

“Life Preserver”

“You are the salt of the earth...” (Matthew 5:13)

Promise Piggybacking

Acts 27:21-25 – ²¹“Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, ‘Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. ²²Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ ²⁵So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.”

Proximity Protection

Genesis 18:17-26 – ¹⁷“The LORD said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.’ ²⁰Then the LORD said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.’ ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ ²⁶And the LORD said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.’”

Parental Protection

2 Kings 8:18-19 – ¹⁸“And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. ¹⁹Yet the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David his servant, since he promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.”

2 Kings 19:32-34 – ³²“Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow there, or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it. ³³By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, declares the LORD. ³⁴For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.”

Proverbs 11:21 – “Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished, but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.”

Prayer Protection

Numbers 6:22-27 – ²²“Then the LORD said to Moses, ²³‘Tell Aaron and his sons to bless the people of Israel with this special blessing: ²⁴‘May the LORD bless you and protect you. ²⁵May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. ²⁶May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.’ ²⁷Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them.” (NLT)

1 John 5:16-17 – ¹⁶“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)