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“Goat Reduction” (3)

“And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” (Luke 12:19)

Independence Illusion

Deuteronomy 8:17 – “Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’”

Deuteronomy 32:13-15 – (13) “He made him ride on the high places of the land, and he ate the produce of the field, and he suckled him with honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock. (14) Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the very finest of the wheat— and you drank foaming wine made from the blood of the grape. (15) But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, stout, and sleek; then he forsook God who made him and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.”

Revelation 3:17 – “For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”

The Blessing of Breaking

Matthew 16:16-19 – (16) “Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ (17) And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.’ (18) And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (19) I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Mark 14:27-31 – (27) “And Jesus said to them, ‘You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ (28) But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.’ (29) Peter said to him, ‘Even though they all fall away, I will not.’ (30) And Jesus said to him, ‘Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ (31) But he said emphatically, ‘If I must die with you, I will not deny you.’ And they all said the same.”

Mark 16:7 – “But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

John 21:17-19 – (17) “He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. (18) Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.’ (19) (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God). And after saying this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’”

2 Peter 1:13-14 – (13) “I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, (14) since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.”

2 Peter 1:21 – “For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

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