

<sup>22</sup> *He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.* <sup>23</sup> *And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?"* Luke 13:22,23 Jesus was preaching in villages on His way to Jerusalem and the cross (9:51<sup>i</sup>). He was distressed by what He knew He would endure (12:50<sup>ii</sup>). But He was also eager to see lives transformed through His sacrifice (12:49<sup>iii</sup>). The question put to Him is related to His mission, which is the salvation of as many as will receive Him (19:10<sup>iv</sup>). Jews believed only the children of Abraham were destined to salvation, and maybe a few good Gentile God fearers. Jesus had just taught that the kingdom would spread exponentially. "Will few be saved?", sounds contradictory to Jesus' illustrations of the mustard seed and leaven, which imply the salvation of many. However, Jewish history repeatedly had just a remnant who were saved. The questioner seems to understand one thing that most people did not, that the salvation Jesus was bringing was not liberation from the Roman occupation but for the remnant who would believe.

*And he said to them,*<sup>24</sup> *"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.* Luke 13:24 Jesus didn't directly answer the man's question but instead gave a warning that addressed the Jewish bias of that day. Jesus doesn't give out statistical answers like we tend to do. He didn't say 29.8% of the population or some other direct answer. Instead, He often addressed the misconceptions of the questioner. He invites us to see our hearts as He sees them.

Jesus answered that we should strive, which is to struggle or fight, to enter through the narrow door. The word He used literally means to compete for a prize (1 Corinthians 9:25<sup>v</sup>). Figuratively it means to contend with an adversary. We know who the adversaries are: the world, the flesh, and the devil (1 Peter 5:8<sup>vi</sup>). Every day is a battle. Those who are not in Christ battle to resist the grace of God and go their own way. We who are in Christ battle against the old nature and its worldly desires and against the enemy of our souls who wants us to be unproductive for God's kingdom (1 Timothy 6:12<sup>vii</sup>; 2 Peter 1:8<sup>viii</sup>).

In John 10 Jesus describes Himself as the door to the sheepfold by which we enter in and are saved (John 10:9<sup>ix</sup>). That was the man's question, "Will few be saved?". Jesus' answer is telling the man not to be concerned with how many, but to make every effort to enter the narrow gate, the road of surrender to Jesus as Lord of his life.

Why would some seek to enter and not be able? It's because they will not be able to let go of pride in their own works and desires of their fallen hearts (Romans 2:5<sup>x</sup>). They will not be able to humble themselves to accept the free gift of salvation.

Everyone will tell you they want to go to heaven. No one wants to go to judgment, but what are they doing about it? Most people will tell you they are living a good life, at least as good as the next guy. But from God's perspective, the perspective of truth, they are trusting in their own good works to earn their way while living as an enemy of God and doing whatever pleases them. They don't honor Him as God (Romans 1:21<sup>xi</sup>). So, Jesus tells us to strive to enter through Him, the narrow door. We must strive to get let go of our arrogant pride. Strive to see our souls as Jesus sees them and realize how desperately we need to be forgiven. God's grace is there to enable us to do so, if we are willing. Then we strive to let Him be Lord in every area of our lives (Philippians 2:12<sup>xii</sup>). He's telling us it is not an easy task. It doesn't just happen without our effort involved.

This is one of the mysteries of the Word. The Scriptures tell us that some people are predestined, chosen by God to be saved (Romans 8:29<sup>xiii</sup>). We are told salvation is all by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8,9<sup>xiv</sup>). But we are also told to choose and strive and make every effort (verse 34<sup>xv</sup>; 2 Peter 1:5<sup>xvi</sup>; Joshua 24:15<sup>xvii</sup>; 2 Corinthians 9:26,27<sup>xviii</sup>). It seems like a contradiction, but that is because our understanding is so limited. Those who seek to enter but are unable are seeking because the grace of God drew them (Titus 2:11<sup>xix</sup>). They are unable because they are unwilling to let go and surrender their lives to Jesus and His will for their lives. The flesh is at war with the conviction of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:17<sup>xx</sup>). Grace enables our hearts to receive that grace, but we aren't forced to act on it. We must be willing as we'll see at the end of this passage.

*25 When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.'* Luke 13:25 This opportunity is for a limited time. That's what Jesus indicated in the parable of the fig tree in giving it another year to produce (13:8,9<sup>xxi</sup>). We should not pressure people into making a decision without counting the cost (Luke 14:28<sup>xxii</sup>), but at the same time we should let them know the chance to enter the narrow door will not last forever. That is partially because our time on earth is short. It is also because the longer we live without making that decision, the more resistance we build up like a callous. Once we step into eternity, we may decide we have made the wrong choice, but it will be too late then. We will only be wanting to enter that narrow door to avoid what we deserve, not because we are willing to surrender our lives to Jesus and honor God as we should. Those souls would not like heaven either.

People standing outside knocking on the door and pleading to enter is one of the saddest scenes described by Jesus. It reminds me of what it must have been like when the water started to rise on Noah's ark (Matthew 24:27<sup>xxiii</sup>). The door cannot be opened then.

In the Hebrew way of thinking, to know someone is to have a relationship with them. You know where they are from. Jesus will have to declare He has no relationship with those knocking not because He did not want it, but because they persistently refused a relationship with Him. He knocked on their door all their lives, but they never opened (John 3:17<sup>xxiv</sup>). Now they knock on His door to escape the consequences of their rejection, but they still don't want Him, the One who gave them everything.

*26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'* *27 But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!'* Luke 13:26,27 The dead who are not in Christ will argue that they did all kinds of good things. They were around believers and made friends with them and even heard God's Word taught, however, they never knew Christ Jesus. The Lord knows those who are His (2 Timothy 2:19<sup>xxv</sup>). To know someone, you must spend time with them. They refused to spend time with Him. They never had a relationship with Him. They never submitted their lives to His Lordship. They never sought forgiveness or help to turn from their own ways.

Jesus declares that they are workers of evil. Without Christ we are all workers of evil (Ephesians 2:1-3<sup>xxvi</sup>). Fallen humanity can't do much else. Even our so-called good deeds are for self-recognition. But it is God who has given us life, breath, food, strength, health, time, and everything else that we have (1 Corinthians 4:7<sup>xxvii</sup>). He deserves recognition. If we won't receive conviction and forgiveness, we remain workers of evil.

*28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. 29 And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.* Luke 13:28,29 A week before I made these notes someone dropped by the office seeking help. Before long he tried to tell me that Jesus never spoke of hell. The truth is that He spoke more about hell than He did about heaven. Jesus' description of hell is weeping and gnashing of teeth. In our passage, Jesus was contradicting the idea that all descendants of Abraham would be in God's kingdom. Then He added that many Gentiles from all over the world would join the patriarchs there. That is the teaching that had Jesus thrown out from His first synagogue message which was given in Nazareth (4:24-28<sup>xxviii</sup>). But it was the truth. The church began with Jews but spread much faster among Gentiles. Most Jews in the first centuries proclaimed Christians were evil and to join them would mean the loss of your soul. They claimed the Christians' signs of healing were the work of the devil, which was the same accusation they made of Jesus (Matthew 9:34<sup>xxix</sup>).

Skeptics look at this passage and say that a Jew wouldn't have said this at the time, so it was made up by the authors of the Gospels. To make such a claim, those skeptics must start with several assumptions: Jesus was not divine; He made a poor choice of men to relay His message; the apostles were liars; and that there were no living eye-witnesses around to refute what was written. Very few Bible scholars would agree with most of those assumptions. **It is the skeptics' arrogance to pretend they can discern what was said by Jesus and what was supposedly added.**

Jesus accurately predicted how the kingdom would exponentially advance in Gentile regions and warned the Jews that they had better be among the few who entered the narrow door. So, both the exponential growth and the message of few entering the narrow door were both true. The road is narrow, but from the message and work of this carpenter who lived in a tiny town, the kingdom has spread to the ends of the earth.

*30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."* Luke 13:30 This is Jesus way to say that the kingdom of God is upside down from the ways of the world. Some of the people the world despises will be honored in the kingdom of God. Some of those whom the world honors will find themselves weeping and gnashing their teeth. God's ways are higher than ours. I think it also means there will be some whom the world sees as mentally disabled who are honored in heaven. What the world seeks after is meaningless in heaven. Things like stature, physical beauty, financial wealth, fame, and honor from men are considered vanity in heaven. At the same time, humility, sacrifice, service, love, sincerity, and kindness are gems in heaven.

Philip Matthews was born with all kinds of physical deformities. Doctors did what they could do, and God miraculously did the rest. His nineteen years were difficult with 25 surgeries, but that boy lived for Jesus. He loved living for Jesus every day. He exuded joy! At his high school graduation, he asked his class that if he could do what he had done with his body, what was their excuse? Good question! Philip strove to enter.

Jesus was trying to open the eyes of the crowd who were following Him to see that their leaders had misled them and how they needed to strive to see their lives as God sees them. How do you see your life in this world? What do you seek? First in this life can mean last in the eyes of God.

<sup>31</sup> *At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."* Luke 13:31 Pharisees were always trying to catch Jesus in a saying for which they could condemn Him (11:53,54<sup>xxx</sup>). Though fascinated with Him and His miracles, they had a love hate relationship with Him. He was more aligned with them than with the Sadducees, but He often rebuked and corrected them for many of the traditions of men that they honored. One must wonder why they would warn Him. If these Pharisees were from Galilee, they may have just wanted Him out of their region so people would pay more attention to them. Or perhaps they wanted Him to go the region where the powerful Sanhedrin could deal with Him.

<sup>32</sup> *And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.'* Luke 13:32 Jesus called Herod a fox. What did he mean? We use it as meaning clever and sneaky. Jews used it contemptuously as a term for a baser kind of cunning. It is the only time Jesus spoke of an individual with contempt. He knew Herod Antipas was hopelessly lost.

Then He gave a cryptic answer which seemed to be more for them than it was for Herod. Jesus said He would cast out devils and perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day be perfected. Three days was not an exact expression of time for Hebrews. It was like saying first, second, and finally... It could imply a short amount of time (Hosea 6:1,2<sup>xxxii</sup>). Jesus would later say that the sign of the Son of Man would be that of Jonah who was in the heart of the earth three days and three nights (11:29<sup>xxxiii</sup>), but Jesus was in the grave a tiny portion of Friday, Friday night, all day Saturday, Saturday night, and a portion of Sunday as their day began at dusk the evening before. That is three days of which only a portion of two mean a day, and only two nights. There are many other examples of the three-day expression in Scripture (Genesis 30:36<sup>xxxiii</sup>; 40:13<sup>xxxiv</sup>; 42:17<sup>xxxv</sup> etc.). In effect, Jesus was saying He would go at the pace the Father set for Him and soon finish His task.

<sup>33</sup> *Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.'* Luke 13:33 Jesus would not be crucified in three days, but in a short amount of time. He was predicting they would soon kill Him in Jerusalem where so many other prophets were killed. Why would He be any different? They came in the power of His Spirit and delivered God's words. The leaders will do the same to the very One who sent the prophets.

This saying is a parallel to the parable of the man who lent out his vineyard. When it came time to collect his share of the crop, the owner's messengers were killed, and finally he sent his son saying, "Surely they will honor my son." But when they saw Him, they said, "Look, here comes the heir. Let us kill him and the vineyard will be ours." So, they took him out of the vineyard and killed him (see Luke 20:9-15).

Jesus knew where He was going and when He would die. Threats from tyrants trying to manipulate Him would have no effect. He was secure in the Father and the Father's plan. He is like a soldier on a suicide mission knowing His sacrifice will win the war. He knew it would win you, if you will strive to enter that narrow gate.

<sup>34</sup> *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!* Luke 13:34 Jesus knew exactly what was coming and it broke His heart. This is the heart of Jesus, not concerned for the suffering and betrayal, but for those who would suffer the consequences of rejecting Him.

Remember that when you suffer and are betrayed. I always marvel when I hear that testimony of those who are martyred, caring more about their murderers than themselves. That is the Spirit of Christ in them. God help us to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44<sup>xxxvi</sup>).

Jesus longed for them to stop that pattern of killing the messengers and to embrace Him as the Messiah. How He longed to set them free from bondage to false religious teaching and have them receive the Spirit and understand His Word correctly! That is what He means by gathering them like a hen does her chicks (Deuteronomy 32:10,11<sup>xxxvii</sup>; Psalm 91:4<sup>xxxviii</sup>). The hen is guarding the chicks from predators, and the predators of the day were the religious leaders who were using their additions to the Law to keep the nation in bondage and relying on religious works. It grieved Jesus to see how they had distorted God's Word and misrepresented His nature!

Even now Jesus certainly longs that all who are harassed by the enemy of their souls find shelter under His wings. The drug abuser, the lonely, those trying to find satisfaction in the world, and those selfishly seeking the perfect companion, He longs to tuck us all under His wings of safety and give us true spiritual rest. Have you found that place? Have you come to Him for shelter (Revelation 7:15<sup>xxxix</sup>)? Jerusalem, which represented most of the Jewish nation, was not willing.

There is that mystery again. **He has chosen ones who will receive His grace, but they must be willing.** I understand this to mean that the ones who God knows will be willing are the chosen, yet He gives grace to all and invites all. It can never be said that God was unfair. We will go to the destination we choose. You can go the Promised Land or go back to the bondage of Egypt. Who would choose to go back into slavery? Read the story in Exodus. There were several times when most of the nation was ready to go back (Numbers 14:3,4<sup>xl</sup>). Our old nature would drag us back in a heartbeat.

<sup>35</sup> *Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'*" Luke 13:35 Jesus wept over what He could see coming, the destruction of the temple and the accompanying carnage, the scattering of the Jews, the persecution of Christians, all because they would reject Him (Matthew 24:2<sup>xli</sup>; John 16:2<sup>xlii</sup>). He was leaving, but He will come again.

The language He used pointed to Psalm 118:26<sup>xliii</sup>. The Jews often sang it at festivals. They knew what He was saying. <sup>25</sup> *Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!* <sup>26</sup> *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.* Psalm 118:25,26

This passage shows us the steely determination of Jesus to do His Father's will and His trust that nothing could stop it. At the same time, we see His heart broken for the stubbornness and pride that leads people to destruction. Won't you humble yourself and come under His wings and find safety from the predator of souls? Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10<sup>xliv</sup>). Strive to enter the narrow gate!

This passage is a black and white, do or die, account of Jesus' plea for all who will listen. Will you hear it? The Apostle Paul puts into words God's heart, <sup>19</sup> *... in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.* <sup>20</sup> *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.* 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 I am passing on to you this same appeal. I implore you, plead with you, to hear Jesus' words of warning. Strive to enter the narrow

gate. Be reconciled to God. Get to know Him. Make Him Lord of your life.

## Questions

- 1 What was the question and its context?
- 2 What was Jesus' answer?
- 3 What does "strive" mean? How do we do that?
- 4 Why are some unable to enter?
- 5 Who is a worker of evil?
- 6 What is outside the kingdom of God?
- 7 What assumptions must be made to claim the apostles added to the account of Jesus?
- 8 What was the cause of Jesus' lament?
- 9 What was His prediction?
- 10 Are you striving to enter the narrow gate? How do we do that?

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### **i Luke 9:51 (ESV)**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

### **ii Luke 12:50 (ESV)**

<sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!

### **iii Luke 12:49 (ESV)**

<sup>49</sup> "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!

### **iv Luke 19:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

### **v 1 Corinthians 9:25 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

### **vi 1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

### **vii 1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

### **viii 2 Peter 1:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **ix John 10:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

### **x Romans 2:5 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

### **xi Romans 1:21 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

### **xii Philippians 2:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

### **xiii Romans 8:29 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

### **xiv Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### **xv Luke 13:34 (ESV)**

<sup>34</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often

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would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

<sup>xvi</sup> **2 Peter 1:5 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,

<sup>xvii</sup> **Joshua 24:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>xviii</sup> **1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>xix</sup> **Titus 2:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

<sup>xx</sup> **Galatians 5:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

<sup>xxi</sup> **Luke 13:8-9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.

<sup>9</sup> Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

<sup>xxii</sup> **Luke 14:28 (ESV)**

<sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

<sup>xxiii</sup> **Matthew 24:37 (ESV)**

<sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>xxiv</sup> **John 3:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

<sup>xxv</sup> **2 Timothy 2:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

<sup>xxvi</sup> **Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

<sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

<sup>xxvii</sup> **1 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

<sup>xxviii</sup> **Luke 4:24-28 (ESV)**

<sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

<sup>xxix</sup> **Matthew 9:34 (ESV)**

<sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

<sup>xxx</sup> **Luke 11:53-54 (ESV)**

<sup>53</sup> As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, <sup>54</sup> lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

<sup>xxxi</sup> **Hosea 6:1-2 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

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xxxii **Luke 11:29 (ESV)**

29 When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.

xxxiii **Genesis 30:36 (ESV)**

36 And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

xxxiv **Genesis 40:13 (ESV)**

13 In three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office, and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his cupbearer.

xxxv **Genesis 42:17 (ESV)**

17 And he put them all together in custody for three days.

xxxvi **Matthew 5:44 (ESV)**

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

xxxvii **Deuteronomy 32:10-11 (ESV)**

10 "He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. <sup>11</sup> Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions,

xxxviii **Psalms 91:4 (ESV)**

4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

xxxix **Revelation 7:15 (ESV)**

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

xl **Numbers 14:3-4 (ESV)**

3 Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

4 And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

xli **Matthew 24:2 (ESV)**

2 But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

xlii **John 16:2 (ESV)**

2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

xliiii **Psalms 118:26 (ESV)**

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

xliv **John 10:10 (ESV)**

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.