

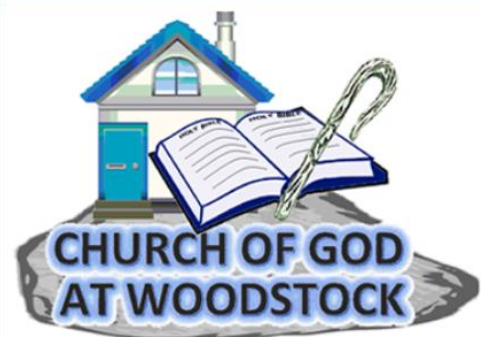
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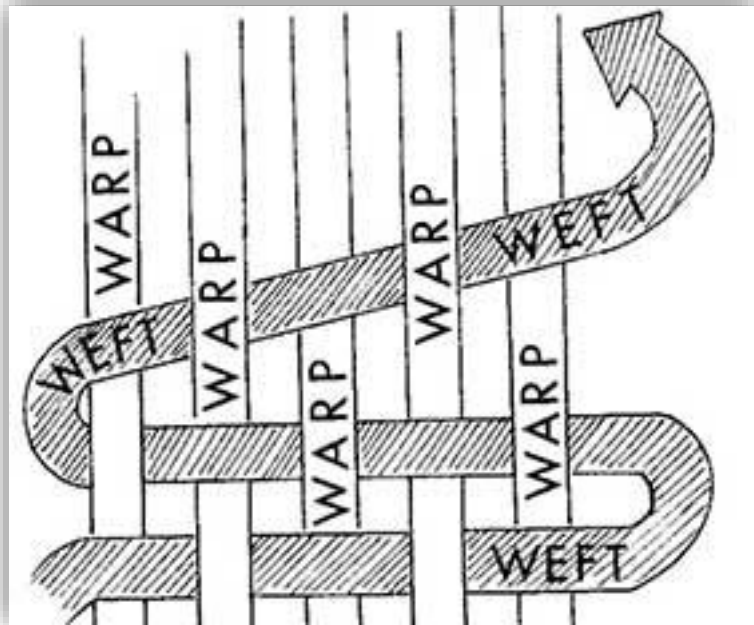
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Proverbs 31:19

She layeth her hands to **the spindle**, and her hands hold the distaff.

Job 7:6

My days are swifter than a **weaver's shuttle**, and are spent without hope.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

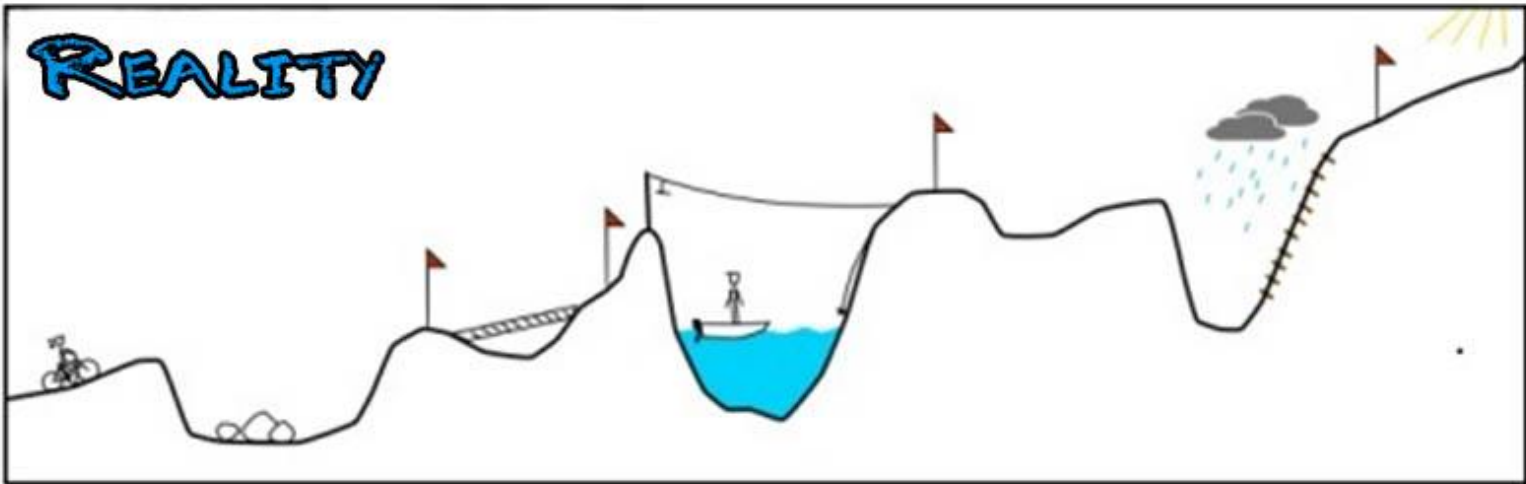


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Habakkuk 3:18

Yet I will **rejoice** in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, **Rejoice**.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

Rejoice evermore.



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Matthew 26:36–39

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be **sorrowful and very heavy**. Then saith he unto them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death**: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, **O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.**



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I will give you just one mark of the difference between a man or woman who is *content in a natural* way and one who is *content in a spiritual* way:

Those who are content in a natural way, when outward afflictions befall them are just as content when they commit sin against God. When they have outward crosses or when God is dishonored, it is all one to them whether they themselves are crossed or whether God is crossed...

...but a gracious heart that is contented with its own affliction will rise up strongly when God is dishonored.

The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment
Jeremiah Burroughs



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Four areas where the Weft of Life can be difficult

- **Chastisement**
- **Persecution**
- **Undeserved Abuse / Offense**
- **Time and Chance**





Chastisement

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Hebrews 12:5–8

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the **chastening of the Lord**, nor faint when thou art **rebuked** of him: For whom the Lord loveth he **chasteneth**, and **scourgeth** every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, **whereof all are partakers**, then are ye bastards, and not sons.



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Psalm 119:67

Before I was **afflicted** I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Psalm 119:71

It is good for me that I have been **afflicted**; that I might learn thy statutes.

Proverbs 29:1

He, that being often **reproved** hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.





Persecution

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2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus** shall **suffer persecution**.

Philippians 1:29

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also **to suffer** for his sake;

1 Peter 4:12

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the **fiery trial which is to try you**, as though some strange thing happened unto you:



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John 15:18–20

If the world **hate you**, ye know that it **hated me** before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore **the world hateth you**. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have **persecuted me**, they will also **persecute you**; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

1 John 3:13

Marvel not, my brethren, **if the world hate you**.



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Acts 6:8–10

And Stephen, **full of faith and power**, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were **not able to resist** the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

Acts 7:59

And they **stoned Stephen**, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.





Undeserved Abuse/ Offense

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Luke 17:1

Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but **that offences will come**: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

Exodus 22:22

Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

Isaiah 10:1–2

Woe unto them that decree **unrighteous decrees**, and that **write grievousness** which they have prescribed; To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!



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1 Thessalonians 4:1

Furthermore then we **beseech you**, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

1 Thessalonians 4:6-7

That **no man go beyond and defraud his brother** in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.



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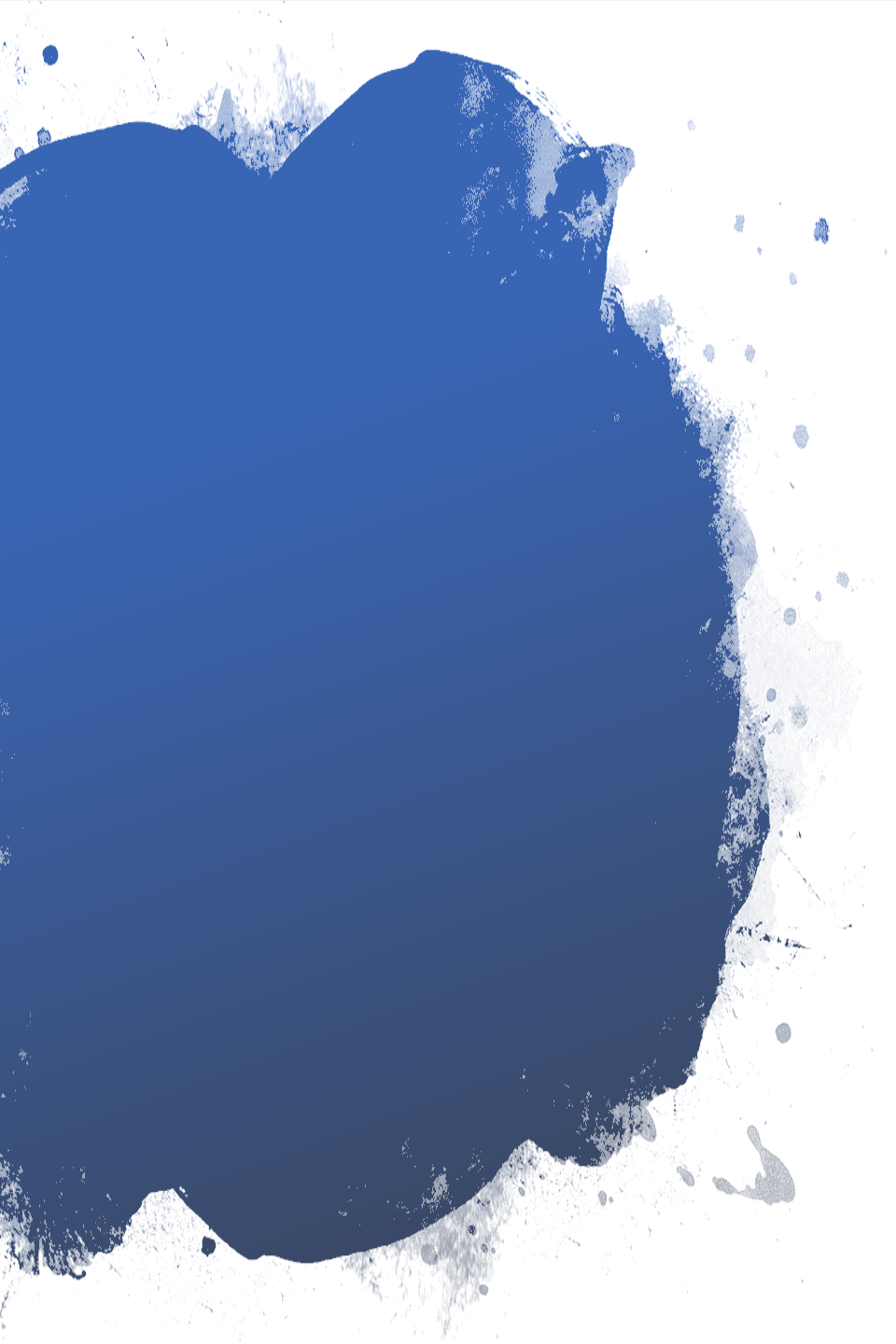
Job 1:20–22

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. **In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.**

Job 2:10b

What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? **In all this did not Job sin with his lips.**





Time and Chance

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Ecclesiastes 9:11

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but **time and chance happeneth to them all.**

Strong's **H6294** - נִפְגַּע pega' [peh'-gah]
impact (casual): - chance, occurrent.

1 Kings 5:4

But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil **occurrent.**



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God's Word Translation

Ecclesiastes 9:11

...But **time and unpredictable events** overtake all of them.

1 Kings 5:4

But the LORD my God has surrounded me with peace. I have no rival and **no trouble**.



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Deuteronomy 22:6

If a bird's nest **chance** to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

1 Corinthians 15:37

And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it **may chance** of wheat, or of some other grain:



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Four areas where the Weft of Life can be difficult

- Chastisement

- ✓ Happens to all

- Persecution

- ✓ Happens to all

- Undeserved Abuse / Offense

- ✓ Happens to all

- Time and Chance

- ✓ Happens to all



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Buddhism

‘Four Noble Truths’ *[not really]*

- 1. All existence involves suffering.**
- 2. All suffering is caused by indulging in inherently insatiable desires [all desires].**
- 3. Therefore all suffering will cease upon the suppressing of these desires.**
- 4. And the way leading to the cessation of suffering is the ‘middle-path’ or the ‘noble eight-fold path’:
right views, right aims, right speech, right action,
right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness,
right contemplation**



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Hebrews 12:11–13

Now no **chastening** for the present **seemeth to be joyous**, but **grievous**: nevertheless afterward it **yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby**. Wherefore lift up the hands which **hang down**, and the **feeble knees**; And make **straight paths** for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; **but let it rather be healed**.



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Proverbs 15:13

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: **but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.**

Proverbs 18:14

The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; **but a wounded spirit who can bear?**

Proverbs 17:22

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: **but a broken spirit drieth the bones.**



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I may be murmuring if I find myself often dwelling on an affliction...

...and find no room for the ever-present mercy and grace of God

...and it prevents me from performing my duties

...and it prevents me from experiencing joy for others who either do not suffer from it or have been delivered from it (not jealous)



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I may be murmuring if I know my own sin is the source of the affliction...

...if taking away the affliction is the focus, rather than the taking away of the sin.

[We should find no peace if our affliction were taken away but our sin remained.]

...if I do not have a great desire to not commit more sin (the same or others sins)



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I may be murmuring if I claim a great injustice has been done to me...

...and find no room for God's sovereignty in the thing.

...and find no chance for mercy for the oppressor, seeing they have the worse end of it. [It is far better to bear wrong than to wrong others]



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I may be murmuring if I think my affliction is exceeding great, much greater than others...

...and I fail to realize that anything I may suffer is far less than I deserve

...and I fail to realize that others have [and are] suffering greater than myself

...and I fail to realize that at least some of the severity of my affliction may be caused by my own murmuring

...and I believe it is not fair that I must suffer so [much] as compared to others

...and I do not see every opportunity to bear His grace as an example of Him



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“Despair is like irritated children, who when you take away one of their playthings, angrily throw the rest into the fire.”



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Job 31:1

I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

Likewise, I encourage all of us to make a covenant with our hearts, to not hold such ideas of despair and disappointment, bitterness or resentment, no, not even for one instant!



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Hebrews 12:14–15

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;**



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Lamentations 3:18–23

And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: Remembering mine affliction and my misery, **the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.**



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Deuteronomy 29:18

Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a **root that beareth gall and wormwood**;

Ephesians 4:26–27

Be ye angry, and sin not: **let not the sun go down upon your wrath**: Neither give place to the devil.



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2 Peter 3:1–13 [1-5]

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that **there shall come in the last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. **For this they willingly are ignorant of**, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:



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2 Peter 3:1–13 [6-9]

Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, **be not ignorant of this one thing**, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.



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2 Peter 3:1–13 [10-13]

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**



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1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able**; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, **that ye may be able to bear it.**

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.



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Jesus

Discontentment separates us from Jesus – the primary focus and source of hope and power for the Christian

Others

Discontentment reduces or eliminates our ability to serve others. Discontentment not only pushes others away, it dishonors God in their eyes

Yourself

God has only our best in mind



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Matthew 5:3–12 [3-8]

Blessed are the **poor in spirit**: for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

Blessed are they that **mourn**: for they shall be **comforted**.

Blessed are the **meek**: for they shall **inherit the earth**.

Blessed are they which **do hunger and thirst after righteousness**: for they shall be **filled**.

Blessed are the **merciful**: for they shall **obtain mercy**.

Blessed are the **pure in heart**: for they shall **see God**.



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Matthew 5:3–12 [9-12]

Blessed are the **peacemakers**: for they shall be **called the children of God**.

Blessed are they which are **persecuted for righteousness' sake**: for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

Blessed are ye, when men **shall revile you**, and **persecute you**, and shall say all manner of **evil against you falsely**, for **my sake**.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for **great is your reward in heaven**: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.



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Colossians 3:1–2

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.



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