



GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

CYBER BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM



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**CYBER SERIES:
“USE THE WORD”**



TONIGHT'S LESSON:

THE CLEANSING

MARK 11:15-17

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

The Temple was designed to be a “house of prayer” (Isaiah 56:7).

The heathens had turned it into a place where merchants gathered to sell goods and sacrificial animals.

The merchants took advantage of the season, because whenever the time of the feasts came, the prices of the doves, and lambs would increase.

These people engaged in price gouging even in the days of Christ.

The worst part about it was that the priests and pharisees were in on it. The poor who would travel many miles, and sometimes for many days just to get to Jerusalem for the feast, they would often bring their own lambs, and doves to sacrifice in the temple, but the priests had the power to reject the animal for a blemish or spot, and if they did, the poor would be forced to buy an overpriced animal to sacrifice.

Because they were from other areas, their money had to be changed in order to buy the animals, and the money changers would add ridiculous interest, to change money from foreign to Roman.

Also the people were using the temple as a short cut to go thru, people who had no intention of prayer or worship were cutting through the temple to save steps.

Therefore disgracing the temple's sanctity.

This angered Jesus and in the last week of his earthly life he made it clear by “cleansing the temple.” He came in and turned over the money tables, and kicked out the vendors.

This of course angered the priests and pharisees, and they plotted to kill him.

Prior to his temple cleansing, they were mad at him, but once he messed with their money, they decided to kill him.

I believe there is a historical pattern that goes all the way back to this Bible lesson, you can teach people love, honor and respect, and no one will be upset.

But if you teach them fiscal responsibility, and financial power, the impacted people will kill you.

**Did the Corona Virus
come from God?**

4And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. **And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.** 8All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. 9"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24)

30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16)

Ecclesiastes 8:5

Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure.

Deuteronomy 4:31

For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon you or destroy you or forget the solemn covenant he made with your ancestors.

Nahum 1:7

The LORD is good, **a refuge in times of trouble.** He cares for those who trust in him.

Exodus 15:26

Saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”

3 John 1:2

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

What Do We Do?

There's a time in life when even the most faithful believer has to think about the issues that continue to come up in seasons like we are experiencing now.

No one can predict what is going to happen when it comes to this virus, the only one who really knows is God.

The rest of us have to live through it, and rest on our faith that this virus is not sent to destroy us, but to deliver us and to draw us closer to the Lord.

In the Old Testament the prophet Jeremiah was given the assignment to tell the Children of Israel that God was angry and they were going to be defeated and thrown out of their land.

The problem with that assignment was that no one believed Jeremiah.

They didn't believe him because they were doing so well, they were so prosperous, and their crops were producing, there was no famine, and they thought their army was unbeatable.

The reaction to Jeremiah was not that they appreciated him telling them what was about to occur, they hated him because he was telling them what they didn't want to hear.

When I see this virus attacking the world, I think of Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, the man God sent to warn the people of the coming doom, and the people punishing him for being the messenger.

Many of us have tried to tell people that the way the world is behaving will lead to its destruction. But the world can't hear because finances are prosperous, and there's plenty of food, and luxuries abound, and amid all of that prosperity, God is not pleased.

We have come to the point in our history where God has spoken...

Your 401k cannot keep you from contracting the Corona Virus.

God is not pleased, so what do we do about it?

Let's see what the Bible says...

Don't Be Afraid



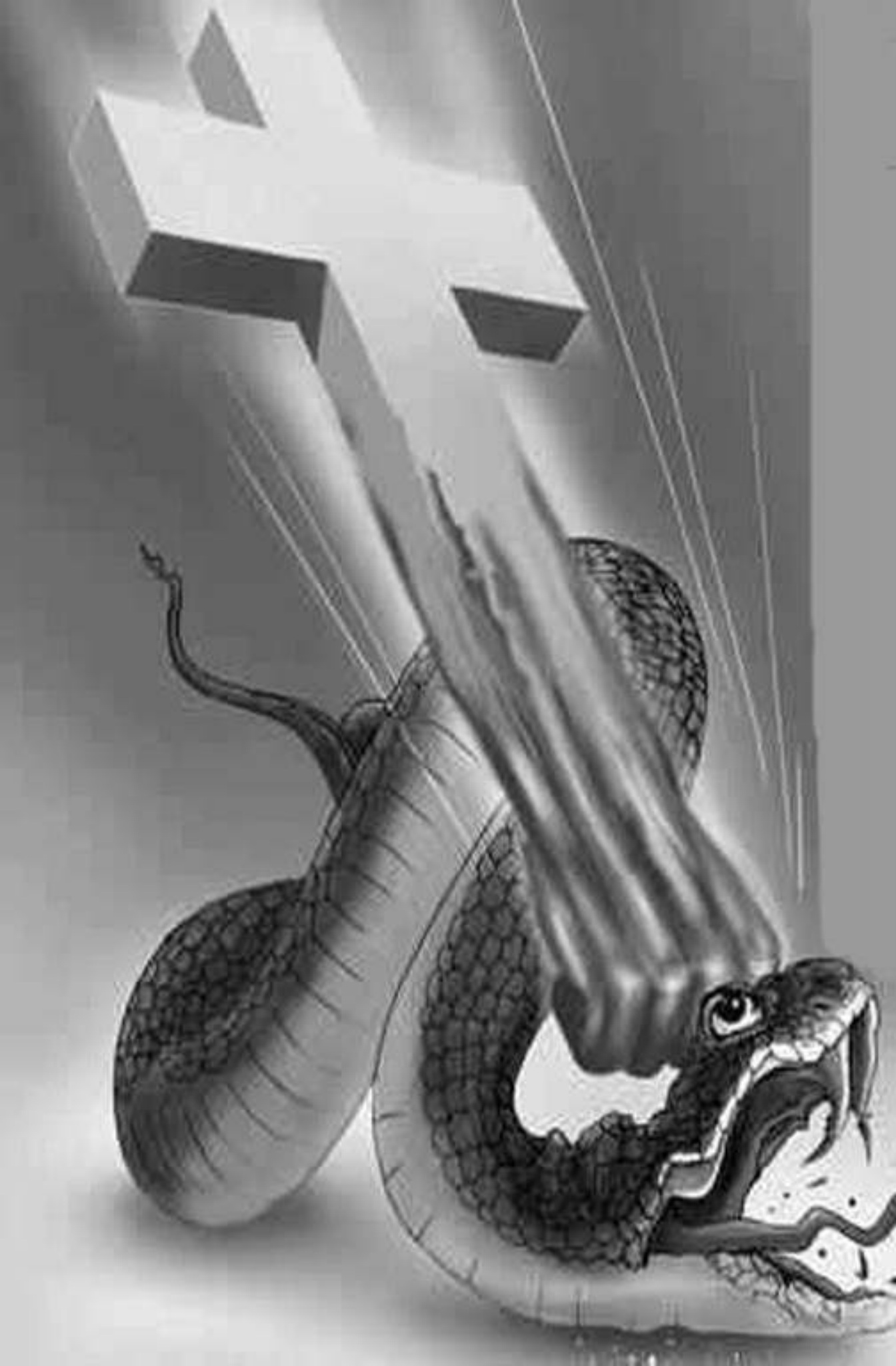
**FOR GOD HAS
NOT GIVEN US
A SPIRIT
OF FEAR,
BUT OF POWER
& OF LOVE
AND OF A
SOUND MIND.**

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

WHEN I AM
AFRAID,
I PUT MY
TRUST IN
YOU.


PSALM 56:3

**Why Shouldn't We Be
Afraid?**



Luke 10:19 (NIV)

I have given you
authority to trample
on snakes and scorpions
and to overcome all the
power of the enemy;
nothing will harm you.

The background of the image is a dense forest of tall, dark evergreen trees. A thick layer of mist or fog hangs between the trees, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The lighting is diffused, with no harsh shadows. A white rectangular border is superimposed over the center of the image, framing the text.

**IF GOD BE FOR US.
WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?**

ROMANS 8:31

**BEING CONFIDENT OF
THIS, THAT HE WHO
BEGAN A GOOD WORK
IN YOU WILL CARRY
IT ON TO COMPLETION
UNTIL THE DAY OF
CHRIST JESUS.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

2 Chronicles 20:15



**Do not be afraid
or discouraged...
For the battle
is not yours, but God's.**

2 CHRONICLES 7 Verse 14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Trust in The Lord

Trust in the Lord with all
thine heart; and lean not unto
thine own understanding. In all
thy ways acknowledge him, and
he shall direct thy paths.

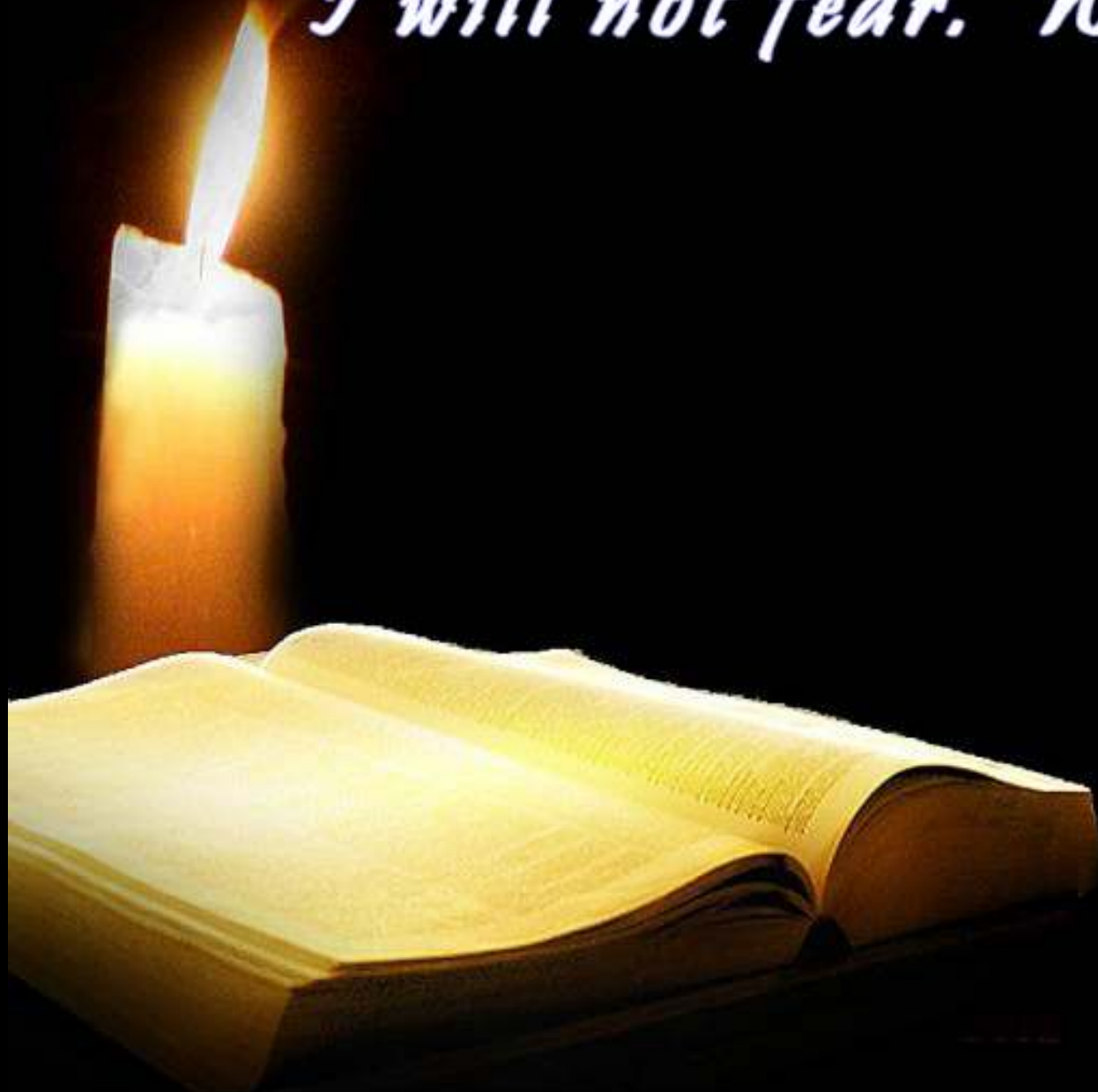
Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

Romans 10:11

As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

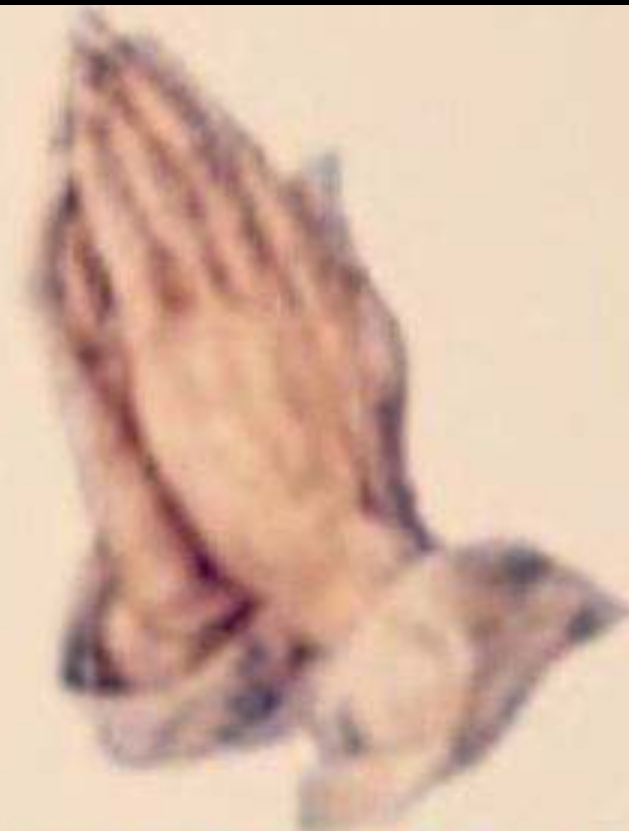
*Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.
In God (I will praise His word),
In God I have put my trust;
I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?*

Psalm 56:3-4 (NKJV)



**Pray Your Way
Through**

PRAY
UNTIL



SOMETHING
HAPPENS

I TOOK MY TROUBLES
TO THE LORD;
I CRIED OUT
TO HIM, AND HE
ANSWERED MY
PRAYER.

PSALM 120:1 NLT

Be *joyful*
in hope,
patient
in affliction,
faithful
in prayer.

Romans 12:12



THE LORD IS NEAR

to all them that call on him,

TO ALL THAT CALL ON HIM

in truth.

Psalm 145:18

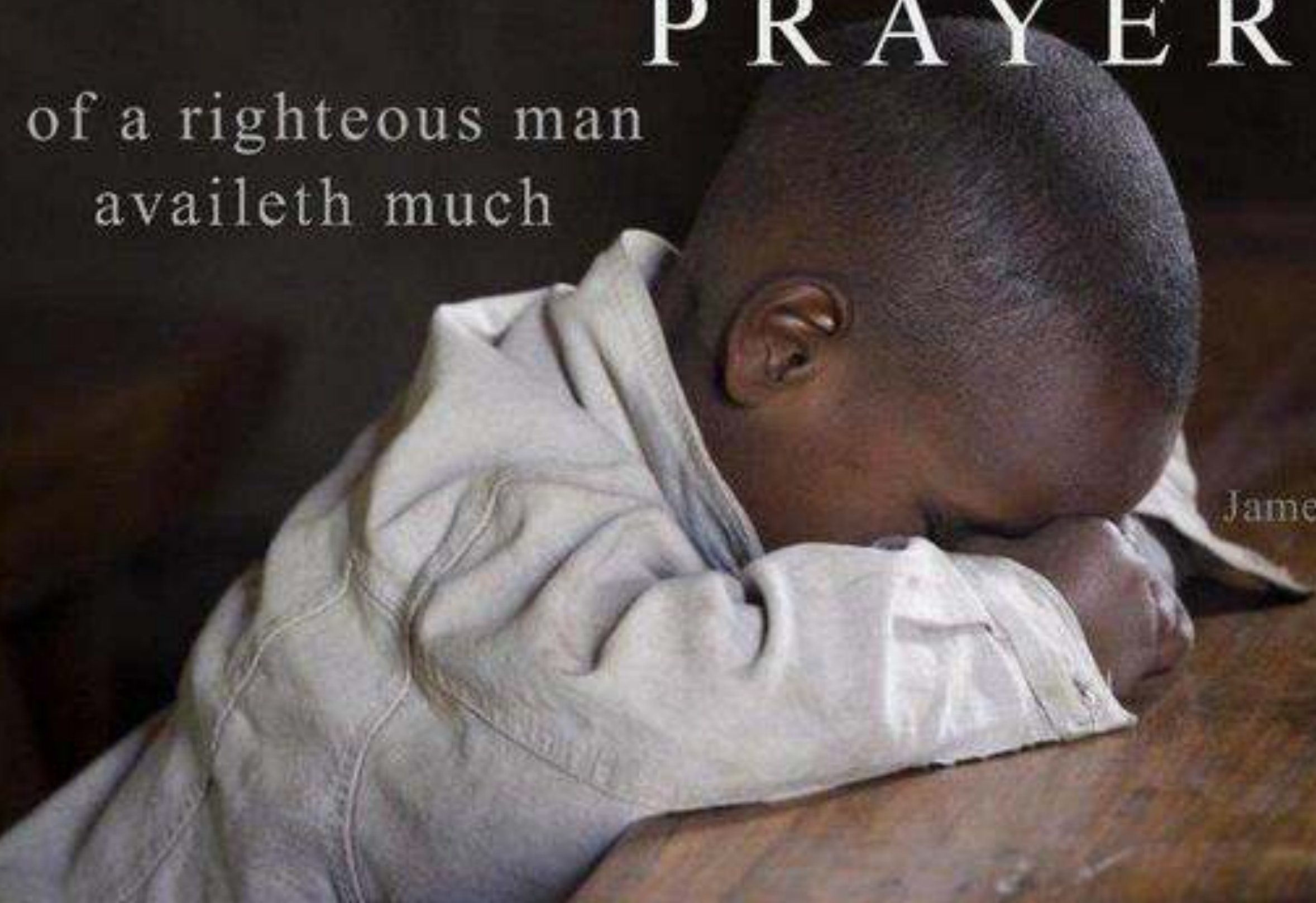


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PRAYER

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James 5:16



**Live in Obedience
and Righteousness**

DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT



with

Unkindness Nastiness

Stealing Bitterness

Fighting Lies Anger



THE RIGHTEOUS PERSON
LIVES A LIFE OF INTEGRITY;
HAPPY ARE HIS CHILDREN
WHO FOLLOW HIM!
PRO. 20:7



*For the Kingdom of
God is not a matter of
what we eat or drink, but
of living a life of*

RIGHTEOUSNESS

and **Peace** *and* **JOY**
in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17

Raised to Walk

Whoever pursues
righteousness
and love finds life,
prosperity and honor.

Proverbs 21:21

**I have been young, and
now am old; yet have I
not seen the righteous
forsaken, nor his seed
begging bread.**

—Psalm 37:25



**Praise God for the
Victory!**

A vibrant sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over rolling hills and mountains. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and pink.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

A sunset scene with a person standing in shallow water, their arms raised in praise. The sun is low on the horizon, and its reflection is visible in the water.

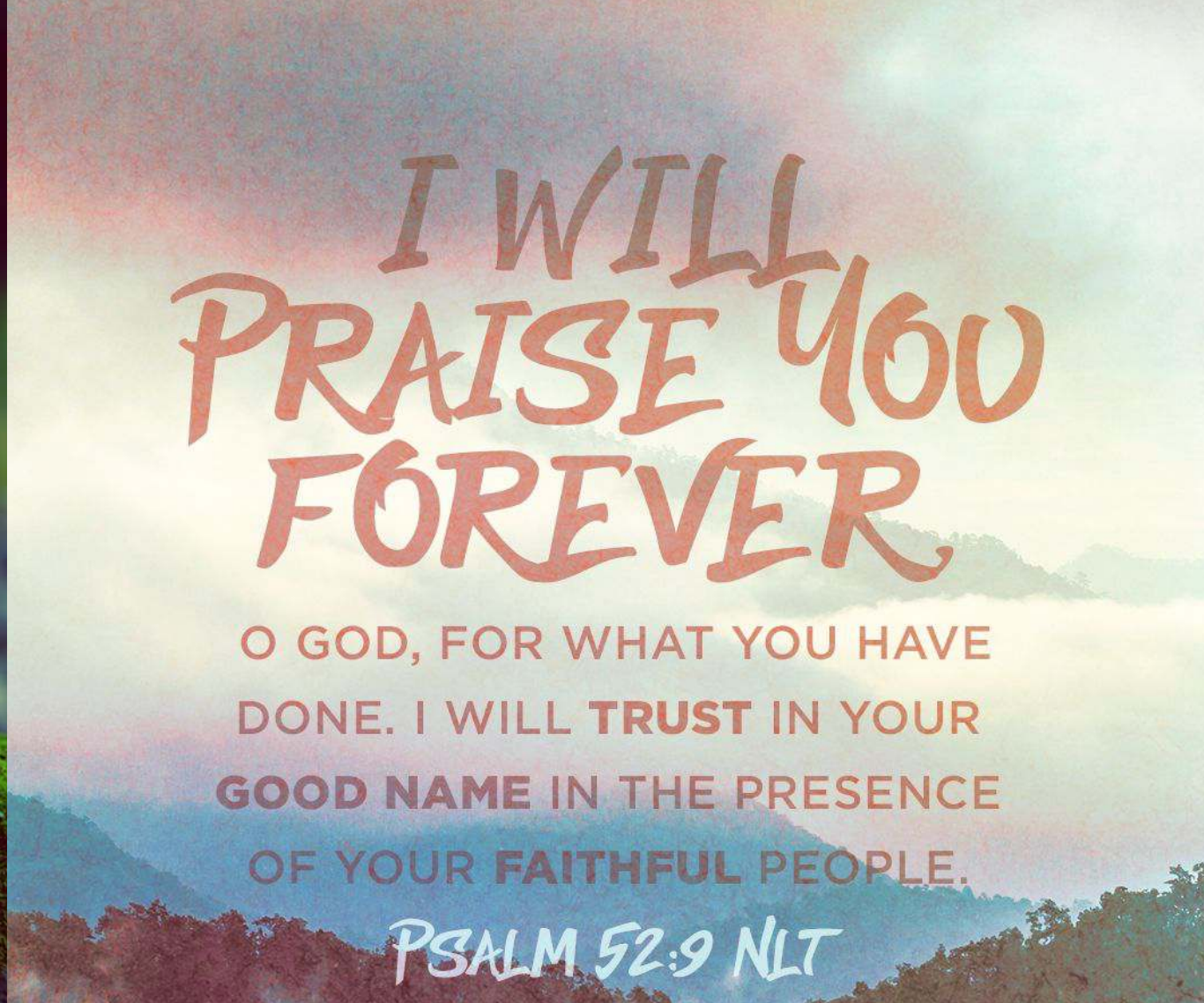
I will Bless
the Lord
at ALL times:
his praise shall
continually be in
my mouth.

Psalm 34:1 (KJV)

A close-up shot of a mossy rock in a forest. The moss is a vibrant green, and the background is a soft-focus view of trees and foliage.

Let everything
that has breath
praise the
Lord

Psalm 150:6

A hazy, atmospheric landscape with mountains in the background and trees in the foreground. The sky is a mix of blue and white.

I WILL
PRAISE YOU
FOREVER

O GOD, FOR WHAT YOU HAVE
DONE. I WILL TRUST IN YOUR
GOOD NAME IN THE PRESENCE
OF YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE.

PSALM 52:9 NLT