

New Life— Just Ahead

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1 Every morning we open the Bible—thinking: *I want to see what God has to say to me today—what does He want me to know?*

2 As we approach the day Jesus returns, the house we rent; the car we drive; the vacation we took; or the phone we use—will not matter, but what *will* matter is, have we allowed God to prepare us to meet Jesus?

3 Reading the Bible is priority—**Psalm 12:6** “*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times;*”

4 **Psalm 19:10** *More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold.”*

5 The Word is *settled* in Heaven and He had it written in a Book. The Author is the living God and the Words are sealed by the Blood of Jesus.

6 **Matthew 24:35** “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” **Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33.**

7 God instructed Moses **Deuteronomy 4:2** “*Ye shall **not** add unto the word which I command you, **neither** shall ye diminish ought from it.*”

8 God’s Word must be taken *seriously* and lived just as *seriously* because Satan is

determined to destroy our soul. It is not a game but a battle.

9 His *names* reveal his *intentions*—Accuser; Adversary; Abaddon—*place of destruction*; Apollyon—*destroyer*; Beelzebub; Belial; Dragon; Enemy. Many joke about Satan—but he plays for keeps.

10 *No one* would invite such an evil person into their home or want him near their children. Satan desires *our heart* so he could control *our life*. Millions in the world are unaware that he already *has* their heart—and that he has deceived them **Jeremiah 17:9.**

11 Satan has a viral hatred for anyone who loves God—but he cannot overcome the King of kings who has all power and authority—that is why the devil resorts to deceptions, scams, suggestions, and hiding his identity.

12 His plan is to cover the **Truth** of the Word so we will not live out the **plan** of the Word.

13 The destroyer of souls is on the hunt and looking for someone to devour—wanting only *to steal; to kill; and to destroy* **John 10:10.** Anyone *not alert* and *aware* of what is going on can be bested in this battle.

14 The deceiver *knows* he will eventually *lose*, but he is not going down without a fight.

15 The battle began in Genesis where we were made in the *image of God*, so we have a **target** on our back—Satan is out to deceive and destroy human souls—we have to be on guard.

16 Many think they are dealing with a *house pet* instead of a *wild beast*—who is out to devour them!

17 And it is why we should begin the day by repenting of any known sin, wrong habit, or unscriptural attitude—so we do not give Satan a foothold.

18 The stakes are high, so God uses strong words to state a *truth* and get our *attention*. He writes of Israel in **Ezekiel 16:28**, “*Thou hast played the harlot with*” the Assyrians. God uses that term many times in the Bible for anyone who chases after *false* gods.

19 It seems a constant battle with the devil—the lust of the *eyes*; the love for *money*; and the *pride* of life—all such sins will *bite* the sinner and take them to the pit if corrections are not made.

20 A believer wanting the **New Life** that is **Straight Ahead** stays on the narrow path of faith in Christ while being aware of Satan’s traps.

21 God has given us His *Truth* and He has showed His *power* when He *parted* the Red Sea, *fed* His people with manna, and protected the faithful as danger threatened.

22 God has fulfilled **Psalm 91:11** many times “*For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.*”

23 God gives numerous blessings and yet many of the world are not satisfied. Always looking for more. they chase after other gods—money; pleasure; fame and fortune; entertainment; or some religious teaching that suits their worldly ways.

24 Scripture speaks often about God’s people provoking His anger **Ezekiel 33:1-33.**

25 He has done much for His creation and just wants everyone to love Him and trust Him, but the majority ignore that He even exists.

26 NKJV Romans 2:4 “*Do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*”

27 God is loving, kind, gracious, and slow to anger—He just wants everyone to *repent* and *come back* to Him. He never forsakes *us*—it is His creation who forsakes *Him*.

28 God is compassionate and everyone needs to *know* that before it is too late. The race is coming to a close—the finish line is just ahead. The *repentant* and *forgiven* have a joyous eternity awaiting.

29 John 8:31 “*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.*”

30 We then can know the *freedom* God’s Truth gives—free from bitter feelings; resentment; worldly attitudes; wrong desires; and freedom from things that would eventually destroy us.

31 God wrote Judges 17:6 “*In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*”

32 Today—unbelievers want to be their *own god*; they want to direct their *own life*—leaving God out of their decisions—but Jesus must be *Lord of all*.

33 The warnings from Scripture is that judgment is coming on all who *do not know* Him; who *do not obey* His Word; and who *chart their own life*.

34 The Bible is the only Source of Truth and it has stood the test of time. It tells us *right* from *wrong* so we would know the *will of God* from the *way of the world*.

35 Many claim to follow Christ but are afraid of losing friends or money or ministry, so they end up following the world. They try to please everyone, but truth is *truth* and doctrine is *important*—so our *way of living* must be according to the living Word of God.

36 Anyone who puts *their* thoughts and plans ahead of *God’s* Word and plans—are *saying* that they know what is best—but it is the *Father* who knows what is best and has *always known* what is best.

37 It’s all written in a Book. John 17:17 “*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*”

38 *The New Life is Just Ahead* and with God’s help we must *stay* on the *straight* and *narrow* path to His kingdom.

39 Jude 1:3 “*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*”

40 To *contend* for the faith is to *defend* God’s Word! To *contend* for the faith is to—1 Timothy 6:12 “*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses*”—when baptized.

41 Believers are *contenders* in a prize fight—not *spectators* in the arena. To fight the good *fight*, is to trust our *faithful* Savior!

42 In fighting this battle, we must never *despise* the riches of God’s *Word*, but to *value* it and *follow* it in all aspects of life.

43 The Word tells us to *forgive* everyone of everything, because God has forgiven us of everything every time we repent.

44 To value His *Word* is to follow His *advice*—NLT Matthew 6:14 “*If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.*”

45 *The New Life—Straight Ahead* means we are willing to 1 Thessalonians 5:21 “*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*” 22 *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

46 23 *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

47 *The New Life—Straight Ahead* to a mansion prepared for the believer!

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