

第三篇

在旧约里约伯所经历神的 销毁和剥夺， 远不如在新约里保罗所经历的

诗歌：

读经：伯三 1，林后四 10～12，16～18，腓一 19～25，四 4

伯 3:1 此后，约伯开口咒诅自己的生日。

林后 4:10 身体上常带着耶稣的治死，使耶稣的生命也显明在我们的身体上。

林后 4:11 因为我们这活着的人，是常为耶稣被交于死，使耶稣的生命，也在我们这必死的肉身上显明出来。

林后 4:12 这样，死是在我们身上发动，生命却在你们身上发动。

林后 4:16 所以我们不丧胆，反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏，我们里面的人却日日在更新。

林后 4:17 因为我们这短暂轻微的苦楚，要极尽超越地为我们成就永远重大的荣耀。

林后 4:18 我们原不是顾念所见的，乃是顾念所不见的，因为所见的是暂时的，所不见的才是永远的。

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腓 4:4 你们要在主里常常喜乐，我再说，你们要喜乐。

Message Three

Job's Experience of God's Consuming and Stripping in the Old Testament Being Far Behind That of Paul in the New Testament

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Job 3:1; 2 Cor. 4:10-12, 16-18; Phil. 1:19-25; 4:4

Job 3:1 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

2 Cor. 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

2 Cor. 4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Cor. 4:12 So then death operates in us, but life in you.

2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

2 Cor. 4:17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

2 Cor. 4:18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Phil. 1:22 But if I am to live in the flesh, if this to me is fruit for my work, then I do not know what I will choose.

Phil. 1:23 But I am constrained between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for this is far better;

Phil. 1:24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

Phil. 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of the faith,

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

纲要

壹 约伯受搅扰、困惑、迷惑到了极点，因为他虽然完全、正直且纯全，却有灾祸临到他的家产和儿女，且有灾病临到他的身体：

一 约伯咒诅自己的生日（即咒诅自己的母亲）时，必然不是完全、正直的，也没有持守他的纯全，反而在他的纯正上破产了——伯三1。

伯 3:1 此后，约伯开口咒诅自己的生日。

二 神的目的是要拆毁那在自己的完全和正直里天然的约伯，使祂能建立一个有神的性情和属性，得更新的约伯，好使约伯成为属神的人，按着神的经纶由神所构成；这样的人（如保罗）绝不会受任何难处和问题所困惑，以致咒诅自己的生日，宁愿死不愿活——腓一19～25，四5～9。

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腓 4:5 当叫众人知道你们的谦让宜人。主是近的。

腓 4:6 应当一无挂虑，只要凡事借着祷告、祈求，带着感谢，将你们所要的告诉神；

腓 4:7 神那超越人所能理解的平安，必在基督耶稣里，保卫你们的心怀意念。

腓 4:8 末了的话，弟兄们，凡是真实的，凡是庄重的，凡是公义的，凡是纯洁的，凡是可爱的，凡是有美名的；若有什么德行，若有什么称赞，这些事你们都要思念。

Outline

I. Job was disturbed, perplexed, and entangled to the uttermost by his suffering of the disasters that befell his possessions and his children and the plague on his body, in spite of his perfection, uprightness, and integrity:

A. When Job cursed the day of his birth, equivalent to cursing his mother, he surely was not perfect and upright, nor did he hold his integrity; rather, he became bankrupt in integrity—Job 3:1.

Job 3:1 After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.

B. God's intention was to tear down the natural Job in his perfection and uprightness that He might build up a renewed Job in God's nature and attributes in order to make Job a man of God, constituted with God according to His economy; such a man (like Paul) would never be entangled by any troubles and problems so that he would curse his birth and prefer to die rather than to live—Phil. 1:19-25; 4:5-9.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

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Phil. 1:24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

Phil. 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of the faith,

Phil. 4:5 Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Phil. 4:6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Phil. 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brothers, what things are true, what things are dignified, what things are righteous, what things are pure, what things are lovely, what things are well spoken of, if there is any virtue and if any praise, take account of these things.

腓 4:9 你们在我身上所学习的、所领受的、所听见的、所看见的，这些事你们都要去行，平安的神就必与你们同在。

Phil. 4:9 The things which you have also learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace will be with you.

三 约伯沉缅于他美好的过去，为他悲惨的现况叹息，（伯二九 1～三十 31，）并且坚持，甚至夸耀他的正直、公义、纯全与完全（二七 1～7，三一 1～40）：

C. Job was dwelling on his excellent past and sighing over his miserable present (Job 29:1—30:31); he held fast insistently to, and even boasted of, his uprightness, righteousness, integrity, and perfection (27:1-7; 31:1-40):

伯 29:1 约伯继续他的讲论，说，
伯 29:2 唯愿我的景况如从前的月分，如神保守我的日子；
伯 29:3 那时祂的灯照在我头上，我借祂的光行过黑暗。
伯 29:4 我愿如壮年的日子，那时神眷临我的帐棚，给我亲密地指教；
伯 29:5 全能者仍与我同在，我的儿女都环绕我；
伯 29:6 我的脚在奶中洗濯，磐石为我出油成河！
伯 29:7 我出到城门，在广场设立我的座位，
伯 29:8 少年人看见我就回避，老年人也起身站立。
伯 29:9 掌权者都停止说话，用手捂口；
伯 29:10 领袖静默无声，舌头贴住上膛。
伯 29:11 耳朵听见我的，就称我有福；眼睛看见我的，便作证称赞我；
伯 29:12 因我拯救哀求的困苦人，和无人帮助的孤儿。
伯 29:13 将要灭亡的为我祝福，我也使寡妇心中欢呼。

伯 29:14 我穿上公义，公义就作了我的衣服；我的公平如同外袍和冠冕。
伯 29:15 我成了瞎子的眼，瘸子的脚。
伯 29:16 我作了穷乏人的父，又为素不认识的人查明案件。
伯 29:17 我打破不义之人的牙床，使他所抓得的从牙缝掉落。
伯 29:18 于是我说，我必死在家中；我必增添在世的日子，多如尘沙。
伯 29:19 我的根蔓延到水边，露水终夜露在我的枝上。
伯 29:20 我的荣耀在身上常新，我的弓在手中重新得力。
伯 29:21 人聆听我而期待，静默等候我的指教。
伯 29:22 我说话之后，他们就不再说话；我的言语像雨露滴在他们身上。
伯 29:23 他们期待我如期待雨水；又张开口如切慕春雨。
伯 29:24 我向他们含笑，他们不敢置信；他们并没有使我脸上的光黯淡。
伯 29:25 我为他们选择道路，又坐首位；我如君王在军队中居住，又如吊丧的安慰伤心人。
伯 30:1 但如今比我年少的人戏笑我；其人之父，我曾藐视，不肯安在看守我羊群的狗中。
伯 30:2 他们壮年的力气既已衰败，其手之力与我何益呢？
伯 30:3 他们因穷乏饥饿，身体枯瘦，在荒废凄凉的幽暗中，啃食于干燥之地；
伯 30:4 在草丛之中采咸草，罗腾的根为他们的食物。
伯 30:5 他们从人群中被赶出，人追喊他们如盗贼一般；
伯 30:6 以致他们必须住在极凶险的峡谷之间，在地洞和岩穴之中。
伯 30:7 他们在草丛中叫唤，在荆棘下聚集。
伯 30:8 这都是愚顽下贱人的儿女；他们被鞭打，赶出境外。

Job 29:1 Then Job again took up his discourse and said,
Job 29:2 Oh that I were as in the months of old, / As in the days when God watched over me;
Job 29:3 When His lamp shone over my head, / And by His light I walked through darkness;
Job 29:4 As I was in the days of my prime, / When intimate counsel with God was over my tent;
Job 29:5 When the Almighty was yet with me, / And my children were around me;
Job 29:6 When my steps were bathed in milk, / And the rock poured out for me streams of oil!
Job 29:7 When I went out to the gate of the city, / When I prepared my seat in the square,
Job 29:8 The young men saw me and hid themselves, / And the aged rose up and stood.
Job 29:9 Princes refrained from talking / And laid their hand over their mouth.
Job 29:10 The voice of the nobles was hushed, / And their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth.
Job 29:11 For when the ear heard me, it blessed me; / And when the eye saw me, it bore witness to me;
Job 29:12 Because I delivered the poor man who cried out, / And the orphan who had no one to help him.
Job 29:13 The blessing of him who was perishing came upon me, / And I made the widow's heart shout for joy.

Job 29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; / My justice was like a robe and a turban.
Job 29:15 I was eyes to the blind, / And I was feet to the lame.
Job 29:16 I was a father to the needy, / And the cause of him whom I did not know I investigated.
Job 29:17 I broke the jaws of the unjust / And made him drop the prey from his teeth.
Job 29:18 Then I said, I will die in my nest, / And I will multiply my days like the sand.
Job 29:19 My root is spread out to the water, / And dew abides on my branch at night.
Job 29:20 My glory is always new with me, / And my bow is renewed in my hand.
Job 29:21 Men listened to me and waited, / And they were silent for my counsel.
Job 29:22 After my words they spoke not again, / And my speech distilled like dew upon them.
Job 29:23 And they waited for me as for the rain, / And they opened their mouth wide as for the late rain.
Job 29:24 I smiled on them—they could not believe it; / And they did not cast down the light of my countenance.
Job 29:25 I chose the way for them and sat as chief, / And I dwelt as a king among the troops, / As one who comforts those who mourn.
Job 30:1 But now those who are younger than I / Hold me in derision, / Those whose fathers I disdained / To put with the dogs of my flock.
Job 30:2 Indeed, what good is the strength of their hands to me? / Their vigor has perished from them.
Job 30:3 Withered up through want and hunger, / They gnaw at the dry ground, / A gloom of waste and desolation.
Job 30:4 They pick the mallow upon the bushes, / And the roots of the broom shrub are their food.
Job 30:5 They are driven from the company of men; / Men cry after them as after a thief;
Job 30:6 So that they must dwell in the most dreadful ravines, / In caves of the earth and in the rocks.
Job 30:7 Among the bushes they bray; / Under the nettles they huddle.
Job 30:8 Sons of fools, indeed sons of nameless men, / They have been stricken from the land.

伯 30:9 现在我竟成了他们的歌曲，成了他们的笑谈。
伯 30:10 他们厌恶我，远远的离开我；见了面就任意吐唾沫在我脸上。
伯 30:11 神松开绳索苦待我，所以他们在我面前放肆。
伯 30:12 有下流之辈在我右边起来，推开我的脚，筑起毁坏的路攻击我。
伯 30:13 他们毁坏我的道路，加增我的灾难，对他们却无助益。
伯 30:14 他们来如同闯进大破口；在废墟中，辘辘而来。
伯 30:15 惊恐攻击我；我的尊荣被赶逐，如同被风吹散，我的兴隆如云过去。
伯 30:16 现在我里面的魂倾倒出来，极其悲伤；困苦的日子将我抓住。
伯 30:17 黑夜将我的骨头刺透，啃我的疼痛毫不止息。
伯 30:18 因神的大力，我的外衣扭折变形，如同里衣的领子将我缠住。
伯 30:19 神把我扔在淤泥中，我就象尘土和炉灰一般。
伯 30:20 主啊，我呼求你，你不应允我；我站起来，你就定睛看我。
伯 30:21 你变成以残忍待我，用你手的大能追逼我。
伯 30:22 你把我提在风中，使我驾风而行；又使我消散在风暴之中。
伯 30:23 我知道你要使我归到死地，到那为众生所定的阴宅。
伯 30:24 然而人仆倒，岂不伸手；遇灾难，岂不呼救呢？
伯 30:25 日子艰难的，我岂不为他哭泣？穷乏的，我魂岂不为他忧愁？
伯 30:26 我期望得福乐，灾祸就到了；我等待光明，黑暗便来了。
伯 30:27 我的心肠扰乱不安，困苦的日子迎我而来。
伯 30:28 我哀哭而行，黯无日光；我在会中站起来呼救。
伯 30:29 我与野狗为弟兄，与鸵鸟为同伴。
伯 30:30 我的皮肤黑而脱落；我的骨头因热烧焦。
伯 30:31 所以我的琴音变为悲音，我的箫声变为哭声。
伯 27:1 约伯继续他的讲论，说，
伯 27:2 我指着那夺去我的理的永活神，就是那使我魂愁苦的全能者起誓，
伯 27:3 只要我的气息尚在我里面，神的气仍在我的鼻孔内，
伯 27:4 我的嘴必不说不义之言，我的舌也不发诡诈之语。
伯 27:5 我绝不称你们为义！我至死必不丢弃自己的纯全。
伯 27:6 我持定我的义，必不放松；在我一生的日子，我的心必不责备我。
伯 27:7 愿我的仇敌如恶人一样，愿那起来攻击我的，如不义之人一般。
伯 31:1 我与自己的眼立了约，怎能恋恋瞻望处女呢？
伯 31:2 从在上的神所得之分，从高处全能者所得之业，是什么呢？
伯 31:3 岂不是祸患临到不义的，灾害临到作孽的么？
伯 31:4 神岂不是察看我的道路，数点我的一切脚步么？
伯 31:5 我若与虚谎同行，我的脚若急于追随诡诈；
伯 31:6 （愿神用公道的天平称我，好知道我的纯全；）
伯 31:7 我的脚步若偏离正路，我的心若随着我的眼目，若有玷污粘在我手上；
伯 31:8 就愿我所种的，有别人吃；我田所产的，连根被拔出来。

Job 30:9 And now I have become their song, / And I am a byword to them.
Job 30:10 They abhor me; they stand aloof from me; / And they do not withhold their spit from my face.
Job 30:11 For He has loosened my cord and afflicted me; / Therefore they have cast off restraint in my presence.
Job 30:12 At my right hand a brood rises up; / They send my feet running / And cast up against me their ways of destruction.
Job 30:13 They break up my path; / They promote my calamity, / Though there is no profit to them.
Job 30:14 As through a wide breach they come in; / Amid the ruin they roll on.
Job 30:15 Terrors are turned upon me; / My honor is pursued as by a wind, / And my prosperity passes away like a cloud.
Job 30:16 And now my soul is poured out within me; / Days of affliction have taken hold of me.
Job 30:17 The night rends my bones from me, / And my gnawing pains do not rest.
Job 30:18 With great force my garments are distorted; / It binds me like the collar of my coat.
Job 30:19 He has cast me into the mire, / And I am like dust and ashes.
Job 30:20 I cry unto You, but You do not answer me; / I stand up, and You stare at me.
Job 30:21 You have turned to become cruel to me; / With the might of Your hand You pursue me.
Job 30:22 You lift me up into the wind; You make me ride on it; / And You dissolve me in the storm.
Job 30:23 For I know that You will bring me into death, / And to the house appointed for all living.
Job 30:24 Nevertheless does not a man put forth his hand when he falls, / Or because of his disaster therefore cry out?
Job 30:25 Did I not weep for him who had hard days? / Was my soul not grieved for the needy?
Job 30:26 When I expected good, evil came; / And when I waited for light, darkness came.
Job 30:27 My inward parts are in turmoil and are not still; / Days of affliction have drawn near to me.
Job 30:28 I go about in sunless mourning. / I rise up in the congregation; I cry for help.
Job 30:29 I am a brother to jackals / And a companion to ostriches.
Job 30:30 My skin is black and falling from me, / And my bones burn with heat.
Job 30:31 My lyre has become mourning, / And my pipe, the voice of those who weep.
Job 27:1 Then Job again took up his discourse and said,
Job 27:2 As God lives, who has taken away my right, / And the Almighty, who has embittered my soul,
Job 27:3 As long as my breath is in me / And the spirit of God is in my nostrils,
Job 27:4 Surely my lips will not speak anything wrong, / Nor will my tongue utter deceit.
Job 27:5 Far be it from me to declare you righteous! / Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.
Job 27:6 To my righteousness I will hold fast, I will not let it go; / My heart does not reproach me for any of my days.
Job 27:7 May my enemy be like a wicked man, / And may he who rises up against me be like someone unjust.
Job 31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes; / How then can I gaze upon a virgin?
Job 31:2 What then is the portion from God above, / Or the inheritance of the Almighty on high?
Job 31:3 Is it not calamity for the unjust / And misfortune for the workers of iniquity?
Job 31:4 Does He not see my ways / And count all my steps?
Job 31:5 If I have walked with falsehood, / And my foot has hastened after deceit—
Job 31:6 Let Him weigh me in a righteous balance, / And let God know my integrity—
Job 31:7 If my step has turned from the way, / And my heart has gone after my own eyes, / And if any spot has stuck to my hands;
Job 31:8 May I sow and another eat; / Indeed may my produce be rooted up.

伯 31:9 我的心若因妇人受迷惑，我若在邻舍的门外蹲伏；

伯 31:10 就愿我的妻子给别人推磨，别人也与她同寝。

伯 31:11 因为这是大恶，是审判官当罚的罪孽。

伯 31:12 这本是焚烧直到毁灭的火，必连根拔除我所有的出产。

伯 31:13 我的仆婢与我争辩的时候，我若藐视不听他们的情节，

伯 31:14 神兴起，我怎样行呢？祂查问，我怎样回答呢？

伯 31:15 造我在腹中的，不也造他么？使我们成形在腹中的，岂不是一位么？

伯 31:16 我若不容贫寒人得其所愿，或叫寡妇眼中失望，

伯 31:17 或独自吃我一点食物，没有孤儿与我同吃；

伯 31:18 （从幼年时孤儿与我同长，好象儿子与父亲一样；我从出母腹就扶助寡妇；）

伯 31:19 我若见人因无衣死亡，或见穷乏人身无遮盖；

伯 31:20 我若不使他因我羊的毛得暖，心中为我祝福；

伯 31:21 我若在城门口见有帮助我的，就举手攻击孤儿；

伯 31:22 情愿我的肩胛骨从肩头脱落，我的膀臂在手肘处折断。

伯 31:23 因为神降的灾祸使我恐惧，因祂的威严，我不能妄为。

伯 31:24 我若以金子为指望，对精金说，你是我的倚靠；

伯 31:25 我若因财物丰裕，因我手所得的甚多而欢喜；

伯 31:26 我若见太阳发光，明月行在空中，

伯 31:27 心就暗暗被引诱，口便亲手；

伯 31:28 这也是审判官当罚的罪孽，因我背弃在上的神。

伯 31:29 我若见恨我的人遭灾难就欢喜，见他遭祸患便高兴；

伯 31:30 （我没有容口犯罪，以咒诅求灭他的性命；）

伯 31:31 若我帐棚的人未曾说，谁不从我们主人的肉食得饱呢？

伯 31:32 （我从来没有容客旅在街上住宿，总是开门迎接行路的人；）

伯 31:33 我若像亚当遮掩我的过犯，将罪孽藏在怀中，

伯 31:34 因惧怕大众，又因家族藐视我使我惊恐，以致闭口无言，杜门不出；

伯 31:35 唯愿有一位肯听我！在这里有所画的押，愿全能者回答我。愿控告我的写上状辞。

伯 31:36 我必将状辞带在肩上，又绑在头上为冠冕；

伯 31:37 我必向祂述说我脚步的数目，必如君王进到祂面前！

伯 31:38 我的地若喊冤控告我，地的犁沟若一同哭泣；

伯 31:39 我若吃我地所效力的却不给价银，或叫原主丧命；

伯 31:40 愿这地长出蒺藜代替麦子，长出恶草代替大麦。约伯的话说完了。

1 然而，保罗却操练忘记背后已过的事，好赢得目前“今天的基督”到最完满的地步——腓三 8，13～14。

腓 3:8 不但如此，我也将万事看作亏损，因我以认识我主基督

Job 31:9 If my heart has been enticed into following after a woman, / Or I have lain in wait at my neighbor's door;

Job 31:10 May my wife grind for another, / And may others kneel over her.

Job 31:11 For that would have been a heinous act, / And it would be wickedness, to be punished by the judges.

Job 31:12 For it is a fire that devours to Abaddon / And would root up all my increase.

Job 31:13 If I have despised the cause of my servant or my maid / When they contended with me,

Job 31:14 What then will I do when God rises up? / And when He visits me, what will I answer Him?

Job 31:15 Did not He who made me in the womb make him? / And was it not One who fashioned us in the womb?

Job 31:16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, / Or have let the eyes of the widow fail,

Job 31:17 Or have eaten my morsel alone / Without the orphan eating of it—

Job 31:18 Rather, from my youth he grew up with me as with a father, / And from my mother's womb I guided the widow—

Job 31:19 If I have seen someone perishing from lack of clothing / Or that the needy had no covering;

Job 31:20 If his loins have not blessed me, / And he has not been made warm with the fleece of my sheep;

Job 31:21 If I have raised my hand against the orphan / Because I saw that I had support among those in the gate;

Job 31:22 May my shoulder blade fall from the shoulder, / And may my arm be broken at the elbow.

Job 31:23 For calamity from God is dreadful to me, / And because of His majesty I can do nothing.

Job 31:24 If I have made gold my hope, / And have called fine gold my confidence;

Job 31:25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great / And because my hand had acquired much;

Job 31:26 If I have looked at the sun when it shone / Or the moon going on in splendor,

Job 31:27 And my heart has been secretly enticed, / And my mouth has kissed my hand;

Job 31:28 It too would be wickedness, to be punished by the judges, / For I would have denied God above.

Job 31:29 If I have rejoiced at the misfortune of him who hated me, / Or have exulted when evil found him—

Job 31:30 Rather, I have not allowed my mouth to sin / By asking for his life with a curse—

Job 31:31 If the men of my tent have not said, / Who can find one who has not been filled with our master's meat?—

Job 31:32 The sojourner has not lodged in the street; / I have opened my doors to the highway—

Job 31:33 If I have covered my transgressions as Adam did / By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

Job 31:34 Because I so dreaded the great multitude, / And the contempt of the families so frightened me, / That I was silent and did not go out my door—

Job 31:35 Oh, that I had someone to hear me! / Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me. / And let my accuser write up the charge.

Job 31:36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; / I would bind it onto me like a crown;

Job 31:37 I would declare to Him the number of my steps; / Like a prince I would approach Him!

Job 31:38 If my land cries out against me, / And its furrows weep together;

Job 31:39 If I have eaten its strength without money, / And have caused its owners to lose their life;

Job 31:40 May thorns come forth instead of wheat, / And pungent weeds instead of barley. / The words of Job are ended.

1. Paul, however, exercised to forget the things that were behind in the past in order to gain the present “today Christ” to the fullest extent—Phil. 3:8, 13-14.

Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of

耶稣为至宝；我因祂已经亏损万事，看作粪土，为要赢得基督，

腓 3:13 弟兄们，我不是以为自己已经取得了，我只有一件事，就是忘记背后，努力面前的，

腓 3:14 向着标竿竭力追求，要得神在基督耶稣里，召我向上去得的奖赏。

2 不仅如此，保罗不是昨天的人，乃是今天的人；（来三7～8，14，诗九五7～8；）我们不该往前看将来，也不该回顾已往；我们乃是今天的人。（太六11，33～34，路十九9～10，二三43。）

来 3:7 所以，正如圣灵所说的，“你们今日若听见祂的声音，
来 3:8 就不可硬着心，象在旷野惹祂发怒时，试探祂的日子一样；
来 3:14 “你们今日若听见祂的声音，就不可硬着心，象惹祂发怒的时候一样。”当这话还在说的时候，
诗 95:7 因为祂是我们的神，我们是祂草场上的民，是祂手下的羊。你们今日若听见祂的声音，
诗 95:8 就不可硬着心，象在米利巴，象在旷野玛撒的日子一样；
太 6:11 我们日用的食物，今日赐给我们；
太 6:33 但你们要先寻求祂的国和祂的义，这一切就都要加给你们了。
太 6:34 所以你们不要为明天忧虑，因为明天自有明天的忧虑，一天的难处一天当就够了。
路 19:9 耶稣说，今天救恩到了这家，因为他也是亚伯拉罕的子孙。

路 19:10 人子来，是要寻找拯救失落的人。
路 23:43 耶稣对他说，我实在告诉你，今日你要同我在乐园里了。

3 我们所爱的基督乃是现在的基督、今日的基督，也是在诸天之上、宝座上的基督，作我们每天的救恩并时刻的供应，支持我们在地上过属天的生活——太二八20，彼前一8，来八2，四14～15，七26，林后六2，罗五10。

太 28:20 凡我所吩咐你们的，无论是什么，都教训他们遵守；看哪，我天天与你们同在，直到这世代的终结。
彼前 1:8 你们虽然没有见过祂，却是爱祂，如今虽不得看见，却因信入祂而欢腾，有说不出、满有荣光的喜乐，
来 8:2 作了圣所，就是真帐幕的执事；这帐幕是主所支的，不是人所支的。
来 4:14 所以，我们既有一位经过了诸天，尊大的大祭司，就是神的儿子耶稣，便当坚守所承认的。
来 4:15 因我们并非有一位不能同情我们软弱的大祭司，祂乃是在各方面受过试诱，与我们一样，只是没有罪。
来 7:26 像这样圣而无邪恶、无玷污、与罪人分别，并且高过诸天

Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

Phil. 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

2. Furthermore, Paul was not a person of yesterday but a person of today (Heb. 3:7-8, 15; Psa. 95:7-8); we should not look ahead to the future and not look back to the past; we are people of today (Matt. 6:11, 33-34; Luke 19:9-10; 23:43).

Heb. 3:7 Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice,
Heb. 3:8 Do not harden your hearts as in the provocation, in the day of trial in the wilderness,
Heb. 3:15 While it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the provocation."

Psa. 95:7 For He is our God, / And we are the people of His pasture / And the flock of His hand. / Today, if you hear His voice,
Psa. 95:8 Do not harden your heart as at Meribah, / As in the day of Massah in the wilderness;
Matt. 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.
Matt. 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
Matt. 6:34 Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself; sufficient for the day is its own evil.
Luke 19:9 And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham.
Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.
Luke 23:43 And He said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

3. The Christ whom we love is the Christ now, the Christ today, and the Christ on the throne in the heavens, who is our daily salvation and moment-by-moment supply, sustaining us to live a heavenly life on earth—Matt. 28:20; 1 Pet. 1:8; Heb. 8:2; 4:14-15; 7:26; 2 Cor. 6:2; Rom. 5:10.

Matt. 28:20 Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.
1 Pet. 1:8 Whom having not seen, you love; into whom though not seeing Him at present, yet believing, you exult with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory,
Heb. 8:2 A Minister of the holy places, even of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

Heb. 4:14 Having therefore a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession.
Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all respects like us, yet without sin.
Heb. 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners

的大祭司，原是与们合宜的；

林后 6:2 因为他说，“在悦纳的时候，我应允了你；在拯救的日子，我济助了你。”看哪，现在正是最可蒙悦纳的时候；看哪，现在正是拯救的日子。

罗 5:10 因为我们作仇敌的时候，且借着神儿子的死得与神和好，既已和好，就更要在祂的生命里得救了。

4 当我们完全成为新耶路撒冷时，我们所有的乃是今天，因为永世里的每一天都是今天；我们唯一拥有的日子是今天，不是明天。

四 约伯借着八次对他三个朋友的讲话，暴露了自己是有以下特征的人：

1 约伯是自义的；（伯六 30，九 20，二七 5～6，三二 1；）他因自己天然人的成功和成就而昏暗，满意于自己所成为的，却不知道自己在神面前可怜的光景。（参腓三 9，后三 17～18。）

伯 6:30 我的舌上，岂有不义？我的上膛，岂不能辨别奸恶么？

伯 9:20 我虽是义的，我口要定我为有罪；我虽完全，我口必显我为弯曲。

伯 27:5 我绝不称你们为义！我至死必不丢弃自己的纯全。

伯 27:6 我持定我的义，必不放松；在我一生的日子，我的心必不责备我。

伯 32:1 于是这三个人，因约伯自以为义，就不再回答他。

腓 3:9 并且给人看出我是在祂里面，不是有自己那本于律法的义，乃是有那借着信基督而有的义，就是那基于信、本于神的义，

启 3:17 因为你说，我是富足，已经发了财，一样都不缺；却不知道你是那困苦、可怜、贫穷、瞎眼、赤身的。

启 3:18 我劝你向我买火炼的金子，叫你富足；又买白衣穿上，叫你赤身的羞耻不露出来；又买眼药擦你的眼睛，使你能看见。

2 约伯只是在名义上承认神，却不是在实际里；他没有被神浸透，被神充满，也没有与神调和而与神成为一——诗九二 10，利二 4～5，罗八 16，提后四 22，林前六 17，弗三 19，五 18，26，来二 10～11。

诗 92:10 你却高举了我的角，如野牛的角；我是被新油膏了的。

利 2:4 你若献炉中烤的物为素祭作供物，就要用细面，作成调油的无酵饼，或抹油的无酵薄饼。

利 2:5 你的供物若用煎盘上作的物为素祭，就要用调油的无酵细面，

and having become higher than the heavens,

2 Cor. 6:2 For He says, "In an acceptable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is the well-acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Rom. 5:10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

4. When we fully become the New Jerusalem, we will have today since every day in eternity is today; the only day we have is today, not tomorrow.

D. Through his eight times of speaking to his three friends, Job exposed himself as a person with the following characteristics:

1. Job was self-righteous (Job 6:30; 9:20; 27:5-6; 32:1); he was darkened by the success and attainments of his natural being, contented with what he had become, yet he was unaware of his miserable situation before God (cf. Phil. 3:9; Rev. 3:17-18).

Job 6:30 Is there any injustice on my tongue? / Can my palate not discern calamities?

Job 9:20 Though I am righteous, my mouth would condemn me; / Though I am perfect, it would prove me perverse.

Job 27:5 Far be it from me to declare you righteous! / Until I die, I will not put away my integrity from me.

Job 27:6 To my righteousness I will hold fast, I will not let it go; / My heart does not reproach me for any of my days.

Job 32:1 Then these three men ceased answering Job, for he was righteous in his own eyes.

Phil. 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

Rev. 3:17 Because you say, I am wealthy and have become rich and have need of nothing, and do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

Rev. 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

2. Job acknowledged God in name but not in reality; he was not saturated by God, filled with God, and mingled with God to become one with God——Psa. 92:10; Lev. 2:4-5; Rom. 8:16; 2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17; Eph. 3:19; 5:18, 26; Heb. 2:10-11.

Psa. 92:10 But You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; / I am anointed with fresh oil.

Lev. 2:4 And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Lev. 2:5 And if your offering is a meal offering baked on a flat plate, it shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened.

罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。
提后 4:22 愿主与你的灵同在。愿恩典与你们同在。
林前 6:17 但与主联合的，便是与主成为一灵。
弗 3:19 并认识基督那超越知识的爱，使你们被充满，成为神一切的丰满。
弗 5:18 不要醉酒，醉酒使人放荡，乃要在灵里被充满，
弗 5:26 好圣化召会，借着话中之水的洗涤洁净召会，
来 2:10 原来万有因祂而有，借祂而造的那位，为着要领许多的儿子进荣耀里去，就借着苦难成全他们救恩的创始者，这对祂本是合宜的。
来 2:11 因那圣别人的，和那些被圣别的，都是出于一；因这缘故，祂称他们为弟兄，并不以为耻，说，

3 约伯没有得着那作神的生机体、以活神并彰显神直到永远之新耶路撒冷某些方面和某些特征的任何元素；反之，神的名，新耶路撒冷的名，并主的新名，写在得胜者上面，指明神的所是、新耶路撒冷的性质、以及主的人位，都已作到得胜者里面——启 3:12。

启 3:12 得胜的，我要叫他在我神殿中作柱子，他也绝不再从那里出去；我又要将我神的名，和我神城的名，（这城就是从天上从我神那里降下来的新耶路撒冷，）并我的新名，都写在他上面。

五 约伯和他的朋友们都不知道神对付约伯的目的，如使徒保罗向新约信徒所宣告的：信徒所受的苦楚是要为他们成就永远重大的荣耀，就是荣耀的神作他们荣耀的分，给他们得着并享受，直到永远——林后 4:17。

林后 4:17 因为我们这短暂轻微的苦楚，要极尽超越地为我们成就永远重大的荣耀。

六 约伯和他的朋友们若花时间在谦卑的灵里寻求神，并在祷告里操练他们的灵，（赛五七 15，六六 2，西四 2，）神就可能给他们看见在基督里得重生、变化并荣化的圣徒，与天然的人无分无关，也不需要天然人的美德建立自己。

赛 57:15 因为那至高至上、住在永远、名为圣者的如此说，我必住在至高至圣的所在，也与灵里痛悔卑微的人同居，要使卑微之人的灵苏醒，也使痛悔之人的心苏醒。

Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
2 Tim. 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
1 Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
Eph. 3:19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.
Eph. 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,
Eph. 5:26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,
Heb. 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
Heb. 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

3. Job did not possess any element that indicated some aspect and some feature of the New Jerusalem as God's organism to live God and to express God for eternity; in contrast to this, the name of God, the name of the New Jerusalem, and the name of the Lord are written upon the overcomer, indicating that what God is, the nature of the New Jerusalem, and the person of the Lord have all been wrought into the overcomer—Rev. 3:12.

Rev. 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

E. Neither Job nor his friends knew the purpose of God's dealing with him, as the apostle Paul did in declaring to the New Testament believers that the affliction the believers are suffering works out for them an eternal weight of glory, which is the God of glory to be their glorious portion for them to gain and enjoy unto eternity—2 Cor. 4:17.

2 Cor. 4:17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

F. If Job and his friends had taken the time to seek God in a spirit of humility and by exercising their spirit in prayer (Isa. 57:15; 66:2; Col. 4:2), God could have shown them that a regenerated, transformed, and glorified saint in Christ has nothing to do with the natural man and does not need to build up himself with the natural virtues.

Isa. 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One, / Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: / I will dwell in the high and holy place, / And with the contrite and lowly of spirit, / To revive the spirit of the lowly / And to revive the heart of the contrite.

赛 66:2 耶和華說，這一切都是我手所造的，所以就都有了；但我所看顧的，就是靈里貧窮痛悔、因我話戰兢的人。

西 4:2 你們要堅定持續地禱告，在此儆醒感恩，

七 這屬天的異象就會拯救他們，免去他們在約伯記三十五章經文里浪費時間、加添痛苦、并虛空的辯論；這些經文乃是一群瞎眼的人在黑暗中摸索的記載；他們談論神，也說到他們的靈，（三二 8，）但在他們三回長篇的辯論中，他們運用他們的心思，而沒有運用靈為約伯禱告并彼此交通，好叫他們都能摸着神，得着神作他們的生命、光和屬靈的供應：

伯 32:8 但在人里面有靈，全能者的氣使人有聰明。

1 我們若要有活力排，就必須以約伯記里這些人的談論為警戒；我們在約伯記中所看見的排聚會，提供我們一個消極的例子，是我們今天在召會生活中所不該有的排聚會；我們來在一起時，頭一件必須作的事就是操練我們的靈禱告；活力排就是活力禱告的排——參徒十二 5，11～12，來十 24～25，三 13。

徒 12:5 於是彼得被囚在監里，召會就為他切切地禱告神。

徒 12:11 彼得清醒過來，說，我現在真知道主差遣祂的使者，救我脫離希律的手，和猶大百姓一切所期待的。

徒 12:12 他既明白過來，就往那稱呼馬可的約翰他母親馬利亞家去，在那里有好些人聚集禱告。

來 10:24 且當彼此相顧，激發愛心，勉勵行善；

來 10:25 不可放棄我們自己的聚集，好象有些人習慣了一樣，倒要彼此勉勵；既看見那日子臨近，就更當如此。

來 3:13 總要趁着還有稱為“今日”的時候，天天彼此相勸，免得你們中間有人被罪迷惑，心就剛硬了。

2 活力排的活力在於這二靈：在於人的靈並在於神的靈；基督徒的生活就是終極完成的靈作為三一神的終極完成，住我們重生的靈里，並且這二靈調和為一靈——約四 24，羅八 16，林前六 17，加三 14，六 18。

Isa. 66:2 For all these things My hand has made, / And so all these things have come into being, declares Jehovah. / But to this kind of man will I look, to him who is poor / And of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Col. 4:2 Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,

G. This heavenly vision would have saved them from the time-wasting, pain-increasing, and vain debates in thirty-five chapters as a record of a group of blind persons groping in darkness; they talked about God and also referred to their spirit (Job 32:8), but they exercised their mind in three rounds of long debates instead of exercising their spirit to pray for Job and to fellowship with one another so that all of them could touch God and receive God as their life, light, and spiritual supply:

Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man, / And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.

1. If we are going to have vital groups, we must be warned by these talks in the book of Job; the group we see in the book of Job affords us a negative example; it is the kind of group meeting we should not have in the church life today; the first thing that we must do when we come together is to exercise our spirit to pray; the vital groups are groups of vital prayer—cf. Acts 12:5, 11-12; Heb. 10:24-25; 3:13.

Acts 12:5 So then Peter was kept in the prison; but prayer was being made fervently by the church to God concerning him.

Acts 12:11 And Peter came to himself and said, Now I know truly that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me out of Herod's hand and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.

Acts 12:12 And when he became aware of this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was surnamed Mark, where there was a considerable number assembled together and praying.

Heb. 10:24 And let us consider one another so as to incite one another to love and good works,

Heb. 10:25 Not abandoning our own assembling together, as the custom with some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the day drawing near.

Heb. 3:13 But exhort one another each day, as long as it is called "today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin—

2. The groups are vital in these two spirits—vital in our human spirit and vital in God's divine Spirit; the Christian life is a life of the consummated Spirit as the consummation of the Triune God dwelling in and mingled with our regenerated spirit to be one spirit—John 4:24; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17; Gal. 3:14; 6:18.

约 4:24 神是灵；敬拜祂的，必须在灵和真实里敬拜。
罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。
林前 6:17 但与主联合的，便是与主成为一灵。
加 3:14 为叫亚伯拉罕的福，在基督耶稣里可以临到外邦人，使我们借着信，可以接受所应许的那灵。
加 6:18 弟兄们，愿我们主耶稣基督的恩与你们的灵同在。阿们。

3 我们要学习在我们的灵里接触神的灵；这是基督徒生活和工作的内在意义；这是神在人里的行动，以及人在神里的行动，以完成祂的经纶，祂的计划，就是将祂自己在基督里作为那灵分赐到人里面，为要建造基督的身体并预备祂的新妇，以终极完成新耶路撒冷——林后二 13，腓三 3，罗一 9。

林后 2:13 那时没有找到我的弟兄提多，我灵里不安，便辞别那里的人，往马其顿去了。
腓 3:3 真爱割礼的，乃是我们这凭神的灵事奉，在基督耶稣里夸口，不依靠肉体的。
罗 1:9 我在祂儿子的福音上，在我灵里所事奉的神，可以见证我怎样在祷告中，常常不住地提到你们，

4 保罗在罗马书里强调凡我们所是的、（二 29，八 5～6，9、）我们所有的、（十 16、）以及我们向神所作的，（一 9，七 6，八 4，十二 11，）都必须在我们的灵里；我们必须被成全、被建立成为在灵里的人；我们要作爱神的人，要作寻求基督的人，要作得胜者，除了在灵里以外，别无他途。（后一 10，四 2，十七 3，二一 10。）

罗 2:29 唯有在内里作的，才是犹太人；割礼也是心里的，在于灵，不在于字句。这人的称赞，不是从人来的，乃是从神来的。
罗 8:5 因为照着肉体的人，思念肉体的事；照着灵的人，思念那灵的事。
罗 8:6 因为心思置于肉体，就是死；心思置于灵，乃是生命平安。
罗 8:9 但神的灵若住在你们里面，你们就不在肉体里，乃在灵里了；然而人若没有基督的灵，就不是属基督的。
罗 8:10 但基督若在你们里面，身体固然因罪是死的，灵却因义是生命。
罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。
罗 1:9 我在祂儿子的福音上，在我灵里所事奉的神，可以见证我怎样在祷告中，常常不住地提到你们，
罗 7:6 但我们既然在捆我们的律法上死了，现今就脱离了律法，叫我们在灵的新样里服事，不在字句的旧样里。

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.
Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
1 Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
Gal. 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
Gal. 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

3. We need to learn to touch the divine Spirit in our spirit; this is the intrinsic significance of the Christian life and work; this is the move of God in man and the move of man in God to fulfill His economy, His plan, to dispense Himself in Christ as the Spirit into man in order to build up His Body and prepare His bride to consummate the New Jerusalem—2 Cor. 2:13; Phil. 3:3; Rom. 1:9.

2 Cor. 2:13 I had no rest in my spirit, for I did not find Titus my brother; but taking leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.
Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,
Rom. 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers,

4. Paul stresses in the book of Romans that whatever we are (2:29; 8:5-6, 9), whatever we have (vv. 10, 16), and whatever we do toward God (1:9; 7:6; 8:4; 12:11) must be in our spirit; we must be perfected and built up to be persons in the spirit; there is no other way to be a lover of God, to be a seeker of Christ, or to be an overcomer than to be in the spirit (Rev. 1:10; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10).

Rom. 2:29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, in spirit, not in letter, whose praise is not from men, but from God.
Rom. 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the spirit, the things of the Spirit.
Rom. 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.
Rom. 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.
Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
Rom. 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers,
Rom. 7:6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that in which we were held, so that we serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of letter.

罗 8:4 使律法义的要求，成就在我们这不照着肉体，只照着灵而行的人身上。
 罗 12:11 殷勤不可懒惰，要灵里火热，常常服事主。
 启 1:10 当主日我在灵里，听见在我后面有大声音如吹号说，
 启 4:2 我立刻就在灵里；看哪，有一个宝座安置在天上，又有一位坐在宝座上。
 启 17:3 我在灵里，天使带我到旷野去；我就看见一个女人骑在朱红色的兽上，那兽满了亵渎的名号，有七头十角。
 启 21:10 我在灵里，天使带我到一座高大的山，将那由神那里从天而降的圣城耶路撒冷指给我看。

Rom. 8:4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
 Rom. 12:11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.
 Rev. 1:10 I was in spirit on the Lord's Day and heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
 Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;
 Rev. 17:3 And he carried me away in spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
 Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

贰 在旧约里约伯所经历神的销毁和剥夺，远不如在新约里保罗所经历的——提前 1:16:

II. Job's experience of God's consuming and stripping in the Old Testament was far behind that of Paul in the New Testament—1 Tim. 1:16:

提前 1:16 然而，我所以蒙了怜悯，是要叫耶稣基督在我这罪魁身上，显示祂一切的恒忍，给后来信靠祂得永远生命的人作榜样。

1 Tim. 1:16 But because of this I was shown mercy, that in me, the foremost, Jesus Christ might display all His long-suffering for a pattern to those who are to believe on Him unto eternal life.

一 神的销毁是要消耗我们；神的剥夺是要拆毁并取去那顶替我们活出基督以彰显基督之天然纯全的总和——我们天然性格上的完全和正直——腓 1:19~20, 三 4~9 上。

A. God's consuming is to exhaust us, and God's stripping is to tear down and take away the totality of our natural integrity—our natural perfection and uprightness in our character—that replaces our living out Christ to express Christ—Phil. 1:19-20; 3:4-9a.

腓 1:19 因为我知道，这事借着你们的祈求，和耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，终必叫我得救。
 腓 1:20 这是照着我所专切期待并盼望的，就是没有一事会叫我羞愧，只要凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大，
 腓 3:4 其实我也可以信靠肉体；若别人自以为可以信靠肉体，我更可以：
 腓 3:5 论割礼，我是第八天受的，我是出于以色列族便雅悯支派，是希伯来人所生的希伯来人；按律法说，是法利赛人；
 腓 3:6 按热心说，是逼迫召会的；按律法上的义说，是无可指摘的。
 腓 3:7 只是从前我以为对我是赢得的，这些，我因基督都已经看作亏损。
 腓 3:8 不但如此，我也将万事看作亏损，因我以认识我主基督耶稣为至宝；我因祂已经亏损万事，看作粪土，为要赢得基督，
 腓 3:9 并且给人看出我是在祂里面，不是有自己那本于律法的义，乃是有那借着信基督而有的义，就是那基于信、本于神的义，

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
 Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
 Phil. 3:4 Though I myself have something to be confident of in the flesh as well. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I more:
 Phil. 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day; of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
 Phil. 3:6 As to zeal, persecuting the church; as to the righteousness which is in the law, become blameless.
 Phil. 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.
 Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ
 Phil. 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

二 天天时时，约伯一直被销毁，他并不喜乐，但在新约里，神的销毁和剥夺成为可喜悦的事；

B. Day by day and hour by hour, Job was unhappily being consumed, but in the New Testament, God's consuming and stripping become

自保罗信主那天起，他就是一个在神的销毁和剥夺之下主里的囚犯，但他满了喜乐和欢乐——徒九 15～16，林后四 16，腓一 19～21 上，弗三 1，四 1，腓一 4，18，25，二 2，17～18，28～29，三 1，四 1，4。

- 徒 9:15 主却对亚拿尼亚说，你只管去，因为这人是我所拣选的器皿，要在外邦人和君王并以色列子孙面前，宣扬我的名；
- 徒 9:16 我要指示他，为我的名必须受许多的苦难。
- 林后 4:16 所以我们不丧胆，反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏，我们里面的人却日日在更新。
- 腓 1:19 因为我知道，这事借着你们的祈求，和耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，终必叫我得救。
- 腓 1:20 这是照着我所专切期待并盼望的，就是没有一事会叫我羞愧，只要凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大，
- 腓 1:21 上 因为在我，活着就是基督，...
- 弗 3:1 因这缘故，我这为你们外邦人作基督耶稣囚犯的保罗，为你们祈求——
- 弗 4:1 所以我这在主里的囚犯劝你们，行事为人要与你们所蒙的呼召相配，
- 腓 1:4 每逢为你们众人祈求的时候，总是欢欢喜喜地祈求，
- 腓 1:18 这有何妨呢？或假意，或真诚，无论怎样，基督究竟被宣传开了，为此我就欢喜，并且还要欢喜；
- 腓 1:25 我既然这样深信，就知道仍要留下，继续与你们众人同住，使你们得到信仰上的进步和喜乐，
- 腓 2:2 你们就要使我的喜乐满足，就是要思念相同的事，有相同的爱，魂里联结，思念同一件事，
- 腓 2:17 然而，即使我成为奠祭，浇灌在你们信心的祭物和供奉上，也是喜乐，并且与你们众人一同喜乐。
- 腓 2:18 你们也要同样喜乐，并且与我一同喜乐。
- 腓 2:28 所以我越发急切打发他去，叫你们再见到他，就可以喜乐，我也可以少些忧愁。
- 腓 2:29 因此你们要在主里欢欢喜喜地接待他，并且要尊重这样的人，
- 腓 3:1 还有，我的弟兄们，你们要在主里喜乐。把同样的话写给你们，于我并不为难，于你们却是妥当。
- 腓 4:1 所以，我所亲爱所切慕的弟兄们，我的喜乐和冠冕——亲爱的，你们要这样在主里站立得住。
- 腓 4:4 你们要在主里常常喜乐，我再说，你们要喜乐。

三 保罗已经与基督同钉十字架；借着了结和新生的起头而再生，就是重生时就钉了十字架；（约三 5，罗六 4，西二 12；）我们就象保罗一样，在重生时

pleasant things; since the day he was converted, Paul was a person under God's consuming and stripping as a prisoner in the Lord, but he was filled with joy and rejoicing—Acts 9:15-16; 2 Cor. 4:16; Phil. 1:19-21a; Eph. 3:1; 4:1; Phil. 1:4, 18, 25; 2:2, 17-18, 28-29; 3:1; 4:1, 4.

- Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, Go, for this man is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before both the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;
- Acts 9:16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer on behalf of My name.
- 2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.
- Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- Phil. 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ...
- Eph. 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you, the Gentiles—
- Eph. 4:1 I beseech you therefore, I, the prisoner in the Lord, to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,
- Phil. 1:4 Always in my every petition on behalf of you all, making my petition with joy,
- Phil. 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truthfulness, Christ is announced; and in this I rejoice; yes, and I will rejoice;
- Phil. 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of the faith,
- Phil. 2:2 Make my joy full, that you think the same thing, having the same love, joined in soul, thinking the one thing,
- Phil. 2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all.
- Phil. 2:18 And in like manner you also rejoice, and you rejoice together with me.
- Phil. 2:28 I have sent him therefore the more eagerly, so that when you see him again, you may rejoice and I may be less sorrowful.
- Phil. 2:29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy, and hold such in honor,
- Phil. 3:1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, for me it is not irksome, but for you it is safe.
- Phil. 4:1 So then, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, in the same way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.
- Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

C. Paul was crucified with Christ; to be reborn through termination and germination is to be regenerated crucified (John 3:5; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12); we, like Paul, were reborn crucified for the purpose that from

已经被钉十字架，目的是从那时起，不再是我们活着，乃是基督在我们里面活着。（加二 20。）

- 约 3:5 耶稣回答说，我实实在在地告诉你，人若不是从水和灵生的，就不能进神的国。
- 罗 6:4 所以我们借着浸入死，和祂一同埋葬，好叫我们在生命的新样中生活行动，象基督借着父的荣耀，从死人中复活一样。
- 西 2:12 在受浸中与祂一同埋葬，也在受浸中，借着那叫祂从死人中复活之神所运行的信心，与祂一同复活。
- 加 2:20 我已经与基督同钉十字架；现在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身里所活的生命，是我在神儿子的信里，与祂联结所活的，祂是爱我，为我舍了自己。

四 现今我们基督徒的生活是借死而活；（20，林前十五 31，36，约十二 24，林后四 11；）借死而活乃是背十字架的正确意义。（太十六 24～26，诗歌四六一首。）

- 加 2:20 我已经与基督同钉十字架；现在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身里所活的生命，是我在神儿子的信里，与祂联结所活的，祂是爱我，为我舍了自己。
- 林前 15:31 弟兄们，我指着我为你们在我们主基督耶稣里所有的夸耀，郑重地说，我是天天死。
- 林前 15:36 愚昧的人，你所种的，若不死就不能生；
- 约 12:24 我实实在在地告诉你们，一粒麦子不落在地里死了，仍旧是一粒；若是死了，就结出许多子粒来。
- 林后 4:11 因为我们这活着的人，是常为耶稣被交于死，使耶稣的生命，也在我们这必死的肉身上显明出来。
- 太 16:24 于是耶稣对门徒说，若有人要跟从我，就当否认己，背起他的十字架，并跟从我。
- 太 16:25 因为凡要救自己魂生命的，必丧失魂生命；凡为我丧失自己魂生命的，必得着魂生命。
- 太 16:26 人若赚得全世界，却赔上自己的魂生命，有什么益处？人还能拿什么换自己的魂生命？

诗歌四六一首

一	十架人若背起， 十架人若背起， 十架人若不离， 因为十架用意， 所以十架经历，	岂只受苦而已！ 终必被置死地！ 就是使人绝气； 总是结束自己。
二	这是神的救法， 像是残酷刑罚， 非让十架剪除， 十架将我结束，	将人十架治杀； 实是荣耀救拔； 不能经历基督； 基督才能活出。

that time it would be no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us (Gal. 2:20).

- John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- Rom. 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
- Col. 2:12 Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

D. Now in our Christian life we are dying to live (v. 20; 1 Cor. 15:31, 36; John 12:24; 2 Cor. 4:11); dying to live is the proper meaning of bearing the cross (Matt. 16:24-26; Hymns, #622).

- Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- 1 Cor. 15:31 I protest by the boasting in you, brothers, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
- 1 Cor. 15:36 Foolish man, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies;
- John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- 2 Cor. 4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
- Matt. 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- Matt. 16:25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.
- Matt. 16:26 For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?

Hymn 622 Subject: The Way Of The Cross—The Meaning Of The Cross

- 1 If we take up the cross, will we but suffer pain?
Nay, if we bear the cross, be sure that we will die!
The meaning of the cross is that we may be slain;
The cross experienced the self will crucify.
- 2 Divine deliverance e'er slays man by the cross;
Though cruel it may seem, it is a grand release.
Christ ne'er will be our life if we escape the cross;
Christ ne'er will be expressed but by our sure decease.

三 十架最终目的，乃是成功神意；
神意最大仇敌，乃是人的自己；
治死魂的生命，自己才能除净；
除去己的性情，神意才得通行。

3 The cross's final goal, that God's will be fulfilled;
His will's arch enemy is but the self of man.
If self be done away and all the soul-life killed,
God's will shall then prevail and prospered be His plan.

五 保罗在经历神的销毁和剥夺时，四面受压，却不被困住；打倒了，却不至灭亡；保罗没有咒诅自己的生日，也没有说宁愿死，不愿生；相反的，经过许多考量后，保罗说，他宁愿活着，为使圣徒得到信仰上的进步（他们生命的长大）和喜乐（他们对基督的享受）——林后一8~9，加二20，腓一21~25。

E. In his experience of God's consuming and stripping, Paul was not constricted under the pressures on every side and did not perish despite his being cast down; Paul did not curse the day of his birth, and he did not say that he preferred to die rather than to live; on the contrary, after much consideration Paul said that he still preferred to live for the saints' progress (their growth in life) and for their joy of the faith (their enjoyment of Christ)—2 Cor. 1:8-9; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:21-25.

林后 1:8 弟兄们，关于我们在亚西亚所遭遇的患难，我们不愿意你们不知道，就是我们被压太重，力不能胜，甚至连活命的指望都绝了，

2 Cor. 1:8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living.

林后 1:9 自己里面也断定是必死的，叫我们不信靠自己，只信靠那叫死人复活的神；

2 Cor. 1:9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

加 2:20 我已经与基督同钉十字架；现在活着的，不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身里所活的生命，是我在神儿子的信里，与祂联结所活的，祂是爱我，为我舍了自己。

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

腓 1:21 因为在我，活着就是基督，死了就有益处。

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

腓 1:22 但我在肉身活着，若使我的工作有果子，我就不知道该挑选什么。

Phil. 1:22 But if I am to live in the flesh, if this to me is fruit for my work, then I do not know what I will choose.

腓 1:23 我正困迫于两难之间，情愿离世与基督同在，因为那是好得无比的；

Phil. 1:23 But I am constrained between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for this is far better;

腓 1:24 然而留在肉身，为你们更是需要的。

Phil. 1:24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

腓 1:25 我既然这样深信，就知道仍要留下，继续与你们众人同住，使你们得到信仰上的进步和喜乐，

Phil. 1:25 And being confident of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of the faith,

六 当保罗为基督的缘故受困苦时，（林后十二10，）他是喜悦快乐的，甚至为着他的经历而在主里喜乐。（西一24，腓二17~18。）

F. When Paul was suffering distresses for the sake of Christ (2 Cor. 12:10), he was well pleased, he was happy, and he was even rejoicing in the Lord for his experiences (Col. 1:24; Phil. 2:17-18).

林后 12:10 因此，我为基督的缘故，就以软弱、凌辱、贫困、逼迫、困苦为可喜悦的，因我什么时候软弱，什么时候就有能力了。

2 Cor. 12:10 Therefore I am well pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses, on behalf of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am powerful.

西 1:24 现在我因着为你们所受的苦难喜乐，并且为基督的身体，就是为召会，在我一面，在我肉身上补满基督患难的缺欠；

Col. 1:24 I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church;

腓 2:17 然而，即使我成为奠祭，浇灌在你们信心的祭物和供奉上，也是喜乐，并且与你们众人一同喜乐。

Phil. 2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with you all.

腓 2:18 你们也要同样喜乐，并且与我一同喜乐。

Phil. 2:18 And in like manner you also rejoice, and you rejoice together with me.

七 保罗要认识基督、并祂复活的大能、以及同祂受苦的交通，好模成基督的死；（三10；）他

G. Paul wanted to know Christ, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings in order to be conformed to Christ's death

以基督的死作他生活的模子，模成基督的死是他极大的喜悦。

腓 3:10 使我认识基督、并祂复活的大能、以及同祂受苦的交通，模成祂的死，

八 保罗借着耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，无论是生，是死，都借着活基督而显大基督；当神造人时，祂要人过的就是这种生活——19～21 上，创一 26。

腓 1:19 因为我知道，这事借着你们的祈求，和耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，终必叫我得救。

腓 1:20 这是照着我所专切期待并盼望的，就是没有一事会叫我羞愧，只要凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大，

腓 1:21 上 因为在我，活着就是基督，...

创 1:26 神说，我们要按着我们的形像，照着我们的样式造人，使他们管理海里的鱼、空中的鸟、地上的牲畜、和全地、并地上所爬的一切爬物。

九 保罗说，他身体上常带着耶稣的治死，杀死，常为耶稣被交于死，使耶稣的生命，在他那必死的肉身上显明出来；当我们在主死的杀死之下，祂复活的生命就借着我们分赐到别人里面——林后四 10～12：

林后 4:10 身体上常带着耶稣的治死，使耶稣的生命也显明在我们的身体上。

林后 4:11 因为我们这活着的人，是常为耶稣被交于死，使耶稣的生命，也在我们这必死的肉身上显明出来。

林后 4:12 这样，死是在我们身上发动，生命却在你们身上发动。

1 在我们环境里耶稣的治死，与内住的灵合作，杀死我们天然的人（我们外面的人），包括我们的身体和魂；我们外面的人因着死的杀死工作而渐渐销毁，我们里面的人却因着复活生命新鲜的供应而日日在更新——16 节。

林后 4:16 所以我们不丧胆，反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏，我们里面的人却日日在更新。

2 保罗说他是天天死；（林前十五 31；）他天天冒死、

(3:10); he took Christ's death as a mold for his life, and it was his great pleasure to be molded in the death of Christ.

Phil. 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

H. Paul magnified Christ by living Him, whether through life or through death, by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ; when God created man, this was the kind of life He wanted man to live——1:19-21a; Gen. 1:26.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

Phil. 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ...

Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

I. Paul said that he was always bearing about in the body the putting to death, the killing, of Jesus and being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus might be manifested in his mortal flesh; when we are under the killing of the Lord's death, His resurrection life is imparted through us into others——2 Cor. 4:10-12:

2 Cor. 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

2 Cor. 4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Cor. 4:12 So then death operates in us, but life in you.

1. The putting to death of Jesus in our environment cooperates with the indwelling Spirit to kill our natural man (our outer man), comprising our body and our soul; as our outer man is being consumed by the killing work of death, our inner man is being renewed day by day with the fresh supply of the resurrection life——v. 16.

2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

2. Paul said that he died daily (1 Cor. 15:31); daily he risked death, faced

面对死，并向自己死。（林后十一 23，四 11，一 8～9，罗八 36。）

林前 15:31 弟兄们，我指着我为你们在我们主基督耶稣里所有的夸耀，郑重地说，我是天天死。

林后 11:23 他们是基督的执事么？我疯狂地说说，我更是！论劳苦，是更多的；论下监，是更多的；论鞭打，是过重的；论冒死，是屡次有的。

林后 4:11 因为我们这活着的人，是常为耶稣被交于死，使耶稣的生命，也在我们这必死的肉身上显明出来。

林后 1:8 弟兄们，关于我们在亚西亚所遭遇的患难，我们不愿意你们不知道，就是我们被压太重，力不能胜，甚至连活命的指望都绝了，

林后 1:9 自己里面也断定是必死的，叫我们不信靠自己，只信靠那叫死人复活的神；

罗 8:36 如经上所记：“我们为你的缘故，终日被杀，人看我们如将宰的羊。”

3 基督之死及其功效的应用是在于复合的灵，这灵住在我们灵里，分赐基督的死及其功效，从我们的灵到我们的魂，甚至到我们必死的身体里——出三十 22～25，罗八 6，9～11。

出 30:22 耶和华又告诉摩西说，

出 30:23 你要取上好的香料，就是流质的没药五百舍客勒，香肉桂一半，就是二百五十舍客勒，香薷蒲二百五十舍客勒，

出 30:24 桂皮五百舍客勒，都按着圣所的舍客勒，又取橄榄油一欣；

出 30:25 你要把这些香料，按调制香品者之法复合成香品，作成圣膏油。

罗 8:6 因为心思置于肉体，就是死；心思置于灵，乃是生命平安。

罗 8:9 但神的灵若住在你们里面，你们就不在肉体里，乃在灵里了；然而人若没有基督的灵，就不是属基督的。

罗 8:10 但基督若在你们里面，身体固然因罪是死的，灵却因义是生命。

罗 8:11 然而那叫耶稣从死人中复活者的灵，若住在你们里面，那叫基督从死人中复活的，也必借着祂住在你们里面的灵，赐生命给你们必死的身体。

4 这分赐就是膏油的涂抹，（约壹二 20，27，）而膏油的涂抹就是内住之灵的运行；我们的祷告使内住之灵的运行发动，而在这运行之内有杀死的能力。

约壹 2:20 你们有从那圣者来的膏油涂抹，并且你们众人都知道。

约壹 2:27 你们从祂所领受的膏油涂抹，住在你们里面，并不需要人教导你们，乃有祂的膏油涂抹，在凡事上教导你们；这膏油涂抹是真实的，不是虚谎的，你们要按这膏油涂抹所教导你们的，住在祂里面。

death, and died to self (2 Cor. 11:23; 4:11; 1:8-9; Rom. 8:36).

1 Cor. 15:31 I protest by the boasting in you, brothers, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

2 Cor. 11:23 Ministers of Christ are they? I speak as being beside myself, I more so! In labors more abundantly, in imprisonments more abundantly, in stripes excessively, in deaths often.

2 Cor. 4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Cor. 1:8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living.

2 Cor. 1:9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

Rom. 8:36 As it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we have been accounted as sheep for slaughter."

3. The application of Christ's death and its effectiveness is in the compounded Spirit, who dwells in our spirit to dispense Christ's death and its effectiveness from our spirit to our soul and even to our mortal body—Exo. 30:22-25; Rom. 8:6, 9-11.

Exo. 30:22 Moreover Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,

Exo. 30:23 You also take the finest spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred fifty shekels, and of fragrant calamus two hundred fifty shekels,

Exo. 30:24 And of cassia five hundred shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil.

Exo. 30:25 And you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a fragrant ointment compounded according to the work of a compounder; it shall be a holy anointing oil.

Rom. 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Rom. 8:9 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him.

Rom. 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom. 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

4. This dispensing is the anointing (1 John 2:20, 27), and the anointing is the moving of the indwelling Spirit; our prayer activates the moving of the indwelling Spirit, and within this moving, there is the killing power.

1 John 2:20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know.

1 John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things and is true and is not a lie, and even as it has taught you, abide in Him.

十 保罗在经历神的销毁和剥夺时，他说我们那短暂轻微的苦楚，要极尽超越地为我们成就永远重大的荣耀；“永远”与“短暂”相对，“重大”与“轻微”相对，“荣耀”与“苦楚”相对——林后四 16～17，罗八 28～29。

林后 4:16 所以我们不丧胆，反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏，我们里面的人却日日在更新。

林后 4:17 因为我们这短暂轻微的苦楚，要极尽超越地为我们成就永远重大的荣耀。

罗 8:28 还有，我们晓得万有都互相效力，叫爱神的人得益处，就是按祂旨意被召的人。

罗 8:29 因为神所预知的人，祂也预定他们模成神儿子的形像，使祂儿子在许多弟兄中作长子。

十一 约伯认为他所受的苦楚非常沉重，但保罗认为他的苦楚是短暂轻微的；我们不需要在意我们的苦楚，倒需要关切我们被变化，从一种程度的荣耀到另一种程度的荣耀，借此神这重大的荣耀就在我们里面加增；只要我们更多得着神，这才是真正重要的事——徒七 2，林后三 18，西二 19：

徒 7:2 司提反说，诸位，弟兄父老请听。当日我们的祖宗亚伯拉罕在米所波大米还未住哈兰的时候，荣耀的神向他显现，

林后 3:18 但我们众人既然以没有帕子遮蔽的脸，好象镜子观看并返照主的荣光，就渐渐变化成为与祂同样的形像，从荣耀到荣耀，乃是从主灵变化成的。

西 2:19 不持定元首；本于祂，全身借着节和筋，得了丰富的供应，并结合一起，就以神的增长而长大。

1 我们就象保罗一样，是在受苦和受压的环境之下，这环境与那灵一同作工，杀死我们天然的人；我们应当在我们的灵、魂、体里与内住的灵合作，并接受外面的环境；因为我们不是顾念所见暂时苦楚的事，乃是顾念所不见永远荣耀的事——腓一 19～20，林后四 18，来十一 1，27，林后五 7。

腓 1:19 因为我知道，这事借着你们的祈求，和耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，终必叫我得救。

腓 1:20 这是照着我所专切期待并盼望的，就是没有一事会叫我羞愧，只要凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大，

J. In his experience of God's consuming and stripping, Paul said that our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory; eternal is in contrast to momentary, weight is in contrast to lightness, and glory is in contrast to affliction——2 Cor. 4:16-17; Rom. 8:28-29.

2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

2 Cor. 4:17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Rom. 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

K. Job considered his suffering of affliction something very heavy, but Paul considered his affliction to be momentary and light; instead of caring about our affliction, we need to care for the increase of God as the weight of glory within us by our being transformed from one degree of glory to another; as long as we have more of God in us, this is what really matters——Acts 7:2; 2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 2:19:

Acts 7:2 And he said, Men, brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Col. 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

1. Like Paul, we are in an environment of suffering and pressure that works with the Spirit to kill our natural man; we should cooperate with the indwelling Spirit and accept the outward environment in our spirit, soul, and body, because we do not regard the things of temporary affliction which are seen but the things of the eternal glory which are not seen——Phil. 1:19-20; 2 Cor. 4:18; Heb. 11:1, 27; 2 Cor. 5:7.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

林后 4:18 我们原不是顾念所见的，乃是顾念所不见的，因为所见的是暂时的，所不见的才是永远的。

来 11:1 信就是所望之事的质实，是未见之事的确定。

来 11:27 他因着信，离开埃及，不怕王怒；因他坚定不移，如同看见那不能看见的主；

林后 5:7 （因我们行事为人，是凭着信心，不是凭着眼见；）

2 我们需要操练我们的灵，而在杀死的环境中喜乐；（腓四 4；）主的主宰权柄在运行，将我们放在基督之死的杀死下，使祂的生命能显明在我们的身体上，以更新我们里面的人，使我们象新耶路撒冷一样的新。（林后四 10～12，16，五 17，加六 15，启二一 2，5，10。）

腓 4:4 你们要在主里常常喜乐，我再说，你们要喜乐。

林后 4:10 身体上常带着耶稣的治死，使耶稣的生命也显明在我们的身体上。

林后 4:11 因为我们这活着的人，是常为耶稣被交于死，使耶稣的生命，也在我们这必死的肉身上显明出来。

林后 4:12 这样，死是在我们身上发动，生命却在你们身上发动。

林后 4:16 所以我不丧胆，反而我们外面的人虽然在毁坏，我们里面的人却日日在更新。

林后 5:17 因此，若有人在基督里，他就是新造；旧事已过，看哪，都变成新的了。

加 6:15 受割礼不受割礼，都无关紧要，要紧的乃是作新造。

启 21:2 我又看见圣城新耶路撒冷由神那里从天而降，预备好了，就如新妇妆饰整齐，等候丈夫。

启 21:5 坐宝座的说，看哪，我将一切都更新了。又说，你要写上，因这些话是可信的，是真实的。

启 21:10 我在灵里，天使带我到一座高大的山，将那由神那里从天而降的圣城耶路撒冷指给我看。

2 Cor. 4:18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb. 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king, for he persevered as one seeing the unseen One.

2 Cor. 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by appearance)—

2. We need to exercise our spirit to rejoice in the midst of our killing environment (Phil. 4:4); the Lord's sovereignty is operating to put us under the killing of Christ's death so that His life may be manifested in our body in the renewing of our inner man to make us as new as the New Jerusalem (2 Cor. 4:10-12, 16; 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Rev. 21:2, 5, 10).

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

2 Cor. 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the putting to death of Jesus that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

2 Cor. 4:11 For we who are alive are always being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Cor. 4:12 So then death operates in us, but life in you.

2 Cor. 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

2 Cor. 5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

Gal. 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.

Rev. 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said, Write, for these words are faithful and true.

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,