



**For What We  
Are About to  
Receive  
(....?)**



**MAY WE BE TRULY THANKFUL**



# Return to Psalm 28

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To You, O LORD, I call;  
My rock, do not be deaf to me,  
For if You are silent to me,  
I will become like those who go down to  
the pit.

<sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my supplications when  
I cry to You for help,  
When I lift up my hands toward [a]Your  
holy sanctuary.



# Notice No "Ites" Included

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Do not drag me away with the  
wicked

And with those who work iniquity,  
Who speak peace with their  
neighbors,

While evil is in their hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Requite them according to their  
work and according to the evil of  
their practices;



# That is Requite Enough

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Requite them according to their work  
and according to the evil of their  
practices;

Requite them according to the deeds  
of their hands;

Repay them their [b]recompense.

<sup>5</sup> Because they do not regard the  
works of the LORD

Nor the deeds of His hands,



# The Other Shoe Drops

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He will tear them  
down and not  
build them up.



# Lightbulb Moment

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Could it be that in the Kingdom of God, part of God's process is to tear things down so He can rebuild them better?



# Remember Isaiah 58

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- “And the LORD will continually guide you,  
And satisfy your [g]desire in scorched places,  
And give strength to your bones;  
And you will be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water whose waters do  
not [h]fail. <sup>12</sup> “Those from among you  
will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up  
the age-old foundations; And you will be called  
the repairer of the breach,  
The restorer of the [i]streets in which to dwell.





# Jeremiah 29

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<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans that I <sup>[h]</sup>have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your <sup>[i]</sup>fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'



# Even Implied in 2 Chron 7:14

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and My people [a]who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.



# Not Just an OT Thing

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**15** “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; **and every branch that bears fruit, He [a]prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.** <sup>3</sup> You are already [b]clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit [c]of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. [*so I can keep pruning you!*]



# Love in Action?

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“MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; <sup>6</sup> FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.”

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.



# Good News, Y'all!! Luke 22

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- **31** “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has [d]demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat;
- **32** but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail;
- and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”



# Purpose in the Process

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2 Ccorinthians 12:7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to [b]torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! <sup>8</sup> Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. <sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”**



# Living the Bulldozer Life!!

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Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast [c] about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with [d] insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

A yellow bulldozer is shown in the background, pushing a large pile of rubble and debris. The rubble consists of broken bricks, stones, and wooden planks. The bulldozer is positioned in the center of the frame, facing forward. The background shows a grey building with a tiled roof and some greenery. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**FOR WHAT WE ARE  
ABOUT TO RECEIVE ...**

**CAN WE BE TRULY THANKFUL?**





# Not My Will But Yours...

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- Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is GOOD
- All the time, He is always faithful
- And sometimes He tears down, and it seems scary and awful and hard and NOT fair
- But out of His love and knowledge of our destiny in Him, He takes us through it so He can build us up, because WE CAN'T
- So we can experience His Grace and Power, because we are weak
- So He can reveal His life in us



# Good News, YOU ARE

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- deeply loved by God, *Ephesians 3: 16-19*
- fully accepted by God *Colossians 1:22; 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21*
- completely and permanently forgiven by God, *John 1:29; John 3:16-18; John 19:30*
- lavishly blessed by God, *Ephesians 1:3-8*
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY *Zephaniah 3:17, Nehemiah 8:10, Hebrews 12:2*