been deposited for the benefit of someone else.**
- We have been **delivered from our selfishness** in the wilderness.

"who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."
2 Corinthians 1:4 KJV

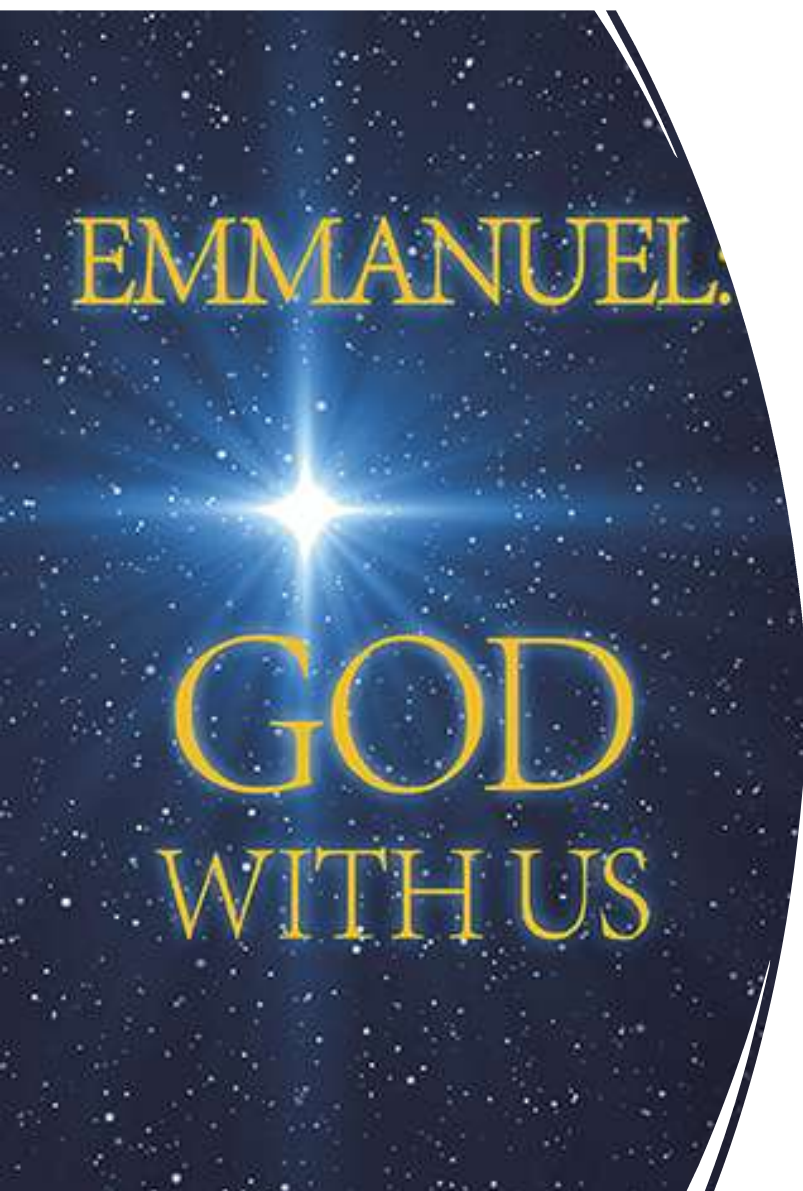
- **On the other side of the wilderness there is a great peace.**
- It wasn't meant to be **easy**.
- The Kingdom of God is **not for half-hearted people**.
- **We love not our lives unto the death. (Revelation 12:11)**
- Our tribulation enables us to minister to those who are also in tribulation.
 - Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **mercies**, and the God of all **comfort**;
 - **Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.**
 - For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

- **On the other side of the wilderness there is a great joy.**
- We have **endured the cross**, despising the shame. (Hebrews 12:2)
- The **joy** and the **privilege** of **sharing the nature** and the **ministry** of **Jesus** becomes a reality **on the other side of the wilderness.**
- **Israel** was in the wilderness for **forty years.**
- **Jesus** was in the wilderness for **forty days.**
- Which do you want? **Forty years or forty days?**
- **Would you like to shorten your wilderness experience?**



- It is a **guarantee** that **you will have a wilderness experience** if you **serve** and **follow** the Lord.
- **How will you respond?**
- **How long will it take you to get through the wilderness?**
- How did **Jesus** get through the **wilderness?**
- By saying, “**IT IS WRITTEN!**”
- **He knew the Word.**
- He **WAS** the Word (John 1:1, 14)
- He is the **Pattern.**
- He is the **Living Word.**
- He overcame the **Evil One by the Word.**





EMMANUEL

GOD
WITH US

- We must **know the Word**.
- We, too, must **BECOME** the Word.
- Once again the Word of God is becoming **flesh**, and **dwelling among men**.
- The principle is seen in the **NAME** of Emmanuel, which means “**God with us**.”
 - Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.** Isaiah 7:14
- The **Word** was **God**.
- **God** was the **Word**.
- You are **Kings** and **Priests**.
 - And **hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:6

- 1 John 4:17 says, “Herein is **our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:** because **AS HE IS, so are WE in this world.**”
- Other passages of Scripture that show us how to shorten our experience in the wilderness are:
 - For this is the love of God, that **we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous.
 - For **whatsoever is born of God OVERCOMETH the world:** and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our FAITH. 1 John 5:3-4
 - **To him that overcometh** will I grant to sit with me in my throne, **EVEN AS I also overcame,** and am set down with my Father in his throne.
 - **He that hath an ear,** let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Revelation 3:21-22

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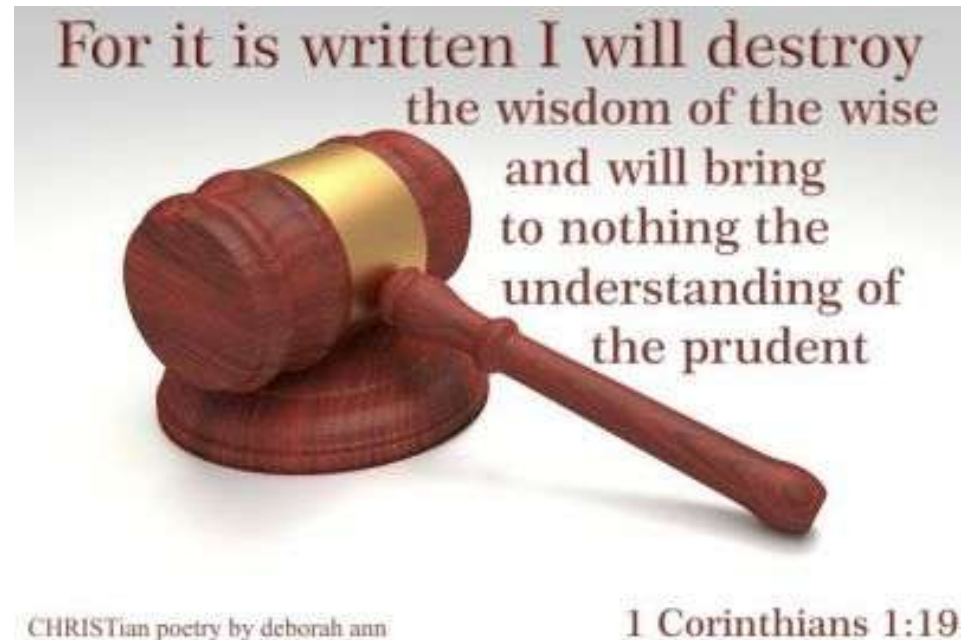
- **We are to conquer the world as Jesus did.**
- The world is the **lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.**
- Jesus overcame by **knowing** and **being** the **WORD!**
- **You and I can shorten our stay** in the dealings of God.
- We will stay in that heavenly woodshed until **we know the Word** and **become what we know.**
- So don't get your eyes on the **tempter** or what he offers.
- **Get your eyes and your mind on the Word!**
- **JESUS** is the **Word!**



- Some **never learn this Word**.
- Some **learn this Word** but **never become what they know**.
- There is a multitude of **groaning people** on the other side of the wilderness.
- **Hasten to help them!**
- Let me remind you that **God is doing a work in our lives** and **He is doing it in the wilderness**.
 - And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.** Deuteronomy 8:2



- **God knows from the beginning that we can make it.**
- But He wants US to know!
- We have been led through tribulation that we might see ourselves from the lofty viewpoint of the Mind of the Spirit.
- **We must learn to see ourselves and others as God does.**
- In order to do this we must be **broken** and our natural understanding **brought to nought.**
 - **For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.**
1 Corinthians 1:19



- How can we know the greatness of this Christ in us if we are never tested?
- We must experience in reality the truth that **great is He Who is in us than he who is trying to get us.** (1 John 4:4)!
- **This is the Day of the Lord, and EVERYONE is being tried by fire.**
- Let me give you an example from the natural realm.
- Have you noticed the ever-increasing number of products that are being RECALLED to the factory because of some defect or malfunction?
- These mistakes could have been prevented if these products had been THOROUGHLY TESTED before being placed on the market.
- This same thing happens in the spiritual realm.

GREATER IS
HE THAT IS
IN ME
THAN HE
that is
IN THE WORLD

- Many “ministries” are out on the market for **public consumption**.
- **Many have not been tested.**
- All the ministries of the Book of Acts were **PROVEN** ministries.
- They were discipled by the **older ministries** in the context of the church.
- For those today who **have not seen the need of being pressed through tribulations** I would not be surprised if God recalls them back to His factory for further **inspection** and **adjusting**.



This hymn reflects on the **victory of Christ in the wilderness**, where **He faced temptation** not with power or display, but with **unwavering trust in the Word of God**.

Led into **solitude, hunger, and trial**, **Jesus stood firm** against every assault of the enemy. Each temptation was met with a simple yet powerful response: **“It is written.”** Not by human reasoning, not by outward proof, **but by faith in the spoken Word of God**.

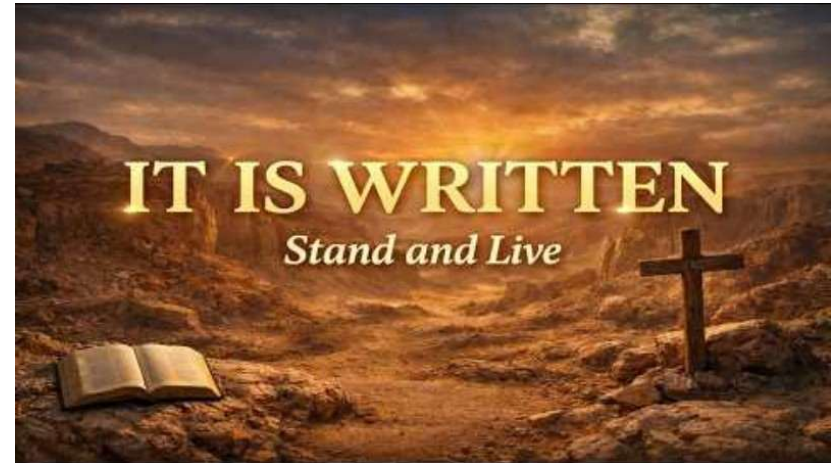
In this moment, Christ revealed the **foundation of true victory**.

The same Word that **sustained Him is given to us**. In every trial, every doubt, and every test, the believer is called to stand upon the sure foundation of Scripture—not by sight, not by feeling, but by faith.

“It Is Written” is a reminder that spiritual strength is not found in circumstance, but in trusting and obeying the Word of God.

May this hymn encourage every soul to stand firm, to trust deeply, and **to overcome through the power of His Word.**

— Ezra Ochieng



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