



KEYS to KJV-lite Verses: to read God's Word = to get ready and change my thinking! Until I think correctly.

What did Jesus say to those who joined Him? Many things! Jesus spoke to His **disciples** = in Greek **mathetes**, those doing their math. 1 + 1 + 1... we are all in His first grade class... learning the basics, putting it all together, piece by piece; something every student of the Lord should do every day:

METANOIA = the first word Jesus, the good Teacher said to his students; it is a very good word: a simple word... **meta** = **change** + **noia** = **mind**. He said to His kids, **rethink**, reconsider; **change our thinking**; learn His ideas, His images, His patterns of thinking, to daily refresh and transform our minds; we already know the ideas and images and patterns of the angry, often violent, deceptive, and terribly heartless world! We must transform our minds with His way of thinking.

NO good school teacher in a million years would ever use that terrible word meaning: **re-pain** – Can you imagine a first-grade teacher yelling to a child;

YOU BETTER REPENT ? neither can I, and Jesus is a good teacher. By the way, when you graduate from His class, you get promoted in a box. **Matthew 4, Mark 1** Until then, we are only learners.

METANOIA is like the Greek word: metaphor, maybe we can say: **meta-know**; not difficult even for us sheep! And why is this first word so important? **Because Jesus knows what any good first-grade teacher knows: without a changed mind... there will be no changed heart.**

What is the will of God? What is reality? What is our purpose? What is our destiny? our destination? We can find it in the Bible on the first page of Genesis. It is all there. What, if anything was pre-planned, you know, previously determined by God? The LORD God simply said: **let Us make Adam in Our image and in Our likeness** -- **Genesis 1**. That's it; and though God keeps things simple; the 1st Adam messed up, but the 2nd Adam didn't! That is still our pre-planned destination: made in His image and likeness, able to walk with the Lord, to learn of Him. Now days you might notice some do not want to go on the journey; and one day, He will honor their request and send them on their way, whether or not they like it. For us it is a lifelong opportunity to learn from the Best!

What is faith? Pistis = noun, pisteo = the verb, A piston in a car... is the moving part in the core of the engine that distributes the power. We are pistis powered people... capable of responding to our great Teacher... not in order to obtain our salvation; but because He made our salvation possible, He paid in full our great debt; but He knows we are going to do something.

Faith is **not** a blind leap; even bad faith is assessing credible evidence and acting on it.

Jesus did not teach science lessons; He taught lessons of the heart... the place of love and joy and peace. Some in our highly educated science community are not sure if heart exists. Apparently, they can't observe those things. Perhaps, they are telling us the truth about themselves. Does that mean they are heartless? Or just playing games? Neither is a good thing to do about what is so vital for life.

What we might not know about faith / pistis is: without faith we are powerless to please God. So, how about we learn His **way** of doing things, His **truth** about things, His lessons leading to eternal **life**?

When He returns will He find faith? Or will He find just a bunch of other unimportant stuff going on? usually done to be seen by others; well then, if that is the case, they have their reward – and nothing else will be coming. Jesus taught lessons that were not confusing. He said there are 2 entrances to life: a broad way – that many take; and a narrow way that very few find, because most are not interested. One day we will hear Him say to many: I never knew you! – I don't know who you are. Go your way. They were not part of the plan.

The ABC's of Faith: **A**ction... based upon **B**elief... sustained by **C**onfidence in His Word! His Word primarily reveals **lessons of the heart**... truths answering mankind's questions about life and what is real. His truth to: **love God our Father in heaven**; and **love one another**... was first taught to all sorts of people from the peasant and the poor; the slave and freeborn; orphans, widows, and strangers among us; to prophets, priests, kings and queens, at various times in various places. And that lesson changed the world.

Take a promise of God... His truth does not change, He has given so many. Take His word and consume it until you learn it. Then run with it the rest of your life... sharing it where you go! God can be trusted!

By the way, **deists** / from the latin word for God... **deists** who elevate manmade, artificial traditions... and in the case of roman deists along with their admirers of

manufactured baggage and burdens... do not value the scriptures in the manner **theists** / from the Greek word for God, **theists** of equal scholarship value scripture. Those of the counter reformation have spent centuries championing their higher critics: casting doubt... destroying confidence in the Word of God... what **they** call a dead letter. Stephen, the first martyr, a young Greek... would greatly disagree with **deists**.

Deism and **Theism** both believe the Creator made his creation. **Deists** tell us that the Creator is not capable of interfering with what He made... though they do not tell us where to find their bold, objective information; **Theists** completely disagree and tell us God interferes daily with lives of individuals in every nation... throughout the world He created. Stephen, the first martyr, a young Greek would greatly agree with **theists**.

Jesus, Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John... and Peter... they all said: in the last days, deceivers will come: those of the genius last generation will be questioning, ridiculing mockers of the truth... as well as those who value the truth found in this Book, who find our only hope in what the Lord Jesus said and did.

Well, the buses and planes were full; the deceivers have arrived. But fear not, Daniel was right: there were only 4 beastlike governments; and the 4th was particularly troubling to Daniel in the OT as well as to John in the NT. And reading what they wrote, and paying attention... you will discover Daniel and John are filling in details... they are saying the same thing!

It makes perfect sense why the roman church and others who embrace them having abandoned the faith... would send out their best scholars to concoct straw arguments... in order to destroy confidence in what Daniel and John wrote. Rome is known to fabricate documents in their famed library to advance their agenda and secure greater circles of influence. That's the roman way... going on for centuries... still at work today.

For the rest of us, there is a non-stop battle for our minds... without a changed mind they can't get to our hearts; so ignore the higher critics; and find confidence in the Word of God! From many countries, we regularly learn and know the Spirit of God is moving, it's all so amazing. God can be trusted!

What are the 2 houses in the Old Testament that came out of Egypt, 2 different nations, with 2 very different histories: **the House of Israel** – **Isra = ruled + el = God** those ruled by God 10 northern tribes who went into Assyrian captivity = the recipient of all the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... carried with them in their captivity, thought lost to history; but NOT lost to God. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were Hebrew, **they were 100% not Jewish!**

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By the way, my family and relatives are in this group: we are followers of Jesus, but from the very place the house of Israel was resettled in Assyrian captivity; lost to history. Our last names are Rose, Starr, and Sackl – our first names are Joseph, Daniel and other Hebrew names.

the House of Judah – the 2 southern tribes who went into Babylonian captivity = Jacob's son Judah and Benjamin, **they are 100% Jewish!** mostly mentioned in the book of Esther who was in Persian captivity: families were not lost to history.

Both Houses separate and distinct, Ezekiel says: will be around until the time of the Gentile nations ends.

the House of Israel... include a great commonwealth and a great nation... greatly blessed by God at the center of the world; who are supposed to be a blessing to the rest of the world. We should see them in the news at work today.

Hopefully they haven't become a bunch of faithless thieves and robbers... with paranoid leaders like Herod the Idumean sitting over them in the seats of power... embezzling God's blessing for their greedy gain. Joseph's 2 sons / half Egyptian, were given the birthright blessing... beginning with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob / later named Israel -- **Genesis 48**

the House of Judah... and our Jewish cousins also at work today in the international news. They wandered throughout the world, but they were never lost to history. They are in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv today.

What are the 7 Workdays of the Lord? 7 specific **workdays** belonging to Him. Paul says, they are shadows of things to come. They have NO meaning apart from something Jesus Christ – the Messiah will do. 4 Days are already fulfilled – and their meanings **proved amazing; 3 workdays still await fulfillment** at the time of harvest. **Can you imagine?** You will notice: Christmas – fabricated and celebrated first for the hocus pocus people, is NOT on the list. **Leviticus 23**.

The next workday on the Lord's calendar for Messiah is: **the Day of Trumpets**. Doesn't it make you just a little curious what Jesus the Christ will do on that Day belonging to Him?

What about the End time prophecies: really, those prophecies regarding the time when the Gentile nations come to an end.

The Calendar of the LORD
It looks like He's been busy; He still has 3 more appointments to keep

3 FESTIVALS for God's People
Annual Party-times for the People
Things for the people to do

1 The Festival of Unleavened Bread
INDEPENDENCE DAY / REMEMBRANCE DAY
DON'T FORGET TO PREPARE THE LAWS AND SACRIFICE IT

2 Springtime planting...
The Festival of Firstfruits and Harvest
START COUNTING 50 DAYS... ANTICIPATE A GOOD PLANTING

3 Summer work in the fields
TIME TO CELEBRATE AFTER THE SEASON OF WORK
The Festival of Ingathering
A joyous wedding day for the faithful
A terrible time of testing for the unfaithful
A time of humbling; He comes down right it is to reign

7 WORKDAYS for God's MESSIAH
Specific Appointments For The LORD JESUS
Things He... DONE... did

PASSOVER He gave his life
Unleavened Bread He was buried
FIRST FRUITS He was raised
PENTECOST He gave the Spirit
TRUMPETS He came for My Bride: the Love of My Life
AFFLICTING SOULS Deal with the faithless world
TABERNACLES Celebrate with My People... but don't forget to bring My real of men

...putting it all together

Things to do!

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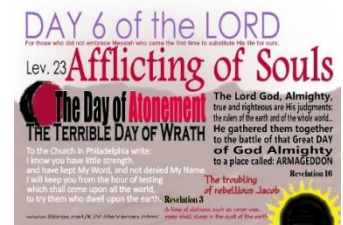
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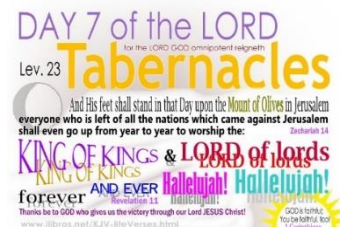
Start with Daniel... greatly beloved by heaven; in focus are 4 governments ruling over God's people and over Jerusalem at one time or another. Knowing what Daniel wrote settles the clear, uncluttered foundation—**Daniel 2; 7; 8**. The prophecies given to Daniel move from general to specific details... as Daniel is drawn closer to see more clearly... not only things fulfilled long ago, but also things pertaining to the last times, to our time as the Gentile nations come to a close. Not confusing at all, the clarity of God's Word is what is startling!



And the detailed prophecies Jesus made regarding: when Jerusalem would be destroyed; what His students could expect as the generations pass; and many specifics leading to when the time of the Gentiles would come to an end... and the Son of man, the Messiah officially comes... in power and great glory **Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21**.



The Son of man coming to settle score with the world... it is the Day of afflicting souls; known as **the Day of wrath**, a **bloody Day**. That Day will be **the 6th great Day** belonging to the Lord. Paul wrote to the church... God has not appointed us unto wrath, but unto salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.



What is the Church? Only Matthew records: EKKLESIA... mentioned 3 times by Jesus. It is what Jesus said He is building. **The Church is the Love of His Life! We are the Church!** The EKKLESIA is what Jesus the good Pastor said it is: **My church**... where 2 or 3 gather representing His agenda, the good Pastor, He is there. His church is where His people gather... at the park, on the beach, under a tree. Similarly... after He arose from the grave, Jesus also said to Peter, feed **My sheep**; the sheep belong to Jesus. He paid for them; **the sheep belong to Him**.

It is interesting... Peter is the only student of the Lord in the New Testament who does **not** even mention the word translated church: EKKLESIA!

What did Jesus say at the Passover supper? Lots of things; without any hocus pocus! So go find out. Ask John... he was sitting the closest to the Lord... and wrote the most about that evening event.

What is the meaning of the bread and the cup? Why did Jesus say about the little fruit of the vine, that He would not drink it more, until He drinks it in the kingdom of His Father? Do people really think Jesus and His disciples are going to drink **His blood**... some future day in the kingdom of His Father?



Why was John inspired NOT to write about the bread and the cup?

And why did Jesus pray in the Garden of Gethsemane? Father take away this same word for cup just mentioned in the upper room... take away this **cup** from Me... nevertheless, not My will but yours be done. Jesus wasn't an alcoholic, nor was He a freak drinking His own blood. You know, for 2,000 years there has been a lot of hocus pocus going on... attempting to give Jesus a bad name.

Why are two very different words: hieron... and naos translated with the same word: **temple**? Honestly, who knows? And is that **hieron** building of brick and stone something **we, the church**... should care much about? **NO!** The last words Jesus said about that desolate place... should be enough... as He went out and spoke prophecies about his people and the nations... until Messiah comes with power and great glory.

We should just listen to Jesus and Paul and John... who all spoke of the sacred **naos** place... where the Spirit finds residence in the lives of the people of God. Remember: Jesus said the night He was betrayed: In My Father's house... are many dwelling places... and that house is **not** made with human hands... comprised of brick and stone... right?

What should the Church do? What should the **Love of His life** be doing? The night He was betrayed 12 times Jesus said: **tereo, guard to protect** My word and My commands. **We need to do what He said**; protect those 2 commands: **1. Love God the Father**... above all else, no matter how imperfectly; **2. Love one another, as He loved us**. Do that and we refresh our minds each day, everything else will fall in place. You know, God's love is seen as He creates **good** all-around... to secure the welfare of His creation—the human life He planted in Adam. God had no intention to eat even one apple from a tree; or one carrot from the Garden. All He created... was done for us; and when God our Father works, it is always **very good**.

Jesus said, **work to secure the welfare of others...** by this they will know you are My students / you were taught by Me... starting with where 2 or 3 gather in His name; if we are looking out for others... then I do not have to be looking out for myself; because others will be taking care of that.

The greatest welfare, the greatest good we can do every day is to give others... the keys: **the lessons Jesus taught...** so they can unlock the way to His kingdom of joy and peace... and life eternal!

By the way... **tereo** is the same word the Lord said to Adam in the Garden of Eden: work and **keep** = **guard to protect**, something Adam did **not** do... and he and his wife were chauffeured out of the Garden.

But the church in Philadelphia did! And because they did guard to protect the word of His endurance; telling others what He endured for us: God's people in Philadelphia were given a promise from the Lord Jesus. As His appearing approaches, we should expect many congregations will resemble one of the seven mentioned: **Ephesus**, who lost its first love... they needed a reminder to METANOIA; **Smyrna**

was crushed by Rome... **Smyrna** did not need a reminder; **Pergamos**, **Thyatira**, **Sardis**, and **Laodicea**... **all** needed a reminder to METANOIA, to change their thinking. **Philadelphia** did not need a reminder: they had learned they needed to regularly rethink, and remind themselves what lessons the Lord Jesus taught.



To the **faithful in Philadelphia**... Jesus said, I know you are weak, but you have **kept** My word, and not denied My name; therefore, because you **kept** the word of My endurance, I will **keep** you from the terrible test that will come on all the world, to test them who dwell on the earth. The church in **Philadelphia**... knew they were not appointed unto wrath. Hopefully, your congregation resembles the faithful in **Philadelphia**... **or** those being martyred like those in **Smyrna**. Not really complicated, is it?! Even a child... can understand. **Do what they did!** You will show you are His Church, **the Love of His life**.