<u>Psalm 53</u> <u>2</u> God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

James 3 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not a wisdom that cometh down from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.

We are not under the law, so there is now no condemnation to those who walk after the Spirit. Walking after the Spirit is obedience through relationship to a person(The Holy Spirit) and not through obedience to the letter of the law. The law we follow now is more like ----- listen to and obey the Holy Spirit. It is not so much about do not do this and do not do that, as it is about WALK IN MY WAYS------WALK IN LOVE-----FOLLOW ME. Leave evil and do good! God I imagine would say something like this, ----- Listen to me and follow me as I guide you to love others. Learn to hear my voice and allow me to give you everything that you need to have victory over the enemy. Do not strive because I have made the way for you, just listen to me and obey me. Trust me and believe me and do not allow the doubts and fears and anxieties of this world to trouble you and to weigh down your mind and your soul. Cast your burdens upon me, I am your strength and I have redeemed you. Your burdens are now my burdens and my yoke is easy, so carry those burdens no more! I have provided for you to release you from your pain, your rejection, your hurt and grief and lack and feelings of guilt and shame and unworthiness, so give it all to me. I love you. Stop striving and don't try to fix it yourself anymore. Ask me so I can do it for you because I love you and died for you so that I could bare these burdens. I ask for your faith in Me to show me that you trust me. I have overcome the enemy, you cannot overcome the enemy without me. Trust Me. Believe Me. Abide in Me. Rest in Me. Do not try in your strength, I am your strength! I have overcome the enemy already abide in my victory. The enemy will try to put doubt fear and worry and anxiety and all kinds of evil of negative emotions and feelings upon you. The enemy will try to bring dread and vexation of mind and body and soul and spirit upon you. But my dear children what I give you is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace. (James 3:17-18). I sent my Son to die for you. This is how much I love you. -----

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Psalm 106:1 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy

<u>Matthew 6</u> <u>31</u> Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? <u>32</u> For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. <u>33</u> But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. <u>34</u> Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

<u>Psalm 55</u>

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

<u>20</u> He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

21 *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; **but I will trust in thee.**

The enemy wants us to rely on our thoughts, our minds, our emotions and our own strength because then he knows he can defeat us. The enemy has been around thousands of years and knows how to deceive us and it is easy for him if we are not abiding in the Lord. He has learnt very well how to deceive mankind, but he didn't deceive Jesus. satan knows we have no strength against him and he also knows he can deceive our carnal minds at will and so he strives endlessly to keep us believing our negative mindset and thoughts and emotions and feelings and circumstances because our past experience with our body, mind and soul tells us that these circumstances are the truth. He wants us to believe we are still in bondage to them. If we believe his lies are the truth then we are not believing Jesus and are accepting our bondage to satan. Through the law and sin and death, he, in the past had dominion over these parts of our lives. There was a price to pay for breaking the law and he was able to apply that price which was bondage. The strength of sin is the law and the sting of death is sin. Where there is no law there is no transgression. So since Jesus dealt with the law by fulfilling it for us, the enemy is left powerless against us if we apply what Jesus did for us at the cross. We can escape by believing we are now free of the curse of the law and its consequences. We by faith confess this with our mouth and command him to leave. We are set free. We believe in our hearts then we speak the truth out. We don't just believe, we also speak the truth. Faith without works is dead. We believe and we speak the truth.

1John 3 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. **5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. **6** Whosoever <u>abideth</u> in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

When we abide in Jesus, when we abide in the Holy Spirit and rest from our works of worry and anxiety and fear and shame and guilt and unworthiness and rejection and regret and reasoning and thoughts and condemnation, ------ when we are abiding in Christ we are truly free from the devil and the yoke and all bondage to evil. We are safe and at peace when we abide and rest in the Lord. Only God is good. Abide in God. Then we are free.

<u>2Corinthians 3:17</u> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

<u>1Corinthians 15:56</u> The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

<u>1Corinthians 15:55</u> O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

<u>Romans 4:15</u> Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, *there is* no transgression.

Colossians 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

<u>Matthew 16:19</u> And I will give unto the the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

<u>Galatians 5:1</u> Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

The good news is that the devil is defeated! It truly is good news ! If satan attempts to make us feel guilty or shamed or any other thing that is not from above (PEACE IS FROM ABOVE) then we must tell him about the cross and the blood of Jesus spilt for us. Our freedom has been paid for by the blood of Jesus! Evil spirits know they have lost and scream in terror when they hear this. When they realize we believe in our liberty in Christ. If we believe they are defeated and they know it. They will attempt to test our resolve, to test if we believe it. If we actually believe Jesus paid the price for us and set us free. He will attempt to move us away from trusting in the Lord. satan will attempt to put doubt in us or fear or guilt or shame. He wants to bring us out of faith and into unbelief so that he can keep us in bondage. He wants to keep his rule over us.

wants to steal our faith and steal our victory but he is just a deceiver and liar trying to keep us in bondage to him. If we refuse to be effected by these deceptions and stay in our heart of faith and believing and trusting God, we will have the victory over him in that part of our life. If we allow guilt or shame or condemnation to reside in us, he will keep his dominion over us. Faith is the victory. Works of faith is to keep on believing. To stay in our heart believing and trusting God. We have the victory, so if we feel guilt we command it to go **because Jesus paid for our guilt**. He took it away. Feeling guilt is not the truth, it is a lie! If we feel shame we give that yoke of shame to the Lord and command it to go. If there is act of sin attached to the shame or guilt from our past or present even, we confess it to the Lord and ask forgiveness and the Lord forgives, he loves to forgive us. We ask for healing and he heals, he loves healing us. He loves to do it so much that he died on the cross just so that he could. God wants us to **show him our love toward him by showing him that we trust him. Our faith in him shows him** and the whole crowd of witnesses that we trust him. This is how we prove our love toward him and this is how we thank him also. This is how we make what Jesus did for us worthwhile for Jesus. It was us that Jesus had in mind when he was on the cross. He did it to set the captives free. Let us take hold of it!

<u>Hebrews 12:2</u> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<u>Hebrews 12:1</u> Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset** *us*, and let us **run with patience** the race that is set before us,

<u>1Timothy 1:8</u> We know that the law is good when used correctly. (NLT)

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

<u>Romans 5:12</u> Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: <u>13</u> (For until the law sin was in the world: **but sin is not imputed when there is no law.**

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

We are free from sin and death and the law, but the law is still good and **guides us** on how to love our neighbor. Sin no longer has any power over us because we obey God through relationship now. We do not obey God through the letter of the law. The law was there when man did not have access to relationship with God through the Holy Spirit. Only the high priest had access to the presence of God once a year and that through the blood of animal sacrifice. We now have access at all times through the eternal sacrifice of Jesus blood. We have God with us and in us, we are not under the letter of the law any more because we have God with us and in us. We don't need the letter of law when we have God himself. No man ever managed to obey the law anyway. Only Jesus. If we try to obey the letter of the law and fail in one point we are guilty of all. The letter of the law condemns but the Spirit gives life. Abide in the Spirit.

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

<u>Hebrews 9:6</u> Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. $\underline{7}$ But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people:

Hebrews 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; <u>12</u> Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. <u>13</u> For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: <u>14</u> How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

We purge our conscience from dead works of guilt and shame and condemnation and rejection and worthlessness and the letter of the law. We just obey God and abide in Him and refuse to give the devil a foothold in our life. The Holy Spirit will use His word and always agree with his word because he is not a God of confusion. But we are NOT under the letter of the law. We obey the Holy Spirit and he will be guiding us to such instructions as found in Ephesians 4.

Ephesians 4 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. **26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **27** Neither give place to the devil. **28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

These are instructions on how to walk in love and how to leave the bondage of satan and the torment that he brings upon us when we are doing such things. We still reap what we sow and are judged as we judge. Do not be fooled by thinking we can continue in sin. God will not be mocked. If we are not abiding in God and choose to not forgive, then by our own unforgiveness, we will have chosen to be unforgiven by God. Unforgiveness brings the tormentors into our lives. The Holy Spirit leads us to forgive and when we obey we are set free ourselves. If we do not abide in God and choose to judge others for sin we see in them, then to the same degree judgement will be on us, and bondage under that judgement. We are judging according to the law. Remember God knows their heart and He is guiding them out of sin. It is not our job! We bring judgement and bondage upon ourself because of our disobedience and give satan a foothold to torment us when we do this. He uses our judgement of someone else as a judgement on us(through the law). Under the law(we have fallen from grace), satan can steal our joy, faith and our confidence toward God. Our conscience is then troubled and God wants us to see our need to forgive. satans torment becomes our rod of correction when we are being disobedient. God still loves us but we need to abide and obey. Forgive and don't judge. God will not be mocked, we can't expect to hold others guilty of sin and expect our own sin to be forgiven. We cannot expect to be forgiven when we refuse to forgive others. We are judging ourselves when we do these things. Obey God.

Romans 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

<u>Mark 11:26</u> But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

We do not need the law now when we have God himself to guide us and lead us. He will show us any sin in our life now and convict us and give us power over that sin so that we are **able** to forsake it. If he is convicting us of a place in our life where we are not walking in love or where there is sin, we simply need to obey what he is leading us to do. Learning to hear him and obey him takes patience and perseverance. Our lives maybe very messed up and it takes time for God to lead us out of all the mess we made of it. It is a walk and we should not get ahead of God by going under the law. God is loving and patient and he heals and mends and corrects us a little at a time. If we begin condemning ourself through the law then we fall from grace and it is not faith, nor is it abiding or resting. We are not under the law, it is God that now shows us what he wants us to change to be more like His Son Jesus. The law has no power over us when we abide, but it is still good. If we are abiding and obeying the Holy Spirit we are resting in what he is doing with us. Patience is one of the first attributes God teaches us, so we must trust and obey the Holy Spirit and endure to the end. Let Him lead us out of sin. Don't go back under the law. That is our victory and satan has no answer to it. The strength of sin is the law. His power is in the law and sin and death and fear and torment and such other things. Abide and rest in God always. Obey him. Do not try to obey the letter of the law because obeying the letter is attempting to make ourself righteous in our own strength. The letter is not relationship. We have relationship now with God himself.

<u>Matthew 15:8</u> This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.

<u>Matthew 15:10</u> And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: <u>11</u> Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

<u>Matthew 15:18</u> But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. <u>19</u> For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: <u>20</u> These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

<u>Matthew 12:34</u> O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

What we believe in our heart is very important, because out of the heart the mouth speaks. Those things in our heart will eventually come out of our mouth. Many times if we watch the words that come out of our mouths we will detect some hidden or even perhaps known sin or corruption within our hearts. If for instance we find ourselves speaking critically of others then we know there is something wrong in our heart. Our words betray it. Being critical of someone else usually shows our own insecurity, we feel better ourself if we can find fault in others. We can then feel better than them and our pride and self image is comforted. We feel better than them and this is evil, pride and haughtiness. If we are doing this then we are abiding in a lie of the enemy. God says we are awesome the way he made us. If we are abiding in God then that lie will not stay in our heart and criticism will no longer come out of our mouth. We will feel perfectly secure in being who God says we are and do not need to puff up ourself to be better than others, because of rejection or low self worth. So when we are criticizing we can know we are deceived and not abiding in the truth.

<u>Psalm 139:14</u> I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

<u>Galatians 6:3</u> For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

So we see if we believe that we are fearfully and wonderfully made in Gods eyes, because He says we are, then we can abide in that truth and overcome rejection or low self worth which leads to criticizing others. Once we abide in the truth then that lie of rejection will hold no place in our heart. We will abide in confidence that God thinks we are awesome and begin to **speak with that confidence**. It is **very important to speak the truth** of Gods word over our lives and those around us. Speaking truth gives the truth more power to remain the truth. If we speak out our low self worth or unworthiness or rejection then we give authority to the enemy to bring our words to pass, we strengthen it. Speaking that we are poor in self esteem will give authority to the enemy to make it so. God says he has supplied all our needs and so when we abide in that truth(believe it in the heart) and also speak it out (faith without works is dead so we speak it) we then begin to shift any lack to a place of provision. satan will try to bring doubt and unbelief so we must resist and abide in God knowing that He will answer prayers of faith. We speak it out and abide in the truth of Gods word of supplying all our needs.

<u>Philippians 4:19</u> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:14 Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

We believe the truth and **then speak it out** and **hold fast to our confession of faith** until it comes to pass. Abiding in that truth and not becoming double minded or doubting. **Speaking the truth out activates our faith and activates the spiritual kingdom for good or for evil**. Speaking Gods word of truth out loud begins bringing Gods kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. It changes our reality in the physical by praying into the spiritual. Praying for needs and **speaking out that they will be met by God**(faith) begins to shift the unseen world into action, to bring it to pass on earth as it is in heaven. We simply need to believe. The more prayers like this and the more of Gods children speaking the truth of Gods provision, and speaking it out together in unity, the more the lie of lack will begin to fall and fail. The truth will begin to manifest.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. **6** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **8** A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

We obey the the Holy Spirit and abide in the truth through a good conscience toward God because we Love him with all our hearts and allow no evil to reside in our hearts. We abide in the truth and the words Jesus gave us are spirit and life. We have the Holy Spirit in us and when we abide in Him and speak words of life and truth we have the power of almighty God working within us bringing those words to pass. As we depart from all that is evil and take on the nature and character of Jesus, our relationship with the Holy Spirit grows more and more. Our words are empowered by God and can change our circumstances. As we abide and trust and obey and **speak out the truth. We command the truth to come to pass on earth as it is in heaven. As we speak what the Holy Spirit wants us to speak.** As we speak His will be done.

1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life.

<u>1Corinthians 6:19</u> Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own;

If we keep our eternal soul and our love of God in our hearts, we will depart from the lure that the world and the things in the world has in our hearts. The temporal things. We will listen and obey the Holy Spirit who knows what we need better than ourselves. When we are **listening to Him and speaking out what He is telling us** we have great confidence in our prayers or words. It is very easy to abide when we know it is His will for us that we are speaking. He wants the very best for us and knows the way.

<u>Psalm 37:4</u> Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give the desires of thine heart.