

# BIBLE PASSAGES OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP TO GOD

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"Therefore I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to **offer your bodies as living sacrifices**, holy and pleasing to God - **this is your spiritual act of worship.**" - **Romans 12:1**

**Suggested Use:** The Bible is full of examples of various forms of true worship of God. Try praying through a few of these each day and asking the Holy Spirit to give you His thoughts on each one.

## GLORIFY GOD

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**Psalm 29:2:** **Ascribe** (attribute) **to the LORD the glory** (splendor; magnificence) **due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor** (brilliance; eminence) **of his holiness.** (perfect in purity, integrity and moral character).

### **Psalm 86:12**

**I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify** (to praise; to magnify and honor in worship) **your name forever.**

**I Chronicles 16:2:** **After David had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings** (as an atonement for sin. The offerings of the Jews were a clean animal, as an ox, a calf, a goat, or sheep; or some species of vegetable substance, as bread and ears of wheat or barley) **and fellowship offerings** (presented as a return of thanks for his favors), **he blessed** (to express a wish or desire of happiness) **the people in the name of the LORD**

### **The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## EXALT GOD

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**Psalm 99:5: Exalt** (to elevate; to magnify; to praise) **the LORD our God and worship** (to adore; to reverence with supreme respect) **at his footstool** (place of complete submission); **he is holy.**

**Deuteronomy 10:17: For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.** (omnipotent: having unlimited power) (The words of Moses to the children of Israel when God gave them the 10 Commandments the second time)

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## **PRAISE GOD**

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**Psalm 103:2-5:**

**Praise the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his blessings:**

**<sup>3</sup> He forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,**

**<sup>4</sup> He redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,**

**<sup>5</sup> He satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

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**Psalm 22:3: Yet you are enthroned (placed on a royal seat) as the Holy One; you are  
the praise of Israel.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## PRAISE GOD

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**Psalm 8:** A psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> **O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
You have set your glory  
above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> From the lips of children and infants  
you have ordained praise  
because of your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

<sup>3</sup> **When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,**

<sup>4</sup> **what is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him?**

<sup>5</sup> **You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

<sup>6</sup> **You made him ruler over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under his feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds,  
and the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air,  
and the fish of the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> **O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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**Psalm 19: 14**

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,  
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

**PRAISE GOD**

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**PSALM 23**

**<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**

**<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside still waters,**

**<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death, (the darkest valley)  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy will follow me  
all the days of my life, and (when Christ returns)  
I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## PSALM 46

**God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.**

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear**, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
Selah

<sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

<sup>5</sup> **God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.**

<sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
Selah

<sup>8</sup> Come and see the works of the LORD,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
he burns the shields <sup>[b]</sup> with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **"Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup> **The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**  
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## **PSALM 100**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

**<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his <sup>[a]</sup> ;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

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## PSALM 150

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

<sup>4</sup> praise him with tambourine and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and flute,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise ye the LORD.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## HONOR GOD

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### I Samuel 2:30

**Those who honor** (expression of respect or of high estimation by words or actions) **me I will honor**, but those who despise me will be disdained.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## REVERENCE FOR GOD

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**Psalm 95:6**

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**

**Nehemiah 8:6c:** Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" **Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground**

**Hebrews 5:7:** During the days of Jesus' life on earth, **he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the One who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.** (Note: this is a key to Christ's victorious living – the degree of earnestness in His prayer life.)

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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**Psalm 100:4b:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Psalm 31:21:** Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.

**I Thessalonians 5:16-18:** Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup>pray continually; <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## REJOICE & ENJOY GOD

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**Philippians 4:4: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!**

**1 Thes. 5:16-18: Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup>pray continually; <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

**2 Corinthians 6:4-10: Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; <sup>5</sup>in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; <sup>6</sup>in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; <sup>7</sup>in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; <sup>8</sup>through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; <sup>9</sup>known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## REMEMBER GOD'S ACTS

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**Psalms 150:2: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

**Deuteronomy 5:15: Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## VERBAL TESTIMONY

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**Nehemiah 8:6b: Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!"** Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

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#### **Psalm 66:16-20:**

**Come and listen, all you who fear God;  
let me tell you what he has done for me.**

<sup>17</sup> I cried out to him with my mouth;  
his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;

<sup>19</sup> but God has surely listened  
and heard my voice in prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me!

### **The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## SONGS OF WORSHIP

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**Psalm 100:2b: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

**Psalm 66:4: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name." Selah**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## WORSHIP MUSIC

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**Psalm 100:1: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!**

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**Psalm 150:3-5:**

Praise him with the sounding of the **trumpet**,  
praise him with the **harp and lyre**,

<sup>4</sup> praise him with **tambourine and dancing**,  
praise him with the **strings and flute**,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the **clash of cymbals**,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## LIFE UP HANDS

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**Nehemiah 8:6b: Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.**

**Psalms 63:4: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## SERVE GOD WITH A RIGHT HEART

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**Psalms 100:2: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

**Colossians 3:23: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,**

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## HUMBLE YOURSELF

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**2 Chron. 7:14: <sup>14</sup> 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.**

**Exodus 33:13: <sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."**

**1 Peter 5:6: <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## REVERENTLY READ GOD'S WORD

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**Nehemiah 8:3,5: He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.**

**<sup>5</sup> Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up.**

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**Psalm 19:7-11:**

**<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.**

**<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.**

**<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever.  
The ordinances of the LORD are sure  
and altogether righteous.**

**<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the comb.**

**<sup>11</sup> By them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.**

### **The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## SEEK TO KNOW GOD

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Psalm 63:1-4:

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you,  
my body longs for you,  
in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.

<sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.

<sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

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Psalm 84:1-2:

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD Almighty!

<sup>2</sup> My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

James 4:8: Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

**Philippians 3:7-11: But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## **GIVE TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK**

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**Psalm 66:13-15: <sup>13</sup> I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you- <sup>14</sup> vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.**

<sup>15</sup> I will sacrifice fat animals to you  
and an offering of rams;  
I will offer bulls and goats.  
Selah

**Malachi 3: <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.**

<sup>5</sup> **"So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## ROBBING GOD

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<sup>6</sup> "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. <sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.**

**"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'**

<sup>8</sup> **"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.**

**"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'** (Note: we also rob God by desiring praise and recognition when He tells us to humbly give Him ALL of the glory)

**"In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. <sup>11</sup> I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. <sup>12</sup> "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.**

<sup>13</sup> **"You have said harsh things against me," says the LORD.**

**"Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'**

<sup>14</sup> **"You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? <sup>15</sup> But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.' "**

<sup>16</sup> **Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.**

<sup>17</sup> **"They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. <sup>[a]</sup> I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.**

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## HONOR THE SABBATH

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Nehemiah 8:9: <sup>9</sup> Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

### **The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

Exodus 20:8-11: <sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

### **The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## CELEBRATE GOD & JESUS

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Nehemiah 8:10: <sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

### **The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

Luke 2:10: <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

### **The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## HAVE AN OBEDIENT LIFE

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Psalm 101:1-3: <sup>1</sup> I will sing of your love and justice;  
to you, O LORD, I will sing praise.

<sup>2</sup> I will be careful to lead a blameless life—  
when will you come to me?  
I will walk in my house  
with a blameless heart.

<sup>3</sup> I will set before my eyes  
no vile thing.  
The deeds of faithless men I hate;  
they will not cling to me.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

I John 5:3: <sup>3</sup>This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not  
burdensome,

John 14:15: <sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will obey what I command.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## JESUS IS YOUR FIRST LOVE

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Revelation 2:1-4: <sup>1</sup>"To the angel<sup>[a]</sup> of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup>I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup>You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## SURRENDER & GIVE YOURSELF AND YOUR LIFE TO GOD

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Matthew 16:24-25: <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

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Rom. 12:1-2: <sup>1</sup>Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

**Luke 9:23:** <sup>23</sup>Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

**John 15:13-15:** <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

**Galatians 2:20:** <sup>20</sup>I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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**Phil. 1:21:** <sup>21</sup>For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**The Holy Spirits Promptings:**

## HELEN STEINER RICE: THERE IS A REASON FOR EVERYTHING

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Our Father knows what's best for us  
So why should we complain?  
We always want the sunshine  
But He knows there must be rain.

We love the sound of laughter  
And the merriment of cheer  
But our hearts would lose their tenderness  
If we never shed a tear.

Our Father tests us often  
With suffering and with sorrow  
He tests us not to punish us  
But to help us face tomorrow.

For growing trees are strengthened  
When they withstand the storm  
And the sharp cut of a chisel  
Gives the marble grace and form.

God never hurts us needlessly  
and He never wastes our pain  
For every loss He sends to us  
Is followed by rich gain.

And when we count the blessings  
That God has so freely sent  
We will find no cause for murmuring  
And no time to lament.

For our Father loves His children  
And to Him all things are plain  
He never sends us pleasure  
When the soul's deep need is pain.

So whenever we are troubled  
And when everything goes wrong  
It is just God working in us  
To make our spirits strong.