

God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 91 – 4/26/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

God Loves Jerusalem

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

He has founded his city on the holy mountain. The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwellings of Jacob.

PSALM 87:1-2, NIV

RENEWING THOUGHT:

Jerusalem holds a very special place in God's heart. He calls it His favored city (**see Psalm 102:13**). There, Jesus won the salvation of the world. There, Jesus will return. And it is the city of Jerusalem that God will remake as His "New Jerusalem" for the saints to inhabit in the age to come (**see Revelation 21:2**).

God put His name in Jerusalem forever. He calls it the City of David and "the city of the great King" (Psalm 48:1-2). In Zechariah 8:2, God says He is "zealous for Zion with great zeal." With great fervor, He is jealous for her. It is good to be passionate about what God is passionate about, and God is passionate about Jerusalem.

Though a small city on the earth, Jerusalem is regularly in the news. To this day, Jerusalem remains in the crosshairs of news outlets around the world. Jerusalem is eternally extraordinary because it was the physical location where the blood of Jesus was shed. Only there will you find the soil that felt those nail-pierced hands and feet and absorbed that guiltless blood.

God loves the gates of Zion. He posted watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem to pray to Him, giving Him no rest until He makes her the praise of the earth. Without doubt, it is a special city to God. Since God loves Jerusalem, consider how you can be a blessing to His city, Jerusalem.

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

God put it in our hearts a long time ago to take the gospel “to the Jew first” (see Romans 1:16). We are concerned for Jewish people and concerned about God’s order, and God has blessed Gateway Church because of it.

-Robert Morris

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Day 92 – 4/27/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Am Blessed for Praying for Israel

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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces.” For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, “Peace be within you.” Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

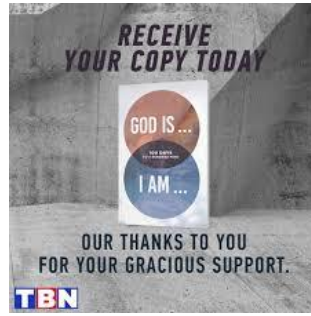
PSALM 122:6-9, NKJV

RENEWING THOUGHT:

Jerusalem is the only city named in the Bible for which God has charged Believers to pray. From all the cities throughout history, Jerusalem is the only city mentioned specifically. He says, **“pray for the peace of Jerusalem.”** Pray for her peace, pray for her prosperity, and seek her good. Before Jesus entered Jerusalem to win salvation for the world at the cross, He told Jerusalem, they would not see Him again until they said, **“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD” (Matthew 23:39).** This is significant because Jesus said He will not return until something Jerusalem says, **“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”**

For Jerusalem to say this phrase, the city must first be saved. For the city to be saved, the Gospel must be preached. When the Gospel is preached in Jerusalem and to the Jewish people, peace will flow free and wide. The peace of Jerusalem and the salvation of Jerusalem go hand-in-hand. Jerusalem’s salvation also potentially sets off a chain of events culminating with the second coming of Christ. **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for her prosperity. Seek her good. Pray that Jerusalem will one day say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”** As you bless Jerusalem in prayer, you fulfill the command of **Psalm 122** and you will find great joy. May God richly bless you.

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee” (Psalm 122:6). The scriptural principle of prosperity is tied to blessing Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

-John Hagee

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Day 93 – 4/28/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

God's Desire is for All Israel to be Saved

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

Dear brothers and sisters, the longing for my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

ROMANS 10:1, NLT

RENEWING THOUGHT:

The Jews are the one nation Paul specifically mentions with a longing for them to be saved. In **Romans 10:1**, he cries out to God asking that *all Israel would be saved*. God desires all people to be saved, but it is significant to take note that the Bible names Israel specifically. God has a plan for the salvation of the world. **Romans 11:15 says about the Jews, “For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?”** You see, when the Jews did not accept Jesus the first time, salvation went to the world. Paul now asks-what will happen when the Jews *do* accept Jesus?

When the Jewish people accept Jesus as Messiah, it will be what the Bible calls, “life from the dead.” Spiritually speaking, when Israel is saved, it could be the key that brings the world out of spiritual darkness into spiritual life. Israel's salvation could be the spark for worldwide revival. That would explain why the enemy has tried to destroy the Jews throughout history.

Pray that *all Israel would be saved*. It is good to align your prayers with God's desires and plans. Pray that Israel would accept Jesus as their Messiah. When Israel accepts Jesus as Messiah and comes to salvation, it will bring about what the Bible *calls life from the dead*, worldwide.

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There is a worldwide revival coming before the end of the world, and let me tell you what sets it off: the Jewish people accepting their Messiah.

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Day 94 – 4/29/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Am a Witness to the Jewish People

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

ROMANS 11:11-12, NKJV

RENEWING THOUGHT:

The Bible says that your faith is a witness to the Jewish people. You are a living testament to them of someone who has accepted salvation through Jesus. God has a plan to reach the Jewish people, and His plan includes the testimony and witness of Believers like you.

When the Jews rejected Jesus as Messiah the first time, salvation was offered to the world. Through the witness of present-day Believers in Jesus, the Jews will be provoked to jealousy and will wish to accept Jesus as their Messiah. When that day comes, their spiritual **fullness** will bring unprecedented blessing to the world.

Through their initial rejection of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, salvation was given to the Gentiles. The Bible says that part of the reason salvation was offered to the world was for the Jewish people to see it, become jealous of it, and want it as well. Salvation came to the Gentiles to provoke the Jews to jealousy.

God is not done with Israel. Far from it! He has a plan for the salvation of the world, and He has a plan for the salvation of Israel. You are part of God's plan! You are a testimony to Israel. When Israel accepts Jesus as the Messiah and comes to salvation, it will mean fullness, spiritual life, and blessing to all!

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

When we reach Jewish people in our ministry, we have the salvation of the whole world in mind.

-Jonathan Bernis

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Day 95 – 4/30/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

God is a Promise Keeper

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

“God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?”

NUMBERS 23:19, NLT

RENEWING THOUGHT:

People will let you down. The same is true of employers, government institutions, and churches. Even your closest friends and family members will eventually fail to come through on a commitment or promise. It is the nature of being a fallen human. Even the best of human fathers fails their children from time to time. The wonderful news is, you have a heavenly Father who is neither flawed, frail, or fallen. He is divine rather than human. That means His righteousness and holiness make it impossible for Him to lie. And His infinite perfection means He will never waffle, waver, forget, or change His mind. Your heavenly Father is serious about the integrity of His Word. That’s why it does not return void, but rather always prospers and accomplishes what He commanded (**see Isaiah 55:11**). Every one of His great and precious promises to you are backed by His covenant with His Son, Jesus Christ. And that covenant is sealed with Christ’s own blood.

Is it any wonder that God, through Moses, declared that He is a God who keeps covenant to a thousand generations (**see Deuteronomy 7:9**)? Today, know without a doubt that God is a covenant-keeping, word-honoring, promise-upholding God. You can rest and trust in the faithfulness of a God who keeps His promises.

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

Everything changes but the Word of God stands forever.

-James MacDonald

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Day 96 – 5/1/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Am Confident in God's "Yes"

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between "Yes" and "No." He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God's ultimate "Yes," he always does what he says. For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:19-20, NKJV

RENEWING THOUGHT:

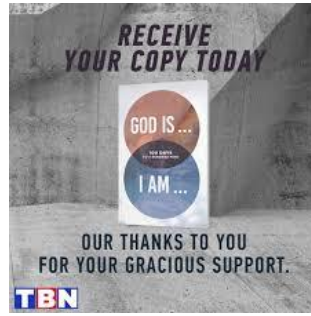
In the aftermath of the fall of man, God promised Eve that one day a descendant, her "seed," would come and crush the head of the deceiver, restoring all that had been lost. Many generations later, He repeated that promise to Abraham; one day a descendant or "seed" would be born and bless all the nations of earth.

God faithfully fulfilled this promise when, in the fullness of time, He sent Jesus into the world. That's the best news mankind has ever received, but it gets even better! In living a perfect life and submitting to a sacrificial death, Jesus secured all the promises of the Word for everyone who believes in Him.

Most of the Bible's promises are conditional. But the essence of the good news is that Jesus is our Condition Meet-er. Our very best attempts at righteousness are filthy rags before God. But Jesus fulfilled every requirement of the law while also bearing the penalty for our sin. **When you accept Christ and make Him Lord, He becomes your qualification.**

This is why in Christ all the promises of God are "Yes" for you today. All you need to do is humbly receive them by adding your "Amen" of agreement!

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

It has to be an affirmative Yes! All the promises of God are yes for us! And in Him, Amen! And when you say that yes and amen, you give glory to God. It is through you, but God gets the glory.

-Joseph Prince

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Day 97 – 5/2/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

God is in Control

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

Why are the nations in an uproar [in turmoil against God], And why do the people devise a vain and hopeless plot? The kings of the earth take their stand; And the rulers take counsel together Against the Lord and His Anointed (the Davidic King, the Messiah, the Christ), saying, “Let us break apart their [divine] bands [of restraint] And cast away their cords [of control] from us.” He who sits [enthroned] in the heavens laughs [at their rebellion]; The [Sovereign] Lord scoffs at them [and in supreme contempt He mocks them].

PSALM 2:1-4, AMP

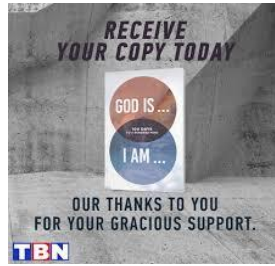
RENEWING THOUGHT:

It is tempting to look around our chaotic, violent, tumultuous world and conclude that the wheels have come off the car of history. Movements fueled by religious extremism seem to make relentless progress in destroying civilization and order. Nations engage in nefarious developments all over the planet. Demented dictators with nuclear weapons seem to shake their fists at the world and threaten everyone with impunity.

Yes, if you focus on the 24-hour news cycle and your social media feeds, it's easy to believe that everything is spiraling out of control. But that is an illusion; a deception the enemy is happy to promote. The truth is, God is moving history toward the ends of His choosing. His hands are firmly on the controls. Our God is King of all kings. He is Lord of all lords. He is our eternal, immortal, omniscient, omnipresent, beautiful, matchless Sovereign. In all creation-among things both seen and unseen-no one compares with Him and nothing could ever compete with Him. Thus, when the rulers, oligarchs, and elites of the earth make their grandiose plans, God laughs.

The Lord of heaven and earth is carrying out His plans and programs for His people, unhindered by the puny boasts of His enemies. And He is fulfilling His good plans for you, too.

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

There is a holy, sovereign God of perfect justice. No one in eternity will say anything other than He is wise and just and righteous and good. Now until that day we wait and we rest upon the truth of scripture that God is in control.

-James MacDonald

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Day 98 – 5/3/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Am God's Work in Progress

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

ROMANS 8:28-29, NLT

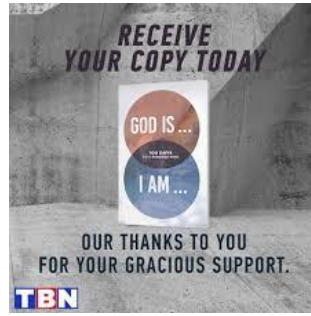
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Much changed when you were born again. Your former lifeless spirit came alive through the power of the Holy Spirit. Your sins were forgiven. The very righteousness and acceptance of Jesus Christ was imparted and imputed to you. Eternity in heaven became your destiny. Yet, as you well know, not everything changed instantly. The moment you were saved you weren't immediately transformed outwardly into a perfect, flawless, mistake-free person who never fails or falls. Salvation wasn't a destination for you, it was the beginning of a process—a process of growth theologians call *sanctification*. This is a process that begins on the inside and progressively works its way outward.

The wonderful news is that God is wholly and completely committed to this process. He has predestined you to ultimately be conformed to the image of His Son. He who began a good work in you will continue to perform it right up until the day of Christ Jesus (**see Philippians 1:6**). As Jude 24 proclaims, God is “able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy.”

You are a work in progress. And it is **His** work, not yours.

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ROMANS 8:28-29, NLT

RENEWING INSPIRATION:

Just because your progress isn't obvious, it doesn't mean your faith isn't working.

-Steven Furtick

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Day 99 – 5/4/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

God is My Eternal Life

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

JOHN 17:3, NKJV

RENEWING THOUGHT:

This life is but a vapor. A wisp. In the context of eternity, our time on this planet scarcely amounts to the blink of an eye. That is why the fact that you responded to God's loving offer of connection and relationship through Jesus is so unspeakably consequential.

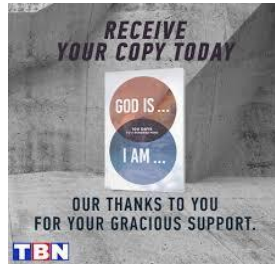
Being connected to the Author of Life through His Son is eternal life. Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). Eternal life is only found in Him. Jesus said of us, “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand” (John 10:28).

As you navigate the hectic daily demands of life in the 21st century, it is easy to lose sight of heaven and eternity. You tend to forget the infinitely substantial, currently invisible realm when you're constantly surrounded by things you can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. The transient, tenuous nature of life is forgotten when you're bombarded by demands that seem urgent but, in the long run, are meaningless.

Keep eternity in view. Find ways to remind yourself that this life isn't the main thing, but rather only a prelude to something far more *real*. With anticipation and excitement, keep Paul's exhortation in your thoughts; namely that: “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Corinthians 2:9, NKJV).

You have been given a most extraordinary gift; eternal life.

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

You can enjoy the blessings of your loving heavenly Father today. Why not reach out now and take His hand? As you do, you will begin to see Him more clearly as your Father, and you as His child, and His life will be miraculously expressed through you.

-James Robinson

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Day 100 – 5/5/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Am a Joint Heir with Jesus

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

ROMANS 8:16-17, NIV

RENEWING THOUGHT:

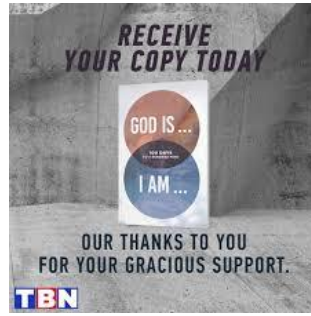
As you have repeatedly seen on the preceding pages, the Bible declares clearly and emphatically that, **as a born-again Believer, you are God's child. He has chosen you, adopted you, put His name upon you, and sealed you with His Holy Spirit.**

When God raised Jesus from the dead, He became "the firstborn" of many brethren (see Romans 8:29). This means that in a very real sense you are a younger sibling of Jesus. The King of kings is not only your Lord, but your elder brother. And because you are not only related to Him, have been resurrected to new life in Him, you are now a co-heir with Him.

Of course, because you are so closely identified with and related to Jesus, you will sometimes suffer persecution in this life. But because you share in His sufferings, you will also share in His glory. Jesus told His disciples, "...In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, NKJV).

Hope in God. As a co-heir with Jesus, you have full access to God and can move freely around the courts of heaven. You are not an outsider. You are more than a friend. You are a child of God and a member of the royal family forever.

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RENEWING INSPIRATION:

As a son and an heir of God, you inherit all the blessings of God which Jesus died to give you, including salvation, healing, provision, wholeness, favor, intimacy with God and answered prayers. And Jesus rose from the dead to make sure that what He died to give you, you get. He is alive today to enforce this rich, blood-bought inheritance in your life!

-Joseph Prince