**Handbook Chapter 4 Scripture Passages**

**DIGGING INTO THE WORD**

Psalm 4:6-7 **6**Many, Lord, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?” Let the light of your face shine on us.

**7**Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

Psalm 16: 2 &11 **2**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**11**You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 36: 5-9 **5**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

**6**Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

**7**How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**8**They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

**9**For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Psalm 42:1-2 **1**As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.

**2**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Psalm 63: 1-8 **1**You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

**2**I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

**3**Because your love is better than life,  my lips will glorify you.

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

**5**I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

**6**On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

**7**Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

**8**I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

Isaiah 55: 1-2 “Come, all you who are thirsty,  come to the waters;  and you who have no money,  come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

**2**Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forcesof this world rather than on Christ.

Ephesians 5:8-10 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light **9**(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) **10**and find out what pleases the Lord.

Leviticus 20:26 You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.

Deuteronomy 18:9-10 When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. **10**Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,

**APPLICATION**

2 Thessalonians 1:10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

Psalm 145 **1**I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

**2**Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

**3**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**4**One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

**5**They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

**6**They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds.

**7**They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

**8**The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**9**The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

**10**All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

**11**They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

**12**so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

**14**The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

**15**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

**16**You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**17**The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

**18**The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

**19**He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

**20**The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

**21**My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Matthew 25: 14-30 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. **15**To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,**[a]** each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. **16**The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. **17**So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. **18**But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

**19**“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **20**The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

**21**“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

**22**“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

**23**“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

**24**“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. **25**So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

**26**“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? **27**Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

**28**“‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. **29**For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. **30**And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**CONCLUDING THOUGHTS**

James 1: 22-25 **22**Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23**Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror **24**and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25**But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8**Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9**Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

2 Peter 3:10-14 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

**11**Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives **12**as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. **13**But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

**14**So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? **15**What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **16**What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”**17**Therefore,“Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”**18**And,“I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

**7**Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.