ONE THING: RESOURCES

[Linger, Delight, Explore]



THE NATURE OF GOD:

God is Jehovah. The name of the independent, self-complete being—"I AM WHO I AM"—only belongs to Jehovah God. Our proper response to Him is to fall down in fear and awe of the One who possesses all authority. —Exodus 3:13-15

God is Jehovah-M'Kaddesh. This name means "the God who sanctifies." A God separate from all that is evil requires that the people who follow Him be cleansed from all evil. $-Leviticus\ 20:7,8$

God is infinite. God is beyond measurement—we cannot define Him by size or amount. He has no beginning, no end, and no limits. $-Romans\ 11:33$

God is omnipotent. This means God is all-powerful. He spoke all things into being, and all things—every cell, every breath, every thought—are sustained by Him. There is nothing too difficult for Him to do.

—Jeremiah 32:17,18, 26,27

God is good. God is the embodiment of perfect goodness, and is kind, benevolent, and full of good will toward all creation. $-Psalm\ 119:65-72$

God is love. God's love is so great that He gave His only Son to bring us into fellowship with Him. God's love not only encompasses the world, but embraces each of us personally and intimately. -1 John 4:7-10

God is Jehovah-jireh. This name means "the God who provides." Just as He provided yesterday, He will also provide today and tomorrow. He grants deliverance from sin, the oil of joy for the ashes of sorrow, and eternal citizenship in His Kingdom for all those adopted into His household. —*Genesis 22:9-14*

God is Jehovah-shalom. This name means "the God of peace." We are meant to know the fullness of God's perfect peace, or His "shalom." God's peace surpasses understanding and sustains us even through difficult times. It is the product of fully being what we were created to be. —Judges 6:16-24

God is immutable. All that God is, He has always been. All that He has been and is, He will ever be. He is ever perfect and unchanging. —Psalm 102:25-28

God is transcendent. We must not think of God as simply the highest in an order of beings. This would be to grant Him eminence But he is more than eminent. He is transcendent—existing beyond and above the created universe.

—Psalm 113:4,5

God is just. God is righteous and holy, fair and equitable in all things. We can trust Him to always do what is right. —Psalm 75:1-7

God is holy. God's holiness is not simply a better version of the best we know. God is utterly and supremely untainted. His holiness stands apart—unique and incomprehensible.

—Revelation 4:8-11

God is Jehovah-rophe. This name means "Jehovah heals." God alone provides the remedy for mankind's brokenness through His son, Jesus Christ. The Gospel is the physical, moral, and spiritual remedy for all people. —Exodus 15:22-26

God is self-sufficient. All things are God's to give, and all that is given by Him. He can receive nothing that He has not already given us. -Acts 17:24-28

God is omniscient. This means God is all-knowing. God's knowledge encompasses every possible thing that exists, has ever existed, or will ever exist. Nothing is a mystery to Him. —Psalm 139:1-6

God is omnipresent. God is everywhere—in and around everything, close to everyone. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?' declares the Lord." —Psalm 139:7-12

God is merciful. God's merciful compassion is infinite and inexhaustible. Through His provision in Christ, He took the judgment that was rightfully ours and placed it on His own shoulders. He waits and works now for all people to turn to Him and to live under His justification.

—Deuteronomy 4:29-31

God is sovereign. God presides over every event, great or small, and He is in control of our lives. To be sovereign, He must be all-knowing and all-powerful, and by His sovereignty He rules His entire creation.

—1 Chronicles 29:11-13

God is Jehovah-nissi. This name means "God our banner." Under His banner we go from triumph to triumph and say, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

—Exodus 17:8-15

God is wise. All God's acts are accomplished through His infinite wisdom. He always acts for our good, which is to conform us to Christ. Our good and His glory are inextricably bound together. —*Proverbs 3:19,20*

God is faithful. Out of His faithfulness God honors His covenants and fulfills His promises. Our hope for the future rests upon God's faithfulness. —Psalm 89:1-8

God is wrathful. Unlike human anger, God's wrath is never capricious, self-indulgent, or irritable. It is the right and necessary reaction to objective moral evil. — Nahum 1:2-8

God is full of grace. Grace is God's good pleasure that moves Him to grant merit where it is undeserved and to forgive debt that cannot be repaid. —*Ephesians 1:5-8*

God is our Comforter. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the "Comforter," and the apostle Paul writes that the Lord is "the God of all comfort." -2 Corinthians 1:3,4

God is El-Shaddai. This name means "God Almighty," the God who is all-sufficient and all-bountiful, the source of all blessings. — Genesis 49:22-26

God is Father. Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father" (Matthew 6:9), and the Spirit of God taught us to cry, "Abba, Father.," an intimate Aramaic term similar to "Daddy." The Creator of the universe cares for each one of us as if we were the only child He had. —Romans 8:15-17

God is the Church's head. God the Son, Jesus, is the head of the Church. As the head, the part of the body that sees, hears, thinks, and decides, He gives the orders that the rest of the body lives by. —*Ephesians 1:22,23*

God is our intercessor. Knowing our temptations, God the Son intercedes for us. He opens the doors for us to boldly ask God the Father for mercy. Thus, God is both the initiation and conclusion of true prayer.

—Hebrews 4:14-16

God is Adonai. This name means "Master" or "Lord." God, our Adonai, calls all God's people to acknowledge themselves as His servants, claiming His right to reign as Lord of our lives. —2 Samuel 7:18-20

God is Elohim. This name means "Strength" or "Power." He is transcendent, mighty and strong. Elohim is the great name of God, displaying His supreme power, sovereignty, and faithfulness in His covenant relationship with us. —Genesis 17:7,8

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WHO I AM IN CHRIST

I AM GOD'S...

- · possession Genesis 17:8/ 1Cor 6:20
- · child John 1:12
- · workmanship Ephesians 2:10
- · friend James 2:23
- · temple 1 Cor 3:16/ 6:16
- · vessel 2 Timothy 2:2
- · co-laborer 1 Timothy 5:18
- · witness Acts 1:8
- · soldier 2 Timothy 2:3
- · ambassador 2 Cor 5:20
- · building 1 Cor 3:9
- · husbandry 1 Cor 3:9
- · minister/instrument Acts 26:16 / 1 Tim 4:6
- · chosen Ephesians 1:4
- · beloved Romans 1:7/2 Thess 2:13
- · precious jewel Malachi 3:17
- · heritage 1 Peter 5:3

I HAVE BEEN...

- · redeemed by the blood Rev 5:9
- · set free from sin /condemnation Rom 8:1-2
- · set free from Satan's control Col 1:13
- · set free from Satan's kingdom Eph 2
- · chosen before foundation of world Eph 1:4
- · predestined to be like Jesus Ephesians 1:11
- · forgiven of all my trespasses Col 2:13
- · washed in the blood of the Lamb Rev 1:5
- · given a sound mind 2 Timothy 1:7
- · given the Holy Spirit 2 Cor 1:22
- · adopted into God's family Romans 8:15
- · justified freely by his grace Romans 3:24
- · given all things pertaining to life 2 Pet 1:3
- · given great and precious promises 2 Pet 1:4
- · given ministry of reconciliation 2 Cor 1:22
- · authority over the power of enemy Lk 10:19
- · access to God Ephesians 3:12
- · been given wisdom Ephesians 1:8

I AM...

- · complete in him Colossians 2:10
- · free forever from sin's power Romans 6:14
- · sanctified 1 Cor 6:11
- · meet for the Master's use 2 Timothy 2:21
- · loved eternally 1 Peter 1:5 /
- · eternally kept in the palm of his hand Jn 10:29
- \cdot kept from falling Jude 1:24
- · kept by the power of God 1 Peter 1:5
- · not condemned Romans 8:1-2
- · one with the Lord 1 Cor 6:17
- · on my way to heaven John 14:6
- · quickened by his mighty power Eph 2:1
- · seated in heavenly places Eph 1:3
- · the head and not the tail Deut 28:13
- · light in the darkness Matthew 5:14

- · candle in a dark place Matthew 5:15
- · city set on a hill Matthew 5:14
- · salt of the earth Matthew 5:13
- · his sheep Ps 23 / Psalms 100:3/ John 10:14
- · a citizen of heaven 1 Peter 2:11
- · hidden with Christ in God Psalms 32:7
- · protected from the evil one 1 John 5:18
- · kept by the power of God 1 Peter 1:5
- · secure in Christ Jn 10:28-29
- · set on a Rock Psalms 40:2
- · more-than-a-conqueror Romans 8:37
- · born again 1 Peter 1:23
- · a victor 1 John 5:4
- · healed by his strips Is 53:6
- · covered by blood of Jesus Rev 12:11, 1 Pet 1:19
- · sheltered under his wing Psalms 91:4
- · hidden in secret place of the Almighty Ps 91:1

I HAVE...

- · access to the Father Romans 5:2
- · a home in heaven waiting for me Jn 14:1-2
- · all things in Christ 2 Cor 5:17
- · a living hope 1 Peter 1:3
- · an anchor to my soul Hebrews 6:19
- · a hope that is sure and steadfast Heb 6:19
- · authority to tread on serpents Luke 10:19
- · power to witness Acts 1:8
- · the tongue of the learned Isaiah 50:4
- · the mind of Christ 1 Cor 2:16
- · boldness and access Hebrews 10:19
- · peace with God Romans 5:1
- · faith as a grain of mustard seed Luke 17:6

I CAN...

- · do all things through Christ Philp 4:13
- · find mercy and grace to help Heb 4:16
- · come boldly to the throne of grace Heb 4:16
- · quench all the firey darts Eph 6:16
- · tread on the serpent Luke 10:19
- · declare liberty to captives Isaiah 61:1
- · pray always and everywhere Luke 21:36
- · chase a thousand Joshua 23:10
- · defeat (overcome) the enemy Rev 12:11
- · tread Satan under foot Rom 16:20

I CANNOT...

- · be separated from God's love Rom 8:35-39
- · be perish or be lost John 10:28, John 3:16
- · be moved Psalms 16:8
- · be taken out of my Father's hand John 10:29
- · be charged or accused Romans 8:33
- · be condemned 1 Cor 11:32

MEDITATING ON CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ME

- 1) ...those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. (Romans 17b-18)
- 2) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)
- 3) And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Col 2:1-14)
- 4) For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:14)

DECLARATIONS TO FOCUS MY DAY:

Today:

- I focus on the main event (The most important thing I will do today is...)
- I invite Jesus into every part of the day
- I access grace to live holy
- I expect to take the land
- I operate from a place of faith and abundance.
- I live the authentic Christian life
- I look for opportunities to share Jesus
- I will encourage someone with my words

SCRIPTURES TO CONQUER SIN:

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life^[a]—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

...to put off your old self, a which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires. (Eph 4:22)

How can we who died to sin still live in it? (Romans 6:2b)

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. (Romans 6:6)

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:11)

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. (Romans 6:14)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. (2 Tim 2:4)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil 3:20)

For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Heb 11:6b)

PRAYING LIKE THE EARLY CHURCH

Pray that God would exalt His name in the world. Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." (Matthew 6:9)

Pray that God would extend His kingdom in the world. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

Pray that the gospel would speed ahead and be honored. Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you. (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (<u>Luke 11:13</u>; cf. <u>Ephesians 3:19</u>)

Pray that God would vindicate His people in their cause. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? (<u>Luke 18:7</u> rsv)

Pray that God would save unbelievers. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. (Romans 10:1)

Pray that God would direct the use of the sword. Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. (Ephesians 6:17-18)

Pray for boldness in proclamation. Praying at all times in the Spirit . . . and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel. (Ephesians 6:18-19)

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness. (Acts 4:29)

Pray for signs and wonders. And now, Lord, . . . grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness . . . while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts 4:29-30)

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. (<u>James 5:17-18</u>)

Pray for the healing of wounded comrades. Let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. (James 5:14-15)

Pray for the healing of unbelievers. It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him healed him. (Acts 28:8)

Pray for the casting out of demons. And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer." (Mark 9:29)

Pray for miraculous deliverances. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church . . . When he realized [he had been freed], he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. (Acts 12:5, 12)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake. (Acts 16:25-26)

Pray for the raising of the dead. But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. (Acts 9:40)

Pray that God would supply his troops with necessities. Give us this day our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11)

Pray for strategic wisdom. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)

Pray that God would establish leadership in the outposts. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. (Acts 14:23)

Pray that God would send out reinforcements. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:38)

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-3)

Pray for the success of other missionaries. I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints. (Romans 15:30-31)

Pray for unity and harmony in the ranks. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:20-21)

Pray for the encouragement of togetherness. We pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith. (1 Thessalonians 3:10)

Pray for a mind of discernment. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. (<u>Philippians</u> 1:9-10)

Pray for a knowledge of his will. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. (Colossians 1:9)

Pray to know God better. [We have not ceased to pray for you to be] increasing in the knowledge of God. (<u>Colossians 1:10</u>; cf. <u>Ephesians 1:17</u>)

Pray for power to comprehend the love of Christ. I bow my knees before the Father . . . [that you] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. (Ephesians 3:14, 18-19)

Pray for a deeper sense of assured hope. I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers . . . that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. (Ephesians 1:16, 18)

Pray for strength and endurance. [We have not ceased to pray for you to be] strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. (Colossians 1:11; cf. Ephesians 3:16)

Pray deeper sense of his power within them. I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers . . . that you may know . . . what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe. (<u>Ephesians 1:16</u>, <u>18-19</u>)

Pray that your faith not be destroyed. I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren. (Luke 22:32)

But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. (<u>Luke 21:36</u>)

Pray for greater faith. Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24; cf. Ephesians 3:17)

Pray that you might not fall into temptation. Lead us not into temptation. (Matthew 6:13)

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26:41)

Pray that God would complete your good resolves. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power. (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

Pray that you would do good works. [We have not ceased to pray for you that you] walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work. (Colossians 1:10)

Pray for the forgiveness of your sins. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. (Matthew 6:12)

Pray for protection from the evil one. Deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:13)

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THREE PRAYERS TO GROW MY FAITH:

1. STRETCH ME

I have more in me than I realize. Lead me to new environments and new risks.

2. RUIN ME

Give me holy discontentment. God, crush me with a burden. Squeeze out pride and self ambition-make me suitable for your purpose. Crush me with the reality of Injustice, hell, eternity, poverty- with love for you-love for others – zeal for you fame.

3. HEAL ME

Heal me from seeking the lights, getting peoples attention, exaggerating my own importance, not trusting, feeling like I don't measure up, comparing, unbelief, wanting to be more successful than others, impatience, unkind words, condemnation.

ASKING GOD FOR THINGS:

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! (Matthew 7:7,11)

I need:

Humility
Zeal/revelation
Clear direction
Finance- provision/prosperity
Health
Leadership ability
Favor with people
Opportunities for massive impact
Inner Integrity/purity
Holy Spirit anointing/baptism and filling
Expand our borders

Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you. (Mark 11:24)

