

The Names of Jesus: 25 Days of Reflection, Worship and Hope

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Day 1

Alpha & Omega

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,”
says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was,
and who is still to come—the Almighty One.
Revelation 1:8 NLT*

Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In Revelation 1:8, Jesus is declaring that He is the beginning and the end. In Colossians 1:16, we are told that in the beginning Jesus created all things. And in the book of Revelation, we see Jesus completing the work He started. He does this by putting a complete end to sin and death in the world and creating a new heaven and earth.

We can be sure that Jesus will always finish what he started. As we allow God to work in our own life, we will find that this is true on a personal level also. Philippians 1:6 says that we can be confident that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day that Christ returns. We see here in this verse that our responsibility is to be confident in Him, as He works out His sovereign plan.

Today’s prayer: Lord Jesus, this Christmas season help me to celebrate that You are the Alpha and Omega of this world and also in my personal life. Let me look to You as each day begins and rest in You every night as the day is complete, being confident that You have a perfect plan. Thank You for being the Alpha and Omega. Let Your kingdom come and your will be done. In Your name I pray, amen.

Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see Him— even those who pierced Him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for Him Yes! Amen! “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End”, says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.” Revelation 1:7-8 NLT

Day 2

Bread of Life

“For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” John 6:33 NKJV

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” John 6:35 NKJV

Just as our physical bodies need food to sustain us, we have a spiritual need that only Jesus can fill.

“The bread of life was He who came down from heaven and gave men not simply satisfaction from physical hunger, but life. Jesus was claiming that the only real satisfaction was in Him.” - William Barclay

“For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” John 6:33 NKJV

According to the verse above, who did Jesus come to give life to? He came for the whole world! Incredible! And His only requirement is that you come to Him and believe in Him.

“...He who comes to Me shall never hunger and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”

Today’s Prayer: Lord, thank you for coming down from Heaven to give spiritual life to all who will come to You and believe in You. This Christmas season I pray that hungry hearts will come to You to be filled and that those who are already satisfied in You will have great rejoicing for Your overwhelming goodness to them. In Your name I pray. Amen.

“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.” Psalm 107:8-9 NKJV

Bread of life, what a wonderful name!

Day 3

Counsellor

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 KJV

Whenever you need guidance, ask Jesus to advise you according to His will. He knows the best way— the way that will glorify Him and benefit you. As you surrender to Him, remember not to rely on your own understanding. Often after times of seeking the Lord for wisdom and direction it will seem as though nothing is happening or the situation is worse. Keep trusting that God has a perfect plan, because He does.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Prov. 3:5-6 NLT

“Remember, there is nothing that happens in your daily life, but what was first of all devised in eternity, and counselled by Jesus Christ for your good and in your behalf, that all things might work together for your lasting benefit and profit ... Oh, how strange providence seems to you and to me! Does it not look like a zig-zag line, this way and that way, backward and forward, like the journeyings of the children of Israel in the wilderness? Ah! my brethren, but to God it is a straight line. Directly, God always goes to his object. And yet to us, he often seems to go round about ... Let us learn to leave providence in the hand of the Counsellor.” -Charles Spurgeon

Today’s Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for reminding me that you are my counselor, the one I turn to for wisdom and advise. Help me to remember that Your ways are higher than my ways, and Your thoughts are higher than my thoughts. Please help me to surrender all to You and trust in Your perfect plan. In Your name I pray, amen.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 KJV

Day 4

The Creator

“All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” John 1:3 NKJV

If you're like me when you think of the beginning of time and the creation of all that exists, you think of this as a powerful act of God the Father and not Jesus (God the Son). But there are many scriptures that speak of Jesus being The Creator of all that exists. Here are a few:

“Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.” 1 Cor. 8:6 NKJV

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” Col. 1:15-16 NKJV

“God...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds.” Heb. 1:1-2 NKJV

When we begin to see the glory of Jesus in creation, we will have a greater understanding of His power and greatness and rightly give Him the worship He deserves.

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.” Rev. 4:11 NKJV

As Christmas draws near, may your heart be in awe of Jesus your Creator and your life-sustainer.

Dear Jesus, It's hard to fathom that You who created the universe, would humble Yourself and come down to earth for the purpose of dying for the sins of the world. This Christmas season, I pray that the beauty of Your truth would awaken in my heart and in the hearts of all across the world. Please help us to know You as the Creator and rightly bow to You in humble adoration and worship, amen.

Day 5

Deliverer

“And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;” Romans 11:26 NKJV

“Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age according to the will of our God and Father.” Galatians 1:4 NKJV

We presently live in an evil age. It was in the heart of God our Father that we should be delivered from all the evil that exists, which was caused by Satan and the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. So, God the Father sent His only son Jesus into the world to bring deliverance. And this is what Christmas is all about.

The very meaning of Christmas is that Jesus came to deliver us— deliver us from our own sin, our current afflictions, and the wrath that is still to come.

Glory to Jesus our Deliverer, who came down from Heaven to save us!

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven... by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12 NIV

Dear Jesus, thank You for demonstrating your great love by humbling yourself to be born on earth to save sinners like me. Thank You for being my personal Deliverer and that You save all those who put their trust in You. Thank You for who You are and all the promises I have in You, amen.

“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.” Romans 11:26 NKJV

Day 6

The Door

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.” John 10:7 NKJV

I am the door of the sheep... If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:7-10 NKJV

When Jesus calls Himself “The Door” He is saying that salvation is only possible through Him. He is the only way to receive eternal life.

The verses above go on to tell us the kind of life that believers will experience. The life that Jesus gives is related to a good shepherd caring for his sheep. A good shepherd leads his sheep out into green pastures. Pastures are a picture of rest, provision, and contentment.

Jesus is the only way to receive a satisfied life—a life where you find spiritual rest and wonderful provision. And this equals a life of peace and contentment.

Dear Jesus, thank You for being The Door, not only to eternal life but an abundant life here on earth. This Christmas let me experience You in a greater way than ever before. Thank You that everything I’ve ever needed is in You.

“The LORD is my shepherd I have all that I need.” Psalm 23:1 NLT

Day 7

Everlasting Father

*And His name will be called...Everlasting Father. Isaiah 9:6
NKJV*

In the name Everlasting Father, Jesus is seen as the author of eternal life.

The Bible is clear that you were made to live forever. God's word also says that when your life on this earth ends that you will either live with Him or apart from Him for all eternity. Amazingly, God made a way for us that we would never need to be separated from Him and this is through believing in Jesus, His Son.

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3 NKJV

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NLT

Dear Jesus, thank You for the very first Christmas, where You came down from Heaven with the purpose of dying for the sins of the world. Thank You that those who believe in You will never be separated from You. Thank You for the great hope of living with You for all eternity. Let this incredible truth be made known to all this Christmas season, in Your name, amen.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 NKJV

Day 8

Friend

“No longer do I call you servants... but I have called you friends...” John 15:15 NKJV

Read this thoughtfully and read until the end. Hymns are incredibly rich in scriptural truth. Thank you Jesus, for calling us friends.

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised thou wilt all our burdens bear. May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to Thee in earnest prayer.

Soon in glory bright unclouded there will be no need for prayer. Rapture, praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion there.”

-Joseph M. Scriven, 1855

Dear Jesus, thank You for being a faithful friend. Help me to be mindful of this truth and wonderful privilege. Strengthen my prayer life this season and help me to daily carry everything to you in prayer, amen.

Day 9

Good Shepherd

“I am the Good Shepherd...” John 10:11 NKJV

Many years ago, I wrote a short song based off of Psalm 23, which is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. I’m excited to share it with you, as it fits perfectly with today’s name of Jesus. This song speaks of God’s care, His goodness, and faithfulness to those who belong to Him. As you read the following lyrics, thank and praise God for His everlasting goodness that extends to you personally, if you have put your faith in Jesus.

“Lord, You are good to me, oh You’re so good to me. You feed me when I’m hungry and satisfy my soul and You’re always by my side.

And I know this goodness will not end, for You never change, O God. Righteous and true are Your promises, all the time You are good!

Lord You are good to me, oh You’re so good to me. You pick me up when I fall down and lead me in the right way and protect me from my enemies.

And I know this goodness will not end, for You never change, O God. Righteous and true are Your promises, all the time You are good!”

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Psalm 23:6 NKJV

Thank You Jesus, for being the Good Shepherd and that Your goodness to those who love You will never end. Draw me close to You and help me to know Your goodness and faithfulness more in this season of life than ever before. In Your name, amen.

Day 10

Great High Priest

*“...we have a great High Priest...Jesus the Son of God...”
Hebrews 4:14 NKJV*

In the Old Testament, the temple priests were the only ones who could offer sacrifices for sin. God required priests to do this day after day, and year after year, for the sins of the people. But this was only a temporary atonement.

In the New Testament, Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice for sins. Because He was the perfect sacrifice, the payment for sin is complete. This is why we celebrate Jesus' birth. Our great High priest came to earth to complete the work and remove our sins forever.

*“For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.” Hebrews 10:10-12
NLT*

Dear Jesus, You are my only hope. Thank You for offering Yourself as a sacrifice for my personal sins and for the sins of the entire world. I can think of no greater gift than what You accomplished on the cross. Let my heart greatly rejoice in You this season.

“...we have a great High Priest... Jesus the Son of God...” Hebrews 4:14

Day 11

Holy One

“You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer.” Acts 3:14 NLT

The name “Holy One” speaks of the perfection and sinlessness of Jesus.

“...in Him there is no sin.” 1 John 3:5 NKJV

The wonder of Christmas is that Jesus, the Holy One, came down from heaven, into a sinful world, to be born of the Virgin Mary. He lived a perfect, sinless life. And then completed His life here on earth by taking the sins of the world upon Himself. He did this with the purpose of making a way for us to be holy, so we can stand in His presence.

Praise God that the Holy One made a way for us to be holy in Him.

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Cor. 5:21 NKJV

“... he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.” Col. 1:22 NLT

Dear Jesus, thank You that You give the gift of salvation, righteousness, and holiness to all who believe in You. Thank You that through You I can stand blameless before You without a single fault. Let hearts be in awe of You and let those who need to accept You as Savior be open to receive Your incredible gift.

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” 2 Cor. 9:15 NKJV

Day 12

I AM

“Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” John 8:58 NKJV

Here are several “I am” statements made by Jesus and what they mean to those who put their trust in Him.

1. *“I am the bread of life” (John 6:35)*

He satisfies the longings of our soul.

2. *“I am the door” (John 10:9)*

He is the only way for us to be saved.

3. *“I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25)*

He raises us to new life.

4. *“I am the light of the world” (John 8:12)*

We have the light of His presence.

5. *“I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11)*

He cares for us and protects us.

6. *“I am the vine” (John 15:5)*

In Him we bear much fruit.

7. *“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6)*

He is the path to everlasting life.

Dear Jesus, thank You for who You are and the abundant life You offer to those who belong to You. Let our hearts be full of gratitude as we celebrate You this Christmas season.

Day 13

Immanuel

“All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).” Isaiah 7:14 NLT

One of my favorite names of Jesus is “Immanuel”. This name comes from Matthew 1:23, “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*” which is translated, “*God with us*”.

When you open your heart to Jesus, He is not a God who is distant. He is with you wherever you are, involved in every detail of your day. Jesus is the One who will guide and fulfill His perfect plan for you. What a comfort knowing that He is always present.

“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Matthew 28:20 NKJV

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming into my life, forgiving my sins and having fellowship with me. Thank You that Your name is “Immanuel”, and that You are with me in every area of my life. Help me to surrender all to You, walk with You and trust You with my life always. In Your name, amen.

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 NKJV

Day 14

King

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.” Zechariah 9:9

NLT

Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. There is no higher authority than Jesus. Everything belongs to Him and He is above all.

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.” Phil. 2:10 KJV

Even though Jesus was rejected as King while He lived here on the earth, He is coming back to fulfill the promises of scripture.

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.” Jeremiah 23:5 NKJV

And though we currently live in a world that has been corrupted by sin, when Jesus returns and sets up His kingdom, it will be one of righteousness. And we have the promise that those who belong to Him will rule and reign with Him in this kingdom forever.

“And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it... And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.” Rev. 22: 3, 5 NKJV

Dear Jesus, You are King of all. Help me to daily give You the honor, glory and worship You deserve. Please be the One who rules in my heart and life, as I wait for Your return. Thank you for the hope of reigning forever with you, amen.

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Matt. 6:10 NKJV

Day 15

Lamb of God

“..Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29 NKJV

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This verse is spoken by John the Baptist as Jesus begins His earthly ministry. In the Old Testament, animals were offered as sacrifices daily at the temple to cover the sins of people. In the verse above we see John recognizing Jesus as The Lamb of God, who came to earth with a purpose.

Jesus was born on earth with the purpose of being “The Lamb” who would be sacrificed for the sin of the world.

The Old Testament sacrifices only offered a temporary covering for sin.

“Under the Old Covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand.” Hebrews 10:11-12 NLT

Jesus’ death on the cross was only needed one time. This perfect sacrifice completed the work of God - not only your personal sin, but the sins of the whole world. What a reason to open our hearts to Him and give Jesus our sincere worship and praise!

“...Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” Rev. 5:12 NKJV

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to earth to offer Yourself as a sacrifice for sin. Without You there is no hope. This season I pray that you would give me and those around me, greater understanding of Your goodness and grace. You are deserving of heartfelt worship and praise for all that You have done. You are a wonderful Savior. Be glorified and lifted high. In Your name, amen.

Day 16

Light of the world

“...I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” John 8:12 NLT

“Light of the world you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, Let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You. Hope of a life spent with you. Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me” - Tim Hughes

In John chapter 8 Jesus says that He is the light of the world.

“...I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” John 8:12 NLT

And not only is Jesus a light to us spiritually but the book of Revelation says that in Heaven He is light physically.

“And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.” Rev. 21:23 NLT

Can you image not needing the sun or moon because Jesus is the light? Incredible!

“There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.” Rev. 22:5 NKJV

Dear Jesus, thank You for stepping into this dark world to give light and life. I praise and worship You for calling me out of darkness into Your marvelous light! Let me live daily in Your presence and reflect Your light for all to see. Thank You that I will dwell in the light of Your presence forever. In Your wonderful name, amen.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. Eph. 5:8 NKJV

Day 17

Messiah

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and sixty and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. Daniel 9:25 WEB

“...”We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ).” John 1:41 NKJV

There are over 300 prophecies in the Old Testament that speak of a coming messiah— a future king who would be the savior of the Jewish nation. In the New Testament, we see Jesus fulfilling these prophecies. He came into the world to save His people from sin, destruction, and death. The wonderful news is that He offers eternal life, not only for Israel but for anyone who believes in Him and follows after Him.

In the Gospel of John there is an account of a conversation between Jesus and His disciples. This was at a time when many of Jesus’ followers started to turn away from Him. Jesus asked His twelve disciples “Do you also want to go away?” This is how Simon Peter answered. “But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” John 6:68 NKJV

There is nowhere else to turn to be saved from destruction and receive eternal life. Jesus the Messiah is the only way.

Dear Jesus, thank you for Your heart of love and how You demonstrated it to all by willingly coming to earth and laying Your life down. Thank you that you didn’t only come for the Jewish people but for all who would call on Your name. Please give me a heart that rejoices in You and pursues You all the days of my life. In Your name, amen.

“Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life...” John 14:6 NKJV

Day 18

Prince of Peace

*“And His name shall be called...“Prince of peace.” Isaiah
9:6 NKJV*

The secret to true peace is found in a person—the person of Jesus Christ.

The Hebrew word for peace is the word “shalom”. This word has the meaning of completeness, soundness, tranquillity, and contentment.

“God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.” C.S. Lewis

“For He Himself is our peace...” Eph. 2:14 NKJV

When you place believing faith in Jesus and what He’s done for you on the cross, you are restored to a right relationship with God. This brings about a true inner peace that you can find nowhere else.

If you know Jesus, you know peace.

Dear Jesus, thank you that you have broken down the wall of separation between us and that I can dwell in Your presence. Thank you that I can experience Your peace no matter what I go through because You are always with me. Please let me know You more today than ever before and let Your peace overflow out from my life onto the lives of those around me. In Jesus name, amen.

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27 NKJV

Day 19

Redeemer

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;” Job 19:25 NKJV

The beauty of the Christmas story is wrapped up in this one verse:

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” Gal. 4:4-5 NKJV

When the perfect time came, God sent His Son, Jesus, to redeem us so that we could become His sons and daughters.

Jesus’ name “Redeemer” speaks of His love and the great value He places on us. No greater love was ever shown and no greater price was ever paid.

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:10 NKJV

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold,... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:18-19 NKJV

We never need to doubt God’s great love. The high price of the precious blood of Jesus proves His incredible love for us. Thank you Jesus, for Your incredible love!

Dear Jesus, thank you for your great love and sacrifice. Never let me take this lightly. Thank you for giving me the privilege of being adopted into Your family. Please help me to understand and live in the great depth of your love and grace. In Your name, amen.

“Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people.” Luke 1:68 NKJV

Day 20

Rock

“And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.” 1 Cor. 10:4 NKJV

There is a story in the book of Exodus that speaks of God’s people being so thirsty they thought they would literally die. When Moses asked God what to do, God told him to take his rod and strike the rock. Moses did as the Lord said and water miraculously came out of the rock and the people drank and their lives were saved.

In the New Testament we find that this rock is a picture of Christ.

“And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.” 1 Cor. 10:4 NKJV

According to scripture, we have a spiritual thirst that nothing in this world can satisfy. David speaks of this in the Psalms.

“O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.” Psalm 63:1 NKJV

Jesus Himself said that He is the only One who can quench this spiritual thirst.

“Jesus stood and cried out, saying, if anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.” John 7:37 NKJV

Jesus is the Rock who supplies the life-giving water to satisfy our thirsty soul. All we need to do is come to Him and drink.

Dear Jesus, thank you for being my Rock. I recognize that You are the only one who can satisfy me. I come to You with an open heart. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit today and let me truly experience a satisfied and contented heart. I pray this for Your glory, amen.

“For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.” Psalm 107:9 NKJV

Day 21

Savior

“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11 NKJV

“...for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12 NKJV

The very meaning of Christmas is found in the name of Jesus. The Hebrew name for Jesus is Joshua, which translates, Jehovah is salvation.

We were all born with a sinful nature and are all in need of salvation.

“There is none righteous, no, not one.” Romans 3:10 NKJV

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23 NKJV

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8 NKJV

The Bible is very clear that our sin separates us from God and that we are in need of a Savior. The beautiful solution to this separation is found in the following verse:

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matt. 1:21 NKJV

There is only one way to be saved. Jesus is the way!

Dear Jesus, thank You for providing a way of salvation by coming down from Heaven and dying for the sins of the world. I rejoice in what You have done. Let hearts be awakened to all that You are and all You have accomplished. You are worthy to be praised and worshiped not only this Christmas season but every day of my life. Help me to put my trust in You alone. In Your name, amen.

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of

righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” Isaiah 61:10 NKJV

Day 22

Son of God

“...that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” Matthew 2:15 NKJV

There is a wonderful description of the “Son of God” in Hebrews chapter one:

“God,...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” Hebrews 1:1-3 NKJV

This above verse shows us the character, nature and deity of Jesus.

- He is heir of all things
- He made the worlds
- He is the brightness of God’s glory
- He is the express image of God
- He upholds all things
- He purged our sins
- He sat down at the right hand of God

It’s hard to comprehend how the God, who created all things, would come down from Heaven, set aside His glory, cloth Himself in humanity, and be born in the most humble circumstances. What a demonstration of the amazing love of God!

“And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” Luke 1:35 NKJV

Dear Jesus, thank you for this great demonstration of love, that You would set aside Your glory and humble Yourself to be born as a baby in Bethlehem. Thank you for the suffering You endured and the sacrifice You made in order to bring salvation to all people. Renew my love and

passion for You, that others would come to know You and enjoy everlasting life in Your beautiful presence. In Your name, amen.

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.” 1 John 5:13 NKJV

Day 23

True Vine

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.” John 15:1 NKJV

Jesus is the True Vine. He is where our life comes from. We are the branches needing daily nourishment from Him. What He asks of us is to abide in Him.

To abide = to remain

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 NKJV

“Remaining in him is as simple as regularly being where he is. Jesus doesn’t hide from his followers, but clearly tells us where to find him— in his word, in prayer, in our surrender to him, in the lives of other believers, and in serving people who are in need. “Remain in my love.” How much more simply could Jesus have said it? No matter what the challenge, no matter how right your perspective may appear, invest your trust in him — today, and every day for the rest of your life. Then you will know the depth of a lifelong friendship. You will know a security that can win over misunderstood suffering, unanswered prayers, months of unemployment or loss of friends. Remain in him. That’s all he asks us to do. Amidst the struggles and fears, the confusions and doubts, remain grafted to the Vine.” -Wayne Jacobsen

Dear Jesus, thank You for being the True Vine and desiring a relationship with me. Thank You that all I need is found in You. Help me to remain in You and bear fruit for Your kingdom. And help me to trust You no matter how things appear. Thank You for always being there and for always being faithful. You are so good to me. In Your name, amen.

Day 24

Truth

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6 NKJV

So many are looking for truth. Scripture tells us that truth is found in a person—the person of Jesus Christ.

“I am...the truth...” John 14:6

He is the truth that came into the world to set you free from the bondage of sin and the power of death. With Him you can live victoriously! He will lead you away from every false way and guide you into every right way. How glorious to live in Truth now and throughout eternity.

Do you desire a joy filled life?

There is no greater joy than to walk in truth and to see those you love walking in truth.

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” 3 John 1:4 NKJV

“You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.” Acts 2:28 NKJV

Dear Jesus, thank You for being my Savior and for the joy I have in knowing You. Thank You for always leading me in the right way. I pray that You would be known to all as The Way, The Truth, and The Life. In Your name, amen.

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” 1 John 5:20 NKJV

Day 25

The Word

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:14 CSB

In the very beginning of the Old Testament we find how powerful God's words are. Genesis chapter one says that each day, for six days, God spoke creation into existence. We also find out very quickly, in the story of Adam and Eve, that God's words are to be listened to and obeyed. This is always for our protection and our good. Throughout the Bible God continues to speak His heart to mankind to draw them to Himself. In the Old Testament much of the time God used prophets to share His message. But many times His people would not listen and they would suffer the consequences. In the New Testament we learn that God sent His Son into the world to reveal His message of grace and truth to all. Many have listened and received His grace. Sadly and tragically many have not.

When Jesus is transfigured on the mountain, God speaks from heaven and says,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matthew 17:5 ESV

Hebrews chapter one says, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son..."

Theologian W.H. Griffith Thomas says "Christ is God's thought made audible and His will made intelligible. It is for us to listen and learn, because the message is for all men, at all times, and for all things."

May this old Maranatha worship song be our prayer for all this Christmas:

"Open our eyes Lord we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. Open our ears Lord and Help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord we want to see Jesus."

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." John 1:14,16 ESV