

Scriptures for the Week

Psalm 91:15-16

15 When they call on ME, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.

16 I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.

Proverbs 4:10-11

*10 My child, **listen** to ME and **do as I say**, and **you will have a long, good life.***

11 I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths.

TIME TO LOVE LIFE!

On earth, we are governed—among many other laws—by time. Time is a form of measurement. A child today will become an adult in a few decades. First grade comes and goes; suddenly, that same student is attending college. Time moves forward, and with it, life unfolds.

Life on earth brings many challenges that our human reasoning must confront. This is where our senses play an important role. When combined with wisdom and knowledge, they become powerful tools that guide our decisions and shape our character.

I remember a saying that I now appreciate more deeply: *“Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you who you are.”* The people we surround ourselves with influence our thoughts, our values, and often our direction in life. Good-hearted people make good company. The same is true spiritually—when we associate with those who desire to know God and live according to the principles found in the Bible, that influence strengthens our own walk.

It is the will of God that we value life. You are important to Him, and He has your best interest at heart. The struggles of today will one day become memories of the past. Therefore, let us treat each day with care and purpose, knowing that in doing so, we are striving to please our Heavenly Father.

Humanity lives within time, but **God is not bound by time.** Our Heavenly Father is eternal. In the beginning, Adam and Eve were created to live in that same eternal fellowship with HIM. However, through the deception of the devil, sin entered the world, and with sin came death. What was once a beautiful, unbroken relationship became fractured. From that point forward, humanity became **subject to mortality and the limitations of life within time.**

We often hear the saying, *“All good things come to an end.”* That phrase reflects a mindset shaped by loss and limitation. But as believers, we are called to a different perspective. Instead of focusing on endings, we can declare a greater truth: All bad things come to an end.

Sin will end. Suffering will end. Death will end. But the **life God offers is eternal.** The Father made people in HIS image – SPIRITUAL. HE gave us life. And **we must appreciate the gift of life.** When was the last time you counted your blessings?

JESUS love you!

Psalm 36:6-8 NLT

6 YOUR righteousness is like the mighty mountains, YOUR justice like the ocean depths. You care for people and animals alike, O Lord. 7 **How precious is your unfailing love, O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings.** 8 YOU feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights.

The Plan of Calvary carries a profound and life-changing meaning. It is a **story of love**—God’s love—designed to restore humanity to a place far beyond anything we could ever hope for or imagine. Through **Jesus**, this restoration became possible.



This plan still offers the greatest freedom: the freedom to say YES to God’s gift of grace or to walk away from it. **Love does not force; it invites.** I encourage you to take time to seek God’s guidance and experience the life-changing joy of knowing the truth. That truth comes through faith in HIM and through the Book of Truth—the Bible.

I John 4:6-8 NLT

6 But **we belong to God**, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the **Spirit of truth** or the spirit of deception.

7 Dear friends, let us continue to **love one another**, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for **GOD IS LOVE.**

I John 4:15-17 NLT

15 All who declare that **Jesus** is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and **we have put our trust in HIS love.**

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.

So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but **we can face HIM with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.**

