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## **SCRIPTURES**

- Romans 8:33-39
- Psalms 42-44
- Isaiah 54:13-17

### Title:

## **NO WEAPON SHALL PROSPER**

- Sheep to the Slaughter
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#### SEED:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."" Romans 8:35-36 NKJV

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 NKJV

### **FRUIT:**

"If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Psalms 44:20-22 NKJV

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord." Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

### **INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:**

It won't always seem true, but feelings can be fickle. It's not that they are bad, or that you shouldn't have them, but feelings oftentimes can't be trusted. And there is no inspiration more effective or deceptive, than trouble, when we consider its effect on emotions. A good o'fashioned trial, complete with attacks from every direction, pressing in on every side, is all the fuel you need to lose confidence in God, to let your feelings run amuck, and to allow your emotions to rule the day.

Weeping and sorrow may last through the night, but joy comes in the morning. That is precisely why God's heart is for you to hold tight to His promises. It looks bad; don't worry. You're in danger; don't fear. There is no way out; don't panic. It's too much to bear; don't lose hope. The burden is too heavy; don't cave. The doors keep slamming in your face; don't give up. The temptation is too great; don't surrender. The

answer is nowhere to be found; don't stop asking. The solution is too confusing; God is your mathematician. What to do is a complete mystery; God is your spiritual detective. And now, make it really personal!

I'm too sick to be well; God is my healer. The price is too high and I can't cover the cost; God will reconcile my accounts. I'm too dirty to ever be clean; the Lord of all will exchange my garments for His. My sins are too many, too often, too big, and too ugly; God says to me, "Do over!" The circumstances of my life are beyond complicated; I am at the end of myself, the limit of my understanding. It all feels like an enigma wrapped in a conundrum. Excellent, that is precisely where God wants me!

Nothing that exists in the entirety of creation can be, if the God over all of creation had not allowed it to be. He is sovereign over your suffering and your solution! No weapon formed against you shall prosper; every enemy that rises against you God will defeat. But there is one "not so subtle nuance" that might be your greatest victory in times of trouble. You are more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus. God does not just defeat your enemies—He obliterates them, as if to spray a firehose at a matchstick!

#### SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER

#### 1. Never Stray from the Father's Will

## A. Only Christ

- (1) God's elect cannot be indicted by anyone other than Him!
  - (a) The assurance is staggering!
    - "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us." Romans 8:33-34 NKJV
    - 2. **He sacrificed His only begotten Son for us:** "He who did not spare His own Son, **but delivered Him up for us** all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32 NKJV
    - 3. "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places," Ephesians 1:17-20 NKJV
    - 4. "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:26-27 NKJV

- 5. "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, **whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things**, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:20-21 NKJV
- 6. "because the **creation itself also will be delivered from the bondag**e of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**" (Romans 8:21)
  - a) For a detailed teaching on the topic of restoration please see: The Unveiling
- 7. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:2-3 NKJV
- 8. "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." Revelation 19:7 NKJV
- 9. "Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, A tabernacle that will not be taken down; Not one of its stakes will ever be removed, Nor will any of its cords be broken. But there the majestic Lord will be for us A place of broad rivers and streams, In which no galley with oars will sail, Nor majestic ships pass by (For the Lord is our Judge, The Lord is our Lawgiver, The Lord is our King; He will save us); "Isaiah 33:20-22 NKJV
- 10. "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." John 15:18-19 NKJV
- 11. "Therefore **submit to God**. **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you. **Draw near to God** and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands**, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded. **Lament and mourn and weep!** Let your **laughter be turned to mourning** and your **joy to gloom**. **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. **Do not speak evil of one another**, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. **There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy.** Who are you to judge another?" James 4:7-12 NKJV
- 12. "'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV
- 13. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

- 14. "Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." James 5:19-20 NKJV
- 15. "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?" I Corinthians 6:1-3 NKJV
- 16. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." II Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV
- 17. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," Philippians 2:5 NKJV
- 18. "For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**" I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV
- 19. And thus the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord." Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

## B. Nothing can separate you!

- (1) Accounted as sheep for the slaughter...
  - (a) Not SEPARATION but PREPARATION
    - "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."" Romans 8:35-36 NKJV
    - 2. "But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"" Acts 23:6 NKJV
    - 3. "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today." Acts 22:3 NKJV
    - 4. "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. **Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!**" Philippians 3:1-2 NKJV

- 5. "For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the <u>law</u>, a Pharisee; concerning <u>zeal</u>, persecuting the church; concerning the <u>righteousness</u> which is in the law, blameless." Philippians 3:3-6 NKJV
- 6. "What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God." Romans 3:1-2 NKJV
- 7. "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;" Philippians 3:7-9 NKJV
- (b) Any comparison Paul makes to his history and heritage, in this case about persecution and suffering, MUST now be interpreted through a Christian understanding.
  - 1. "Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Psalms 44:22 NKJV
  - 2. "As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Romans 8:36 NKJV
  - 3. "And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NKJV
  - 4. "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 NKIV
  - 5. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32 NKJV
  - 6. "As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?"" Psalms 42:1-3 NKJV
  - 7. "When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast." Psalms 42:4 NKJV
  - 8. "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance. O my God, my soul is

- cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar." Psalms 42:5-6 NKJV
- 9. "Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me. The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me— A prayer to the God of my life." Psalms 42:7-8 NKJV
- 10. "I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God." Psalms 42:9-11 NKJV
- 11. "Vindicate me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! For You are the God of my strength; Why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God." Psalms 43:1-5 NKJV
- 12. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."" Romans 8:35-36 NKJV
- 13. "We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, In days of old: You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them. You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob. Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me. But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us. In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever. Selah" Psalms 44:1-8 NKJV
- 14. "But You have cast us off and put us to shame, And You do not go out with our armies. You make us turn back from the enemy, And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves. You have given us up like sheep intended for food, And have scattered us among the nations. You sell Your people for next to nothing, And are not enriched by

- selling them. You **make us a reproach** to our neighbors, A **scorn and a derision** to those all around us. You **make us a byword** among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples. My **dishonor** is continually before me, And the **shame** of my face has covered me, Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the enemy and the avenger." Psalms 44:1-17 NKJV
- 15. "All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant. Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way; But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death. If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. [22] Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever. Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust; Our body clings to the ground. Arise for our help, And redeem us for Your mercies' sake." Psalms 44:18-26 NKJV
- 16. "Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Psalms 44:22 NKJV
- 17. "As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are **accounted as sheep for the slaughter**."" Romans 8:36 NKJV
- (2) Suffering is part of the plan...
  - (a) A time of suffering, trials and temptation are part of the plan, but that is not meant for your defeat; but instead is God's path to triumph and conquest through you!
    - 1. Whoever loses his life for God's sake in *tribulation*, or *distress*, or *persecution*, or *famine*, or *nakedness*, or *peril*, or *sword*? (Romans 8:35) will find his life.
    - 2. "..."If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV
    - 3. "...He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And <u>having been perfected</u>,
      He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him," Hebrews 5:8-9 NKJV
- (3) Y'shua's Temptations to quit, to abandon the mission, to go His own way, to return to His heavenly place.
  - (a) In the Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)
    - 1. "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness **to be tempted by the devil**. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

      " Matthew 4:1, 9 NKJV

- 2. "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; **nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.**"" Luke 22:42 NKJV
- 3. "But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"" Matthew 26:52-54 NKJV
- 4. "And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."" Matthew 26:62-64 NKJV
- 5. "Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."" John 19:10-11 NKJV
- 6. "Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots." (Luke 23:34 NKJV) "The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."" Luke 23:36-37 NKJV
- 7. "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." Philippians 3:10-11 NKJV
  - a) Will you do what it takes to display the love of Christ NO MATTER how much suffering it takes?
- (b) The upward call in Christ Jesus
  - 1. "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind." Philippians 3:12-16 NKJV
  - 2. "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." II Corinthians 5:20 NKJV

- (c) Your citizenship is in heaven.
  - 1. "Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." Philippians 3:17-21 NKJV

## MORE THAN CONQUERORS

# 2. Nothing can separate you from God!

## A. The Exclamation Mark!

- (1) At times, Paul writes as we've just seen, verses that explode with layer upon layer of meaning.
  - (a) And sometimes it's just a punctuation!
    - "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
       "Romans 8:37 NKJV
    - 2. "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:20-21 NKJV
  - (b) How do you do it? How do you become more than a conqueror through Him who loved us?
    - 1. "and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." Philippians 3:9-11 NKJV
    - 2. "...To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: [5] But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith..." II Peter 1:1, 5 NKJV

# B. Are you persuaded?

- (1) The natural conclusion!
  - (a) Paul is persuaded and he is the expert, so why not you?
    - 1. "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other

- **created thing**, shall be able to **separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 NKJV
- 2. "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it." Colossians 2:15 NKJV
- 3. "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalms 103:10-12 NKJV
- 4. "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is** greater than he who is in the world." I John 4:4 NKJV
- 5. "for in Him we live and move and have our being... 'For we are also His offspring.'" Acts 17:28a NKJV
- 6. "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." I John 4:16 NKJV
- 7. "as **His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:3 NKJV
- 8. Nothing that exists was created outside of God's will.
- 9. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. " John 1:1-5 NKJV
- 10. "The Lord by wisdom **founded the earth**; By understanding He **established the heavens**; By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.

  "Proverbs 3:19-20 NKIV
- 11. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV
- 12. "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you. Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake. "Behold, I have created the blacksmith Who blows the coals in the fire, Who

- brings forth an instrument for his work; And I have created the spoiler to destroy. No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord." Isaiah 54:13-17 NKJV
- 13. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:10-13 NKJV
- 14. "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead," Philippians 3:13 NKJV
- 15. "above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;" Ephesians 6:16-17 NKJV
- 16. "But <u>above all</u> these things **put on love**, which is **the bond of perfection**." Colossians 3:14 NKJV
- 17. "Yet **in all these things we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37 NKJV
- (b) It might seem that all is lost at the moment, but joy come in the morning...
  - 1. "I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me. O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning." Psalms 30:1-5 NKJV