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ABSALOM



ABSALOM = Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 53. ' אַבִּישָׁלוֹם **Abiyshalowm** *ab-ee-shaw-lome*' or (shortened) Abshalowm (ab-shaw- lome'); from 1 and 7965; **father of peace** (i.e. friendly); Abshalom, a son of David; also (the fuller form) a later Israelite:—Abishalom, Absalom.

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2 Samuel 3:2-5 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, **Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;** And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

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2 Samuel 14:25-26 But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for **his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.** And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled *it*: because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) **he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.**

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JOHN GILL (1697-1771): It grew so very thick and long in one year's time, that he was obliged to cut it; and what might add to the weight of it, was its being oiled and powdered; and, as some say, with the dust of gold, to make it look yellow and glistering.

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(Josephus “Antiquities” VIII, 7:3)

“Their riders also were a further ornament to them, being, in the first place, young men in the most delightful flower of their age, and being eminent for their largeness, and far taller than other men. They had also very long heads of hair hanging down, and were clothed in garments of Tyrian purple. They had also dust of gold every day sprinkled on their hair, so that their heads sparkled with the reflection of the sun-beams from the gold.”

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ADAM CLARKE (1760-1832):

An abundance of oil and ointments were used by the ancients in dressing their heads; as is evident, not only from many places in the Greek and Roman writers, but also from several places in the sacred writings; see Psalm 23:5, Ecclesiastes 9:8, Matthew 6:17.

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Ezekiel 28:12-17 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, **and perfect in beauty. ...** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

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2 Samuel 13:20-21 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: *he is thy brother; regard not this thing.* So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. **But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.**

2 Samuel 13:22-23 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for **Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.** And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

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2 Samuel 13:28-29 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, **Smite Amnon; then kill him,** fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. And **the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded.** Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

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2 Samuel 13:38-39 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. *And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.*

2 Samuel 14:33 So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: **and the king kissed Absalom.**

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2 Samuel 18:6-8 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and **there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*.**

For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

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2 Samuel 18:9-11 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, **and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away.** And a certain man saw *it*, and told Joab, and said, **Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.** And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest *him*, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle.



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2 Samuel 18:12-15 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none *touch* the young man Absalom. Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me*. Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. **And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he *was* yet alive in the midst of the oak. And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.**

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2 Samuel 18:33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!



OUT ON A LIMB

Conclusion of Character Sketch #1



JUDAS



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NAME: In the New Testament we find the following Judases:

- 1) The apostle also known as Thaddaeus (Luke 6:16, Matthew 10:3).
- 2) The apostle Judas Iscariot (Luke 6:16).
- 3) A brother of Jesus and James, and likely the author of the Book of Jude (Matthew 13:55).
- 4) A leader referred to by Gamaliel (Acts 5:37).
- 5) A Jew of Damascus who aids Saul, later Paul (Acts 9:11).
- 6) The prophet Judas Barsabbas, who joined Paul, Barnabas and Silas on their trip to Antioch (Acts 15:22, 15:32).



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❑ Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 377. ' **אִישׁ iysh** *eesh* denominative from 376; to be a man, i.e. **act in a manly way**:—show (one) self **a man**.

❑ Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 7149. **קִרְיָה qirya'** (Aramaic) *keer-yaw'* (Aramaic) or qiryah (Aramaic) (keer-yaw'); corresponding to 7151:—**city**.



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Matthew 10:2-4 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and **Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.**



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John 6:70-71 Jesus answered them, **Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?** He spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon: for he it was that should **betray him**, being one of the twelve.

DEVIL = Strong's Greek Dictionary 1228.
διαβολος diabolos *dee-ab'-ol-os* from 1225; a **traducer**; specially, Satan (compare 7854):—**false**
accuser, devil, slanderer.



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Matthew 26:6-9 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*. **But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation,** saying, To what purpose *is* this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

John 12:4-7 **Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?** This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but **because he was a thief**, and had the bag, and **bare what was put therein**.



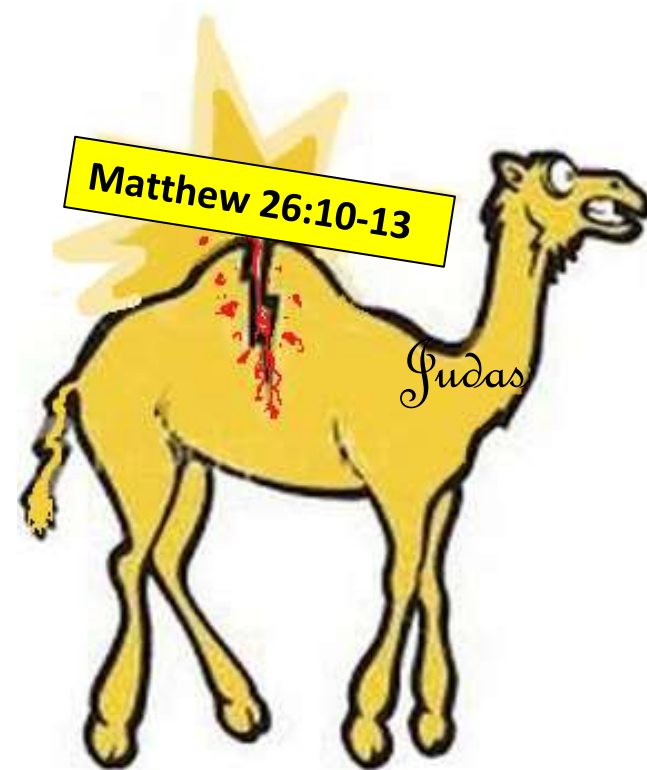
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Matthew 26:10-13 When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, **Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.**





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Matthew 26:14-16 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said *unto them*, **What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?** And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.



Luke 22:3-6 Then **entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot**, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, **how he might betray him unto them.** And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and **sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.**





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John 13:2 And supper being ended, **the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;**

John 13:24-30 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped *it*. And when he had dipped the sop, **he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him.** Then said Jesus unto him, **That thou doest, do quickly.** Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some *of them* thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy *those things* that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. **He then having received the sop went immediately out:** and it was night.



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Matthew 26:47-49 And while he yet spake, lo, **Judas**, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. **Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.**

Luke 22:47-48 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called **Judas**, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to **kiss** him. But Jesus said unto him, **Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?**



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Matthew 27:1-5 When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. **Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,**

Saying, **I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.** And

they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*. **And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged**





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Matthew 27:6-10 And **the chief priests** took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. **And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.** Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; **And gave them for the potter's field,** as the Lord appointed me.

Acts 1:16-20 Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before **concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.** For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. **Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.** And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.



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HANGED= Strong's Greek Dictionary 2910. κρεμαννυμι *kremannumi* *krem-an'-noo-mee* a prolonged form of a primary verb; to hang:—hang. [Mt 18:6; Mt 22:40; Lu 23:39; Ac 5:30; Ac 10:39; Ac 28:4; Ga 3:13]

Matthew 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were **hanged** about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea. **Luke 23:39** And one of the malefactors which were **hanged** railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. **Acts 5:30** The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and **hanged** on a tree.

HANGED= Strong's Greek Dictionary 4029. περικειμαι *perikeimai* περικειμαι *perikeimai* *per-ik'-i-mahee* from 4012 and 2749; to lie all around, i.e. inclose, encircle, hamper (literally or figuratively):—**be bound (compassed) with, hang about**. [Mr 9:42; Lu 17:2; Ac 28:20; Heb 5:2; Heb 12:1]

Mark 9:42 And whosoever shall offend one of *these* little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were **hanged** about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.



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KJV= 2 Samuel 17:23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order, and **hanged himself**, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

HANGED= Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 2614. **חָנַק** *chanaq chanaq khaw-nak'* a primitive root (compare 2596); **to be narrow**; by implication, **to throttle**, or (reflex.) **to choke oneself to death** (by a rope):—**hang self, strangle**. See Hebrew 2596

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SEPTUAGINT GREEK OT - καὶ Ἀχιτοφελ εἶδεν ὅτι οὐκ ἐγενήθη ἡ βουλὴ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐπέσαξεν τὴν ὄνον αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀνέστη καὶ ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν πόλιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνετείλατο τῷ οἴκῳ αὐτοῦ καὶ **ἀπήγγατο** καὶ ἀπέθανεν καὶ ἐτάφη ἐν τῷ τάφῳ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ.

And **Achitophel** saw that his counsel was not followed, and he saddled his ass, and rose and departed to his house into his city; and he gave orders to his household, and **hanged himself**, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father (*2 Kingdoms LXX/2 Samuel 17:23, Brenton*)



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Codices Vaticanus and Alexandrinus)

TOBIT

ταῦτα ἀκούσασα ἐλυπήθη σφόδρα ὥστε **ἀπάγξασθαι**. καὶ εἶπεν Μία μὲν εἰμι τῷ πατρί μου, ἐὰν ποιήσω τοῦτο, ὄνειδος αὐτῷ ἐστίν, καὶ τὸ γῆρας αὐτοῦ κατάξω μετ' ὀδύνης εἰς ᾄδου.

*When she heard these things she was very sorrowful, so that she thought **to have strangled herself**; and she said, I am the only daughter of my father, and if I do this, it shall be a reproach unto him, and I shall bring his old age with sorrow unto the grave (Tobit 3:10)*

Codex Sinaiticus

ἀπάγξασθαι καὶ πάλιν ἐλογίσαστο καὶ λέγει μήποτε ὀνειδίσωσιν τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐροῦσιν αὐτῷ μία σοι ὑπῆρχεν θυγάτηρ ἀγαπητὴ καὶ αὕτῃ ἀπήγξατο ἀπὸ τῶν κακῶν καὶ κατάξω τὸ γῆρας τοῦ πατρός μου μετὰ λύπης εἰς ᾄδου χρησιμώτερόν μοί ἐστιν μὴ **ἀπάγξασθαι** ἀλλὰ δεηθῆναι τοῦ κυρίου ὅπως ἀποθάνω καὶ μηκέτι ὀνειδισμοὺς ἀκούσω ἐν τῇ ζωῇ μου

Tobit 3:10 That day Sarah was sad at heart. She went in tears to an upstairs room in her father's house and wanted to **hang herself**. But she reconsidered, saying to herself: "No! May people never reproach my father and say to him, 'You had only one beloved daughter, but she **hanged herself** because of her misfortune.' And thus would I bring my father laden with sorrow in his old age to Hades. It is far better for me not to hang myself, but to beg the Lord that I might die, and no longer have to listen to such reproaches in my lifetime."

JUDAS ISCARIOT

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Conclusion of Character Sketch #2

ZACCHAEUS



Luke 19:1-3 And *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, *there was* a man named **Zacchaeus**, which was the **chief among the publicans**, and **he was rich**. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, **because he was little of stature**.

ZACCHAEUS

Luke 19:4-6 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that *way*. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day **I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and **received him joyfully**.**



ZACCHAEUS



Luke 19:7-8 And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest **with a man that is a sinner.** And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; **Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.**



ZACCHAEUS

Luke 19:9-10 And Jesus said unto him, **This day is salvation come to this house,** forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. **For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**



ZACCHAEUS



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Conclusion of Character Sketch #3



THE BRANCH

Jeremiah 23:5-6 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David **a righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and **this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

- **BRANCH=Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 6780.** נֶחֱמַץ **tsemach tseh'-makh** from 6779; a sprout (usually concrete), literal or figurative:—branch, bud, that which (where) grew (upon), spring(-ing).

Isaiah 4:2 In that day shall **the branch of the LORD** be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.



THE BRANCH

Isaiah 11:1-5 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and **a Branch** shall grow out of his roots: **And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,** the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with **righteousness** shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. **And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.**



THE BRANCH

BRANCH=Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 5342. נֶטֶר netser *nay'-tser* from 5341 in the sense of greenness as a striking color; a shoot; figuratively, a descendant:—branch.

Zechariah 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, **I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.**

John 15:1-3 **I am the true vine**, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.



THE BRANCH

John 15:4-6 **Abide in me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it **abide in the vine**; no more can ye, **except ye abide in me**. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: **He that abideth in me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **If a man abide not in me**, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.



THE BRANCH

John 15:7-10 **If ye abide in me**, and my words abide in **you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. **Herein is my Father glorified**, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: **continue ye in my love.** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.



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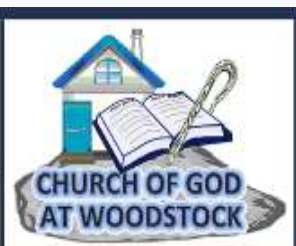
John 15:11-14 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

OUT ON A LIMB



Abide in Jesus Christ - the faith once delivered.

Thank
you



Have a great REST
of the Sabbath!

