

In a Culture of Lies

Speak His Truth

This document is a collection of Bible Scripture (NKJV Nelson 1982) attempting to help us understand our culture today. We are exposed to lies and deceptions that attempt to draw our attention from the Lord and distract us from our calling to serve Him. Knowing God's perspective will help us avoid the false beliefs being taught today. **"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:17)**

1. The Devil is perpetrating the lies and deceptions

Genesis 3:13

And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, **"The serpent deceived me, and I ate."**

Revelation 12:9

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the **Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The unsaved and deceived are spreading deception

Jeremiah 17:9

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart from the faith**, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, **speaking lies** in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.

John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of **your** father **you** want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for **he is a liar and the father of it.**

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers** also **transform themselves into ministers of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their works.

James 3:14-15

But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and **lie against the truth**. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And **you** He made alive, **who were dead in trespasses and sins**, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also **we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.**

2. Why does the Devil lie?

He wants to be worshiped

Isaiah 14:13-14

For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt my throne** above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will be like the Most High.'**

Matthew 4:8-9

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You **if You will fall down and worship me.**"

Revelation 13:4

So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

He seeks to destroy and separate us from God

Isaiah 32:7

Also the schemes of the schemer are evil; He devises wicked plans To destroy the poor with lying words, Even when the needy speaks justice.

Acts 20:29-30

"For I know this, that after my departure **savage wolves will come** in among you, **not sparing the flock.** "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, **speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.**

Luke 8:12

"Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; **then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.**

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**

John 10:10

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Acts 13:10

and said, **“O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?”**

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

But I fear, lest somehow, as the **serpent deceived Eve** by his craftiness, **so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.** For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, **or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received,** or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

3. What does God say about liars?

Jeremiah 23:32

“Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams,” says the LORD, **“and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies** and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,” says the LORD.

Proverbs 26:28

A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 12:22

Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.

Proverbs 6:16-19

These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, **A lying tongue,** Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, **A false witness who speaks lies,** And one who sows discord among brethren.

Act 5:3

But Peter said, **“Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

Matthew 15:19

“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, **false witness,** blasphemies.

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

4. How does God deal with a people and nation that have embraced sin?

Scripture has provided us with dramatic lessons of nations turning their back on God and believing the lies and deceptions of the Devil and his minions. Since Adam and Eve (Genesis 3) God has given us the accounts of His judgment of sin and rebellion throughout the Bible so that we will repent and follow Him.

Psalm 11:5-6

The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup.

Examples of Sin

Deuteronomy 32:16-17

They provoked Him to jealousy with **foreign gods**; With **abominations** they provoked Him to anger. **They sacrificed to demons, not to God**, To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear.

Psalm 106:36-40

They served their **idols**, Which became a snare to them. **They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons**, And shed innocent blood, **The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood**. Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds. Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people, **So that He abhorred His own inheritance**.

Jeremiah 9:3-9

“And like their bow **they have bent their tongues for lies**. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. **For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me,**” says the LORD. “Everyone take heed to his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; For every brother will utterly supplant, And **every neighbor will walk with slanderers. Everyone will deceive his neighbor**, And will not speak the truth; **They have taught their tongue to speak lies**; They weary themselves to commit iniquity. Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; **Through deceit they refuse to know Me,**” says the LORD.

Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts:

“Behold, I will refine them and try them; For how shall I deal with the daughter of My people? Their tongue is an arrow shot out; It speaks deceit; One speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, But in his heart he lies in wait. **Shall I not punish them for these things?**” says the LORD. **“Shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?”**

Examples of Judgment

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6:5-7

Then the LORD saw that the **wickedness of man was great** in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and **He was grieved in His heart**. So the LORD said, **“I will destroy man whom I have created** from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 13:13

But the men of **Sodom were exceedingly wicked** and sinful against the LORD.

Genesis 19:24

Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.

2 Peter 2:4-6

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and **did not spare the ancient world**, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and **turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes**, condemned them to destruction, **making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;**

Jude 6-7

And the **angels who did not keep their proper domain**, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having **given themselves over to sexual immorality** and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, **suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

Solomon

1 Kings 11:5-12

For **Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD**, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David. Then **Solomon built a high place for Chemosh** the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for **Molech** the abomination of the people of Ammon. And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and **sacrificed to their gods**. So the **LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel**, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that **he should not go after other gods;** but he did

not keep what the LORD had commanded. Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, **I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant. Nevertheless I will not do it in your days**, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

Israel and Judah

Daniel 9:13

"As it is written in the Law of Moses, **all this disaster has come upon us**; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, **that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth**. "Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, **though we have not obeyed His voice**.

2 Chronicles 36:15-17

And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. **But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy**. Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand.

Jeremiah 11:7-13, 17

'For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, until this day, rising early and exhorting, saying, "**Obey My voice**." **'Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his evil heart**; therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but *which* they have not done.' "And the LORD said to me, "**A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah** and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. "They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and **they have gone after other gods** to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers." Therefore thus says the LORD: "**Behold, I will surely bring calamity** on them which they will not be able to escape; and though they cry out to Me, I will not listen to them. "Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, **but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble**. "For *according to* the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah; and *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem **you have set up altars to that shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal**.

Vs 17 "For **the LORD of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced doom** against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense to Baal."

Jeremiah 32:35-36

'**And they built the high places of Baal** which *are* in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to **cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech**, which I did not

command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.' "Now therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, '**It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence**'

Jeremiah 23:14

Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one turns back from his wickedness. **All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.**

Judgment of Nations in the Old Testament

Jeremiah 18:7-10

"The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, **if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.** And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it."

Isaiah 13:11

"I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Zephaniah 2:1-13

Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O undesirable nation, Before the decree is issued, *Or* the day passes like chaff, **Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you,** Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you! **Seek the LORD,** all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden In the day of the LORD's anger. For **Gaza** shall be forsaken, And **Ashkelon** desolate; They shall drive out **Ashdod** at noonday, And **Ekron** shall be uprooted. Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, The nation of the **Cherethites!** The word of the LORD *is* against you, O **Canaan,** land of the **Philistines:** "I will destroy you; So there shall be no inhabitant." The seacoast shall be pastures, With shelters for shepherds and folds for flocks. The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; They shall feed *their* flocks there; In the houses of **Ashkelon** they shall lie down at evening. For the LORD their God will intervene for them, And return their captives. "I have heard the reproach of **Moab,** And the insults of the people of **Ammon,** With which they have reproached My people, And made arrogant threats against their borders. Therefore, as I live," Says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Surely **Moab** shall be like **Sodom,** And the people of **Ammon** like **Gomorrah**—Overrun with weeds and saltpits, And a perpetual desolation. The residue of My people shall plunder them, And the remnant of My people shall possess them." This they shall have for their pride, Because they have reproached and made arrogant threats Against the people of the LORD of hosts. The LORD *will* be awesome to them, For **He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth;** *People* shall worship Him, Each one from his place, Indeed all the shores of the nations. "You **Ethiopians** also, You shall be slain by My sword." And He will stretch out His hand against the north, Destroy **Assyria,** And make **Nineveh** a desolation, As dry as the wilderness.

Final Judgment in New Testament

Matthew 25:31-32

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.” All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.”

Matthew 11:22

“But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.”

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the *Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

5. At what point do we become a nation deserving of judgment?

Sin has always been prevalent in any society. That is the nature of man. But God not only holds us accountable to our sin, but nations also. So, when does a nation deserve God’s judgment? In the Old Testament the prophets warned the kings to lead the people back to the Lord.

God is Sovereign over Nations

Daniel 2:20-21

Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; **He removes kings and raises up kings**; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

In America

Today, the President, the House, Senate, many other government agencies and many states support abortion, same-sex marriage, gay rights, gender therapy for children and much more. What God says is sin is now part of America’s fabric:

- Roe vs Wade (1973) legalized abortion
- Lawrence vs Texas (2003) homosexuality was legalized
- United States vs Windsor (2013) the Defense of Marriage Act was overturned
- Obergefell vs Hodges (2015) legalized same-sex marriage

Presidential Proclamation

<https://www.govexec.com/management/2021/06/agencies-recognize-lgbtq-employees-during-pride-month/174482/>

“This Pride Month, we recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals across America, and we reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with LGBTQ+ Americans in their ongoing struggle against discrimination and injustice,” said a proclamation President Biden issued on Tuesday. (May 30, 2023)

6. Is America Guilty? Does this sound like today?

Romans 1:20-32

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a debased mind**, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, **that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.**

7. Apostasy in the Last Days

Mark 13:22

“For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders **to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,**

2 Timothy 4:3, 4

For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will **turn their ears away from the truth**, and be turned aside to fables.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Now, brethren, **concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.** Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. **For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

8. How do we reject lies and deceptions?

2 Corinthians 4:2-4

But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, **but by manifestation of the truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, **it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Ephesians 6:11-12

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.

2 Thessalonians 2:10

and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not **receive the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. **Resist him, steadfast in the faith**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1 Corinthians 10:20

Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and **I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.**

9. How do we find hope for today?

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, **rejoice!**

Matthew 6:33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

John 8:32

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

1 John 4:4

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.**

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**

Revelation 12:12

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, **because he knows that he has a short time.”**

10. What do we do today?

Encourage, Exhort and Love the Brethren

John 13:34

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the **assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, **but exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 3:12-13

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but **exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today,"** lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Speak the Truth Boldly

Acts 14:3

Therefore they stayed there a long time, **speaking boldly in the Lord,** who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 4:29-30

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and **grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,** "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

2 Corinthians 3:12

Therefore, since we have such hope, **we use great boldness of speech.**

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Live the Truth

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God,** which is your reasonable service.

Contend for the Faith

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you **exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints.

1 Peter 3:15, 16

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you,** with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

Be Wise in the Midst of Wolves

Matthew 10:16

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore **be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.**”

Ephesians 5:15,16

See then that you **walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,** redeeming the time, **because the days are evil.**

Abide in Him

Jude 1:20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **keep yourselves in the love of God,** looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

John 15:4

“**Abide in Me,** and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

2 Peter 3:10-12

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,** because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Jude 1:20-23

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **keep yourselves in the love of God,** looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Do What is Right!

James 4:17

Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.