

- Series: Going Home
- Part 4. Absent from the Lord
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Part 4.

"Absent from the Lord."



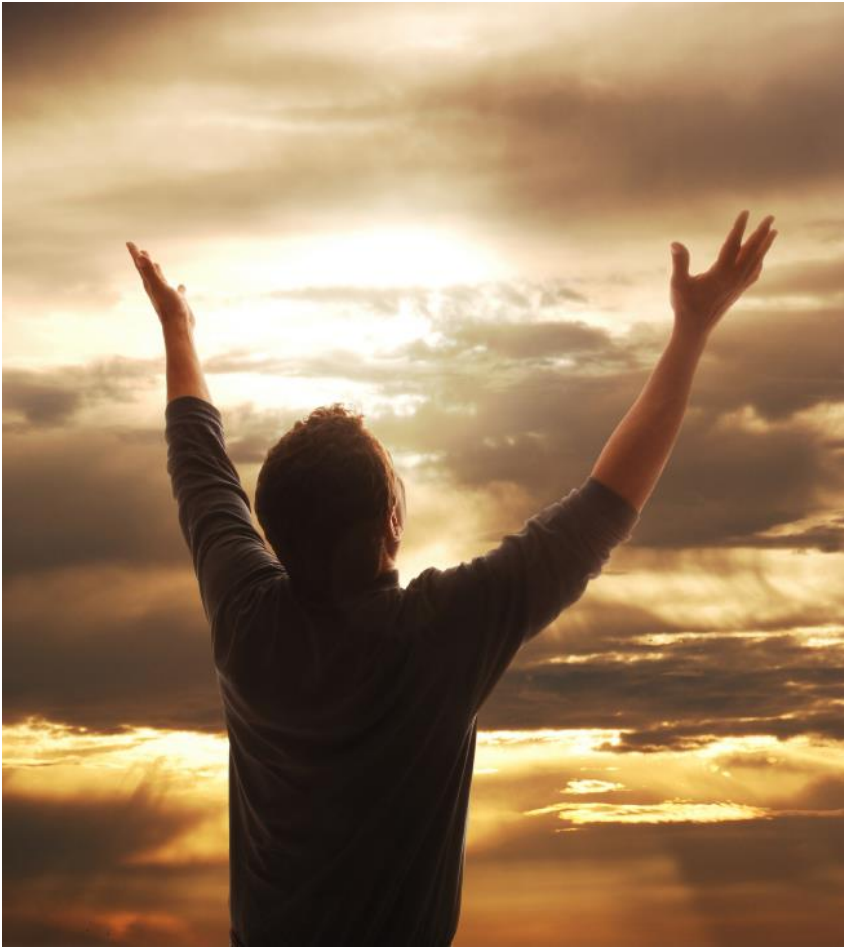
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2 Corinthians 5:6

Therefore,
being always of
good courage,
and knowing that
while we are
at home in the body
we are
absent from the Lord—

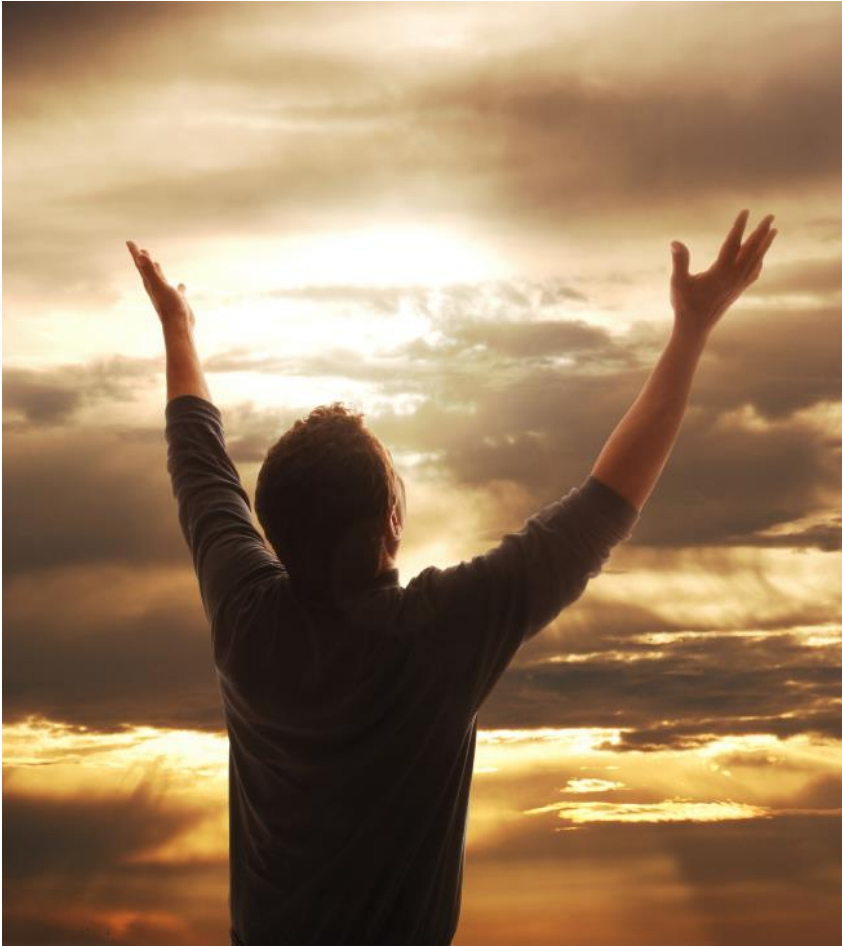
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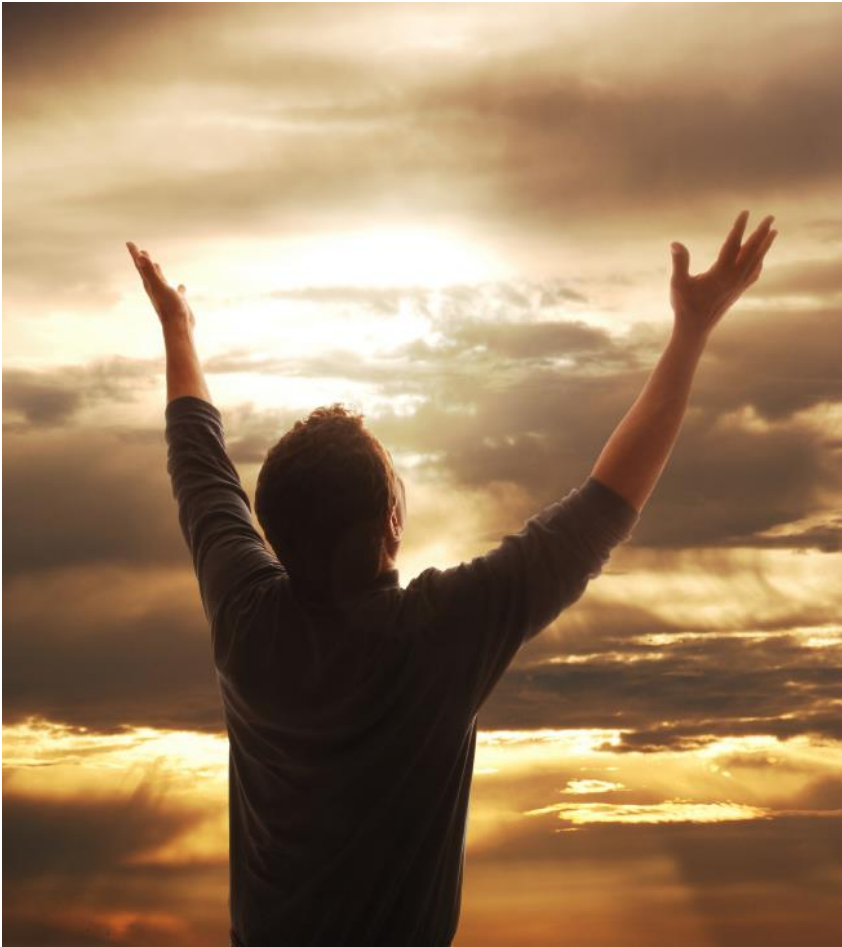
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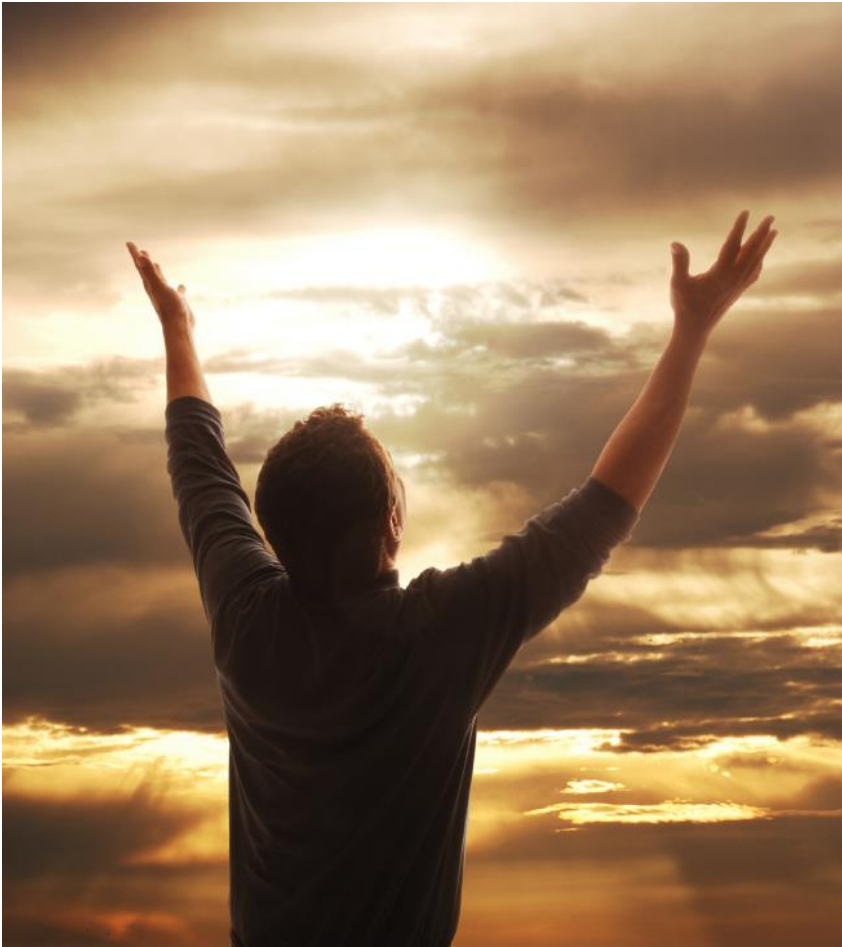
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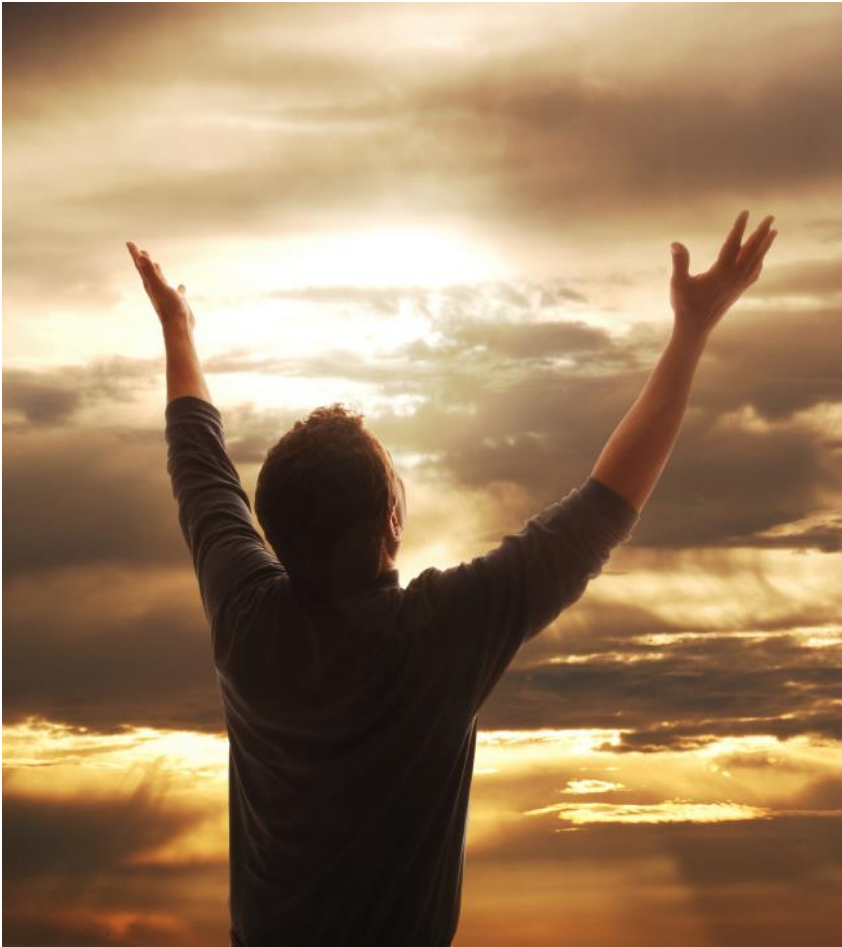
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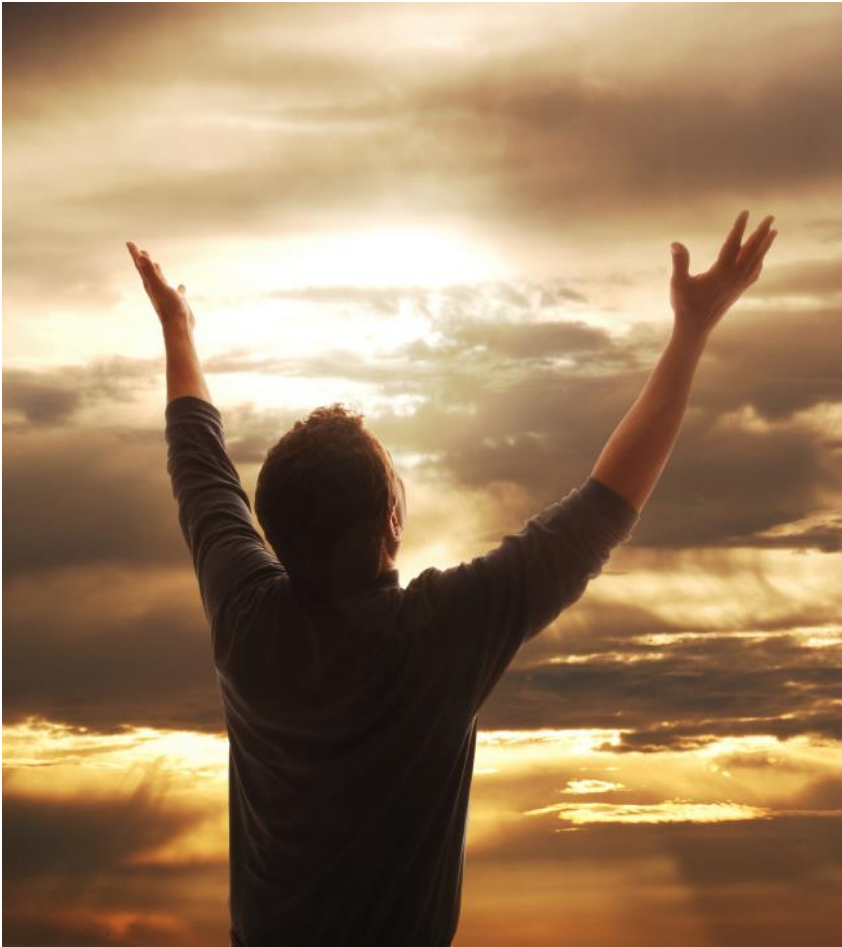
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- A fact not to be grieved over, but to be recognized and felt.

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- John 14:1-2—
 - ¹“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.
 - ²In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. (NASB95)

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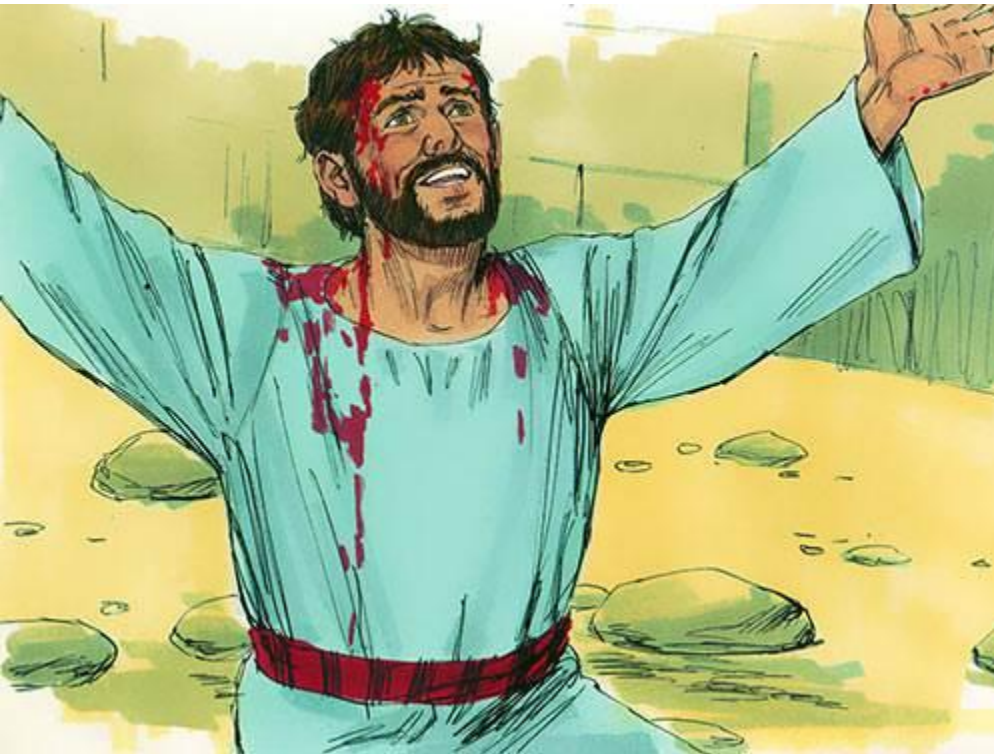
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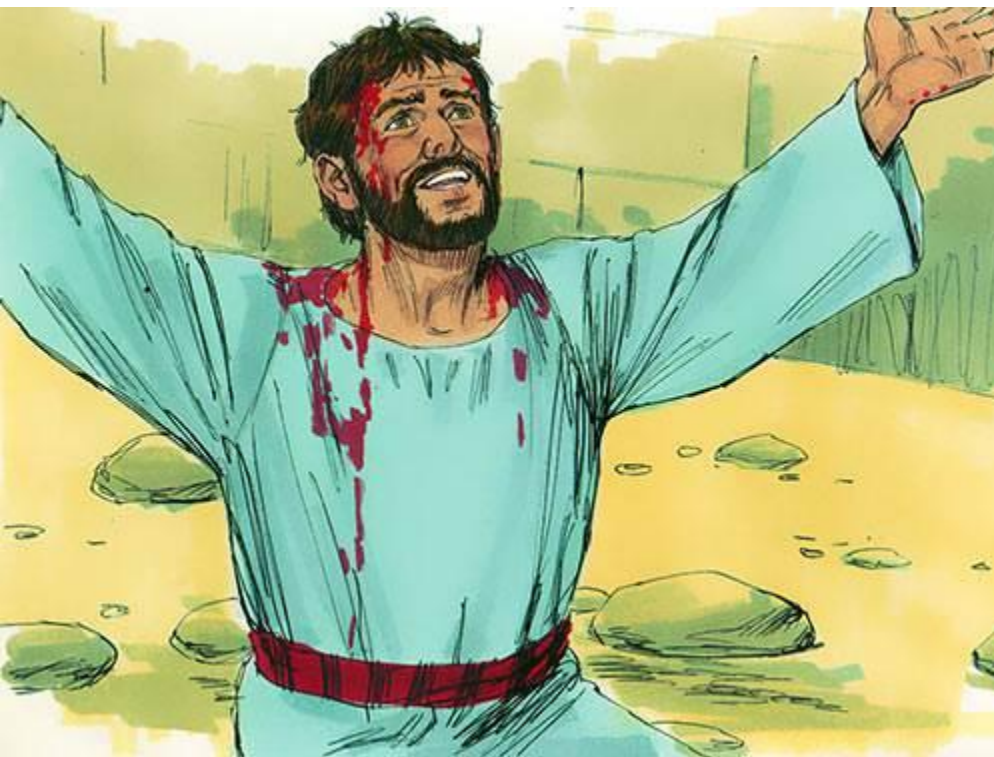
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- To prepare us for a place with him.

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- Seeing that which is...



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- Acts 7:55-56—
- ⁵⁵But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;
- ⁵⁶and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (NASB95)

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- **Away from Home for a Purpose...**



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- John 17:1—
- ¹⁷Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, (NASB95)

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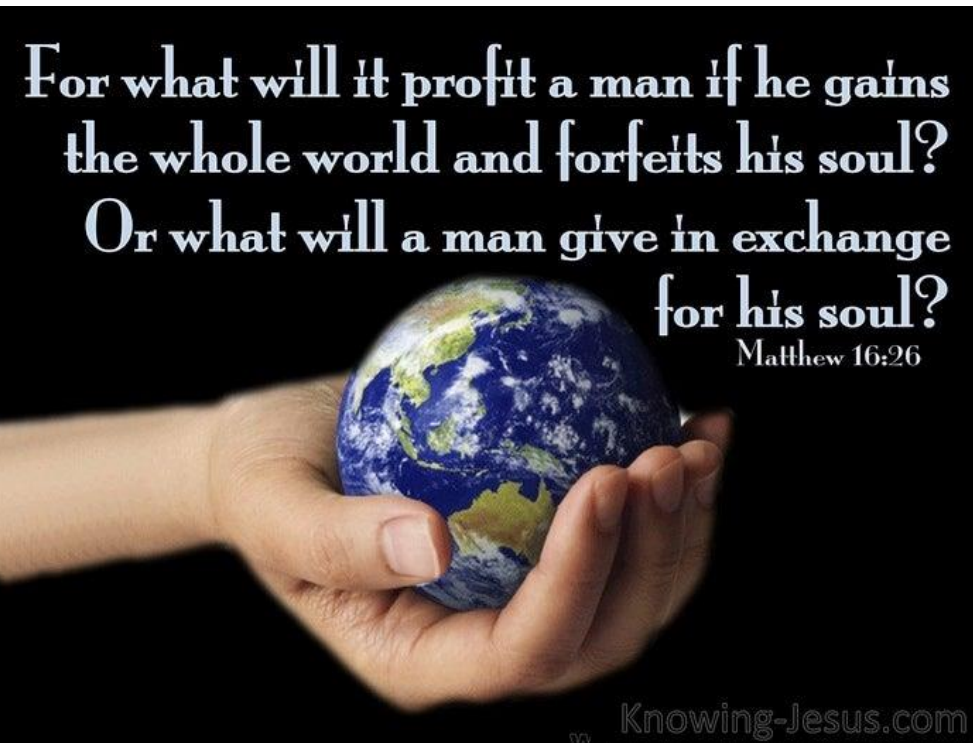


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 - ⁹obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. (NASB95)

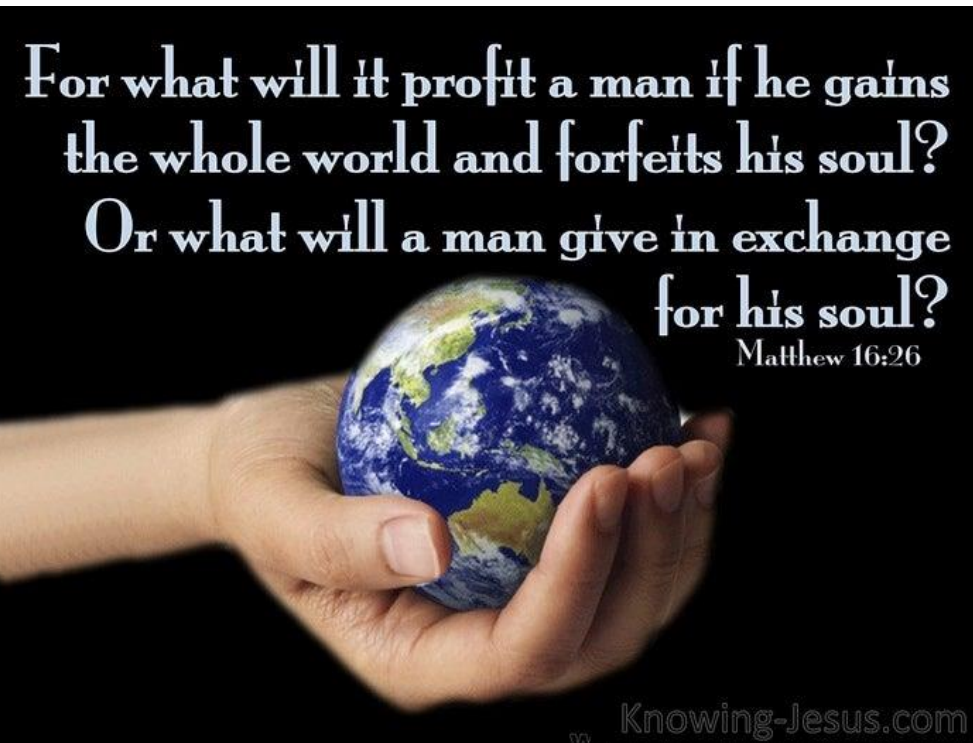


- Where our Ambitions Lie...



For what will it profit a man if he gains
the whole world and forfeits his soul?
Or what will a man give in exchange
for his soul?
Matthew 16:26

- Where our Ambitions Lie...



- 2 Corinthians 5:9—
- ⁹ Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. (NASB95)

- This World is NOT my Home...

For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:21



- This World is NOT my Home...



- 1 Peter 2:11—
- ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. (NASB95)

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- Stop investing in the corruption of the soul, and...

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- Stop investing in the corruption of the soul, and Dust!

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There's a great Day Coming...



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- **Galatians 3:27—**
- **For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.** (NASB95)

