# Practical Worship Possessing The Mercy of God

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**Practical** - of or concerned with the actual doing or use of something rather than with theory and ideas. "there are two obvious practical applications of the research"

**Worship** - the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a <u>deity</u>

**Mercy -** favor, good deed, kindly, loving-kindness, merciful kindness, mercy, pity, reproach, wicked thing

How does the time you spend with God affect the way you reach the lost and minister to the saints of God?

What about your life and relationship to God is attractive to sinners?

Does your worship make you a better employee, husband, wife, mother, father, boss, etc.?

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4:1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, 2(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples, ) 3He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. 4<u>And he must needs go</u> through Samaria. 5<u>Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar,</u> near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with [his] journey, sat thus on the well: [and] it was about the sixth hour.

7<u>There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.</u> 8(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9<u>Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.</u> 10<u>Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11<u>The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw</u></u>

with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. 16Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 17The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. 19The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 20Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23But the hour cometh, and now is, when the TRUE worshippers shall worship him. 24God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth. 25The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am [he].

#### The Disciples Return and Marvel

27<u>And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? 28The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.</u>

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him [ought] to eat? 34Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35Say not ye, There are yet four months, and [then] cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37And herein is that saying TRUE, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

# Many Samaritans Believe

39<u>And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the</u> woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. 40So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41<u>And many more believed because of his own word; 42And said unto the</u> woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard [him] ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

# A Charge to the Rich

1 Tim 6:17 <u>Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded,</u> <u>nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to</u> <u>enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute,</u> <u>willing to communicate;</u> 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Lam 3:19 <u>Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.</u> 20<u>My soul hath [them] still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.</u> 21<u>This I recall to</u> <u>my mind, therefore have I hope.</u> 22[It is of] the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23[They are] new every morning: great [is] thy faithfulness. 24<u>The LORD [is] my portion, saith my soul;</u> therefore will I hope in him. 25<u>The LORD [is] good unto them that wait for him, to</u> the soul [that] seeketh him.

26[It is] good that [a man] should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. 27[It is] good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. 28He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne [it] upon him. 29He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. 30He giveth [his] cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach. 31For the Lord will not cast off for ever: 32But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

Compassion - love, great, tender mercy, pity, womb

The Pharisee and Tax Collector

Luke 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10Two men went up into the temple to pray; the

one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men [are], extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. 13And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as [his] eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14I tell you, this man went down to his house justified [rather] than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

# Christian Households

**Col 3:18** <u>Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.</u> 19<u>Husbands, love [your] wives, and be not bitter against them.</u> 20<u>Children, obey [your]</u> parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. 21<u>Fathers, provoke not your children [to anger], lest they be discouraged.</u>

22<u>Servants, obey in all things [your] masters according to the flesh; not with</u> eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24<u>Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye</u> serve the Lord Christ. 25But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

#### Hearing and Doing

Jas 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth [therein], he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

26<u>If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but</u> <u>deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion [is] vain.</u> 27<u>Pure religion and undefiled</u> before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep himself unspotted from the world.

A Call to Persevere (<u>Hebrews 10:19-39</u>)

Jude 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. 20But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23And others save with fear, pulling [them] out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Doxology

(Romans 11:33-36; Romans 16:25-27)

24<u>Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you]</u> <u>faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25To the only wise</u> <u>God our Saviour, [be] glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and</u> <u>ever. Amen.</u>

Jesus Comforts the Disciples

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe {5720} also in me. 2In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also. 4And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

# The Way, the Truth, and the Life

5<u>Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?</u> 6<u>Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.</u>

7<u>If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.</u>

8Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father? 10Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11Believe me that I [am] in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it].

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-32; John 16:5-16; Acts 2:1-13; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-7)

15<u>If ye love me, keep my commandments.</u>

16<u>And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;</u> 17[Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20At that day ye shall know that I [am] in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25<u>These things have I spoken unto you, being [yet] present with you.</u> 26<u>But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.</u>

Peace I Leave with You (<u>Romans 5:1-5</u>)

27<u>Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.</u> 28<u>Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come [again] unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. 29And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. 30Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. 31But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.</u>

Shout for Joy to the Lord, All You Lands!

Faith Brings Peace and Joy (John 14:27-31)

Rom 5:1 <u>Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our</u> <u>Lord Jesus Christ: 2By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein</u> <u>we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.</u> 3And not only [so], but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Christ's Sacrifice for the Ungodly (Genesis 22:1-10; John 3:16-21)

6For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 11And not only [so], but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

**Psa 100:1** {{A Psalm of praise. }} Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2<u>Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.</u> 3<u>Know ye that the LORD he [is] God: [it is] he [that] hath made us, and not we ourselves; [we are] his people, and the sheep of his pasture.</u> 4<u>Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, [and] into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, [and] bless his name.</u>

5<u>For the LORD [is] good; his mercy [is] everlasting; and his truth [endureth] to all generations.</u>

Good- pleasant, agreeable, good

beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, X fair (word), (be in) favour, fine, glad, good (deed, -lier, -liest, -ly, -ness, -s), graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, liketh (best), loving, merry, X most, pleasant, + pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare, (be) well ((-favoured)).

inherently (intrinsically) good; as to the believer, 18 (agathós) describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith.

**Psa 27:11** <u>Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.</u>

12Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for FALSE witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13[I had fainted], unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14<u>Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait,</u> <u>I say, on the LORD.</u>

**Psa 84:9** <u>Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.</u> 10<u>For a day in thy courts [is] better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.</u>

11 For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. 12<u>O LORD of hosts, blessed [is] the man that trusteth in thee.</u>

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15Then when lust hath conceived, it

bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16Do not err, my beloved brethren. 17Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. 18Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Love, Zeal, Hope, Hospitality (John 13:31-35; 1 John 3:11-24)

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. 2And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Rom 12:9 [Let] love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10[Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

# Forgiveness

(<u>Matthew 18:21-35</u>)

14Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16[Be] of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but [rather] give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance [is] mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened [his] mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 36The word which [God] sent unto the children

of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all: ) 37That word, [I say], ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; **38How 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.** 39And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; 41Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, [even] to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. 42And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God [to be] the Judge of quick and dead. 43To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Love Your Enemies (Leviticus 24:17-23; Luke 6:27-36)

Matt 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have [thy] cloke also. 41And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more [than others]? do not even the publicans so? 48Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

**Micah 6:1** Hear ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. 2Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. 3O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. 4For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before

thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD. 6Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, [and] bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? 7Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, [or] with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn [for] my transgression, the fruit of my body [for] the sin of my soul?

8<u>He hath shewed thee, O man, what [is] good; and what doth the LORD require of</u> thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

**Gen 6:5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually. 6And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Noah's Favor with God

8<u>But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.</u>

9<u>These [are] the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man [and] perfect in his</u> generations, [and] Noah walked with God. 10<u>And Noah begat three sons, Shem,</u> <u>Ham, and Japheth.</u>

11<u>The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.</u> 12<u>And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.</u>

**Psa 37:1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.** 2For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. 3Trust in the LORD, and do good; [so] shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring [it] to pass. 6And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. 7*Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.* 8*Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.* 9For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. 10For yet a little while, and the wicked [shall] not [be]: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it [shall] not [be].

11<u>But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.</u>

21<u>The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.22For [such as be] blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and [they that be] cursed of him shall be cut off. 23The steps of a [good] man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. 24Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth [him with] his hand. 25I have been young, and [now] am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. 26[He is] ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed [is] blessed.</u>

## True Wisdom from Above

James 3:13 Who [is] a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15This wisdom descendeth not from above, but [is] earthly, sensual, devilish. 16For where envying and strife [is], there [is] confusion and every evil work. 17But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

**Heb 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, *2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of <i>God.* 3For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

**2 Tim 4:1** I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5But watch

thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: 8Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

# The Lord Remains Faithful

16<u>At my first answer no man stood with me, but all [men] forsook me: [I pray God]</u> that it may not be laid to their charge. 17Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and [that] all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. *18<u>And the Lord</u> shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve [me] unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.*