

Intro

Ps. 37:25-I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his ^[g]descendants begging bread.

Philip. 4:19-And my God will supply ^[o]all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Heb. 13:5-*Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

Heb. 13:8-Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.

Loneliness

1 John 2:15-17- Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Col. 4:14-Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and *also* Demas.

Phlmn 24- *as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

2 Pet. 3:15-16-and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother **Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,**¹⁶ as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

1 Pet. 5:13-She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and *so does* **my son, Mark.**

Gen. 2:18-Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper ^[o]suitable for him.”

Eccles. 4:9-12-Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.¹⁰ For if ^[c]either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not ^[d]another to lift him up.¹¹ Furthermore, if two lie down together they ^[e]keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*?¹² And if ^[f]one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

Deliverance

1 Cor. 15:32-If from human motives I fought with wild **beasts** at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

Dan. 3:19-25-Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered ^[g]by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.²⁰ He commanded certain valiant warriors who *were* in his army to tie up Shadrach,

Meshach and Abed-nego in order to cast *them* into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹ Then these men were tied up in their ^[r]trousers, their ^[s]coats, their caps and their *other* clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire. ²² For this reason, because the king's ^[t]command *was* ^[u]urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. ²³ But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire *still* tied up. ²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They replied to the king, "Certainly, O king." ²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men loosed *and walking about* in the midst of the fire ^[v]without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods!"

Isa. 43:2-When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

Isa. 35:5-6Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the ^[d]Arabah.

Gal. 4:13-but you know that it was because of a ^[i]bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the ^[k]first time.

Acts 20:7-11-On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his ^[a]message

until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. ⁹ And there was a young man named ^[b]Eutychus sitting ^[c]on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, “^[d]Do not be troubled, for his life is in him.” ¹¹ When he had gone *back* up and had broken the bread and ^[e]eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left.

Chrysostom’s (A.D. 345–407) commentary on First Corinthians 12, which is a key chapter dealing with the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

"This whole place is very obscure: but the obscurity is produced by our ignorance of the facts referred to and by their cessation, being such as then used to occur but now no longer take place. And why do they not happen now? Why look now, the cause too of the obscurity has produced us again another question: namely, why did they then happen, and now do so no more?"¹

Augustine’s (A.D. 354–430) remarks regarding the cessation of the sign gifts:

"In the earliest times, the Holy Ghost fell upon them that believed: and they spoke with tongues, which they had not learned, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4 These were signs adapted to the time. For there behooved to be that betokening of the Holy Spirit in all tongues, to show that the

¹ Chrysostom, Homily 29 on First Corinthians.
<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/220129.htm>.

Gospel of God was to run through all tongues over the whole earth. That thing was done for a betokening, and it passed away. . . . If then the witness of the presence of the Holy Ghost be not now given through these miracles, by what is it given, by what does one get to know that he has received the Holy Ghost?"²

Deliverance from Persecution

2 Tim. 3:12- Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2 Tim. 1:15-16- You are aware of the fact that all who are in ^[k]Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my ^[l]chains

2 Tim. 2:17-18- and their ^[f]talk will spread like ^[g]gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸*men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

Matt. 17:15- Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a ^[g]lunatic and is very **ill**; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

Acts 28:5- However he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no **harm**.

Rom. 12:17-19- Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. ^[o]Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If possible, so

² Augustine, Homily 6:10 on the First Epistle of John.
<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/170206.htm>.

far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but ^[p]leave room for the wrath of *God*, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord.

Fed in the midst of spiritual hunger

Matt. 4:4- But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”

Job 23:12- I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth ^[f]more than my ^[g]necessary food.

1 Pet. 2:1-2- Therefore, putting aside all ^[a]malice and all deceit and ^[b]hypocrisy and ^[c]envy and all ^[d]slander, ² like newborn babies, long for the ^[e]pure ^[f]milk of the word, so that by it you may grow ^[g]in respect to salvation.

Luke 4:17- And the ^[e]book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the ^[f]book and found the place where it was written.

RSB-"Papyrus scrolls. The parchments. Skins of vellus, used for more precious documents, in this case probably Paul's personal copies of portions of the OT. The missionary-prisoner still wanted to study!"

Physical Needs

RSB-"Cloak. To protect from the cold and the damp of his dungeon."

Ps. 37:25-I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his ^[g]descendants begging bread.

Matt. 6:25-34- "For this reason I say to you, ^[n]do not be worried about your ^[o]life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the ^[p]air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? ²⁷ And who of you by being worried can add a *single* ^[q]hour to his ^[r]life? ²⁸ And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, ²⁹ yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith! ³¹ Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' ³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But ^[s]seek first ^[t]His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be ^[u]added to you. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will ^[v]care for itself. ^[w]Each day has enough trouble of its own.

1 Pet. 5:7- casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Relational Needs

Acts 13:13-Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

Acts 15:36-41-After some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are.”

³⁷ Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also. ³⁸ But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them ^[u]in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ And there occurred such a **sharp disagreement** that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. ⁴⁰ But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹ And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Conclusion

2 Tim. 2:1- You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Num 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you;²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.’