

Jesus Said, "It Is Written!"

Jesus replied, "It has been written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4).

Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written also: You shall not tempt the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 6:16; Matthew 4:7).

Jesus said to him, "Begone. For it has been written: You shall worship the Lord your God and Him alone shall you serve" (Deuteronomy 6:13; Matthew 4:10).

"This is the one of whom it is written: 'Behold I send My messenger ahead of You, who shall make ready Your way before You'" (Malachi 3:1; Matthew 11:10).

He said to them, "It is written: My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves" (Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 7:11; Matthew 21:13).

There are many more verses in the Gospels, where Jesus regularly quotes the Old Testament prophets, using the words, "It is written." The apostles frequently did the same thing. Since they are our examples, that shows us we should also quote scripture for our particular, individual needs. Jesus quoted scriptures for several different reasons; to overcome evil, to bring healing, to teach the disciples, to encourage, etc. Jesus often quoted part of a verse, so we can do the same. For example, if we are hungry and don't have enough money to buy food for our family, we can quote John 6:31; 'As it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat', then we keep praying that scripture into our lives until the food supernaturally arrives. Other scriptures can be quoted for various other needs, but remember, Jesus always preceded His quotes by saying "It is written" and He always thanked God in advance, and that is precisely what we need to do. We need to speak as though the need has already been met, don't feel anxious, and we need to thank the Lord in advance, before we ever see the result (Philippians 4:6). Here are a few examples of the scriptures that can be quoted and applied to individual needs.

Healing for the eyes or ears; It is written; 'Blessed are your eyes, for they do see; and your ears, for they do hear' (Matthew 13:16). Speak as though they already do see and hear.

Healing for bone fractures; It is written; 'He protects all of his bones; not one of them is broken' (Psalm 34:20). Speak as though the bone is no longer broken.

Healing for depression or a feeling of heaviness; It is written; 'Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness' (Isaiah 61:3). Praise God and the heaviness will lift.

Healing for grief or mourning; It is written; 'Put on the oil of joy for mourning' (Isaiah 61:3).

Healing for heart problems; It is written; 'His/her heart is as firm as a stone' (Job 41:24).

Healing for someone who is lame; It is written; 'Stand upright on your feet ... for we walk by faith' (Acts 14:10 ... 2 Corinthians 5:7).

Finance; It is written; 'Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things' (3 John 1:2).

A loved one who is in prison; It is written; 'He has sent me to announce the release of the prisoners' (Luke 4:18).

A loved one who is not yet saved; It is written; 'Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved; you and your household ... rejoice that your names are written in heaven' (Acts 16:31 ... Luke 10:20). Speak as though their names are already written in heaven.

For a teenager who may be leaving for university, or someone going out to the mission field or somebody leaving the protection of home for any reason; It is written; 'He will put His angels in charge of you to guard you' (Luke 4:10).

For those who are unsure about whether they should go to the mission field; It is written; 'How can men preach unless they are sent? How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news' (Romans 10:15).

A blessing for a new son-in-law; It is written; 'You are my son; today I have become your father' (Acts 13:33). This can apply to a new daughter-in-law. 'You are my daughter; today I have become your father'.

For people who have had their home destroyed by fire or storm; It is written; 'After this I will come back and I will rebuild the house which has fallen. I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up again' (Acts 15:16).

For those who love to criticise the government; It is written; 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people' (Acts 23:5).

For those who are having trouble with faith; It is written; 'The righteous shall live by faith' (Romans 1:17).

For those who have had something terrible done to them; It is written; "Vengeance belongs to Me. I will repay", says the Lord' (Romans 12:19).

As much as many people would like to ask God for a spouse, it is not scriptural to do so; 'Are you married? Don't seek to be free. Are you free? Don't seek a wife' (or don't seek marriage) (1 Corinthians 7:27).

For those who are tormented by fears and phobias; It is written; 'The Lord has not given us a spirit of fear' (2 Timothy 1:7). 'Do not fear for I am with you, says the Lord' (Isaiah 41:10).

A desire for a baby; It is written; 'Every child who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord' (Luke 2:23). Speak as though your child is already on the way.

For parents who are worried about their child's development; It is written; 'Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have established strength to silence the enemy, and have made perfect praise' (Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:16). 'They will all be taught by God' (John 6:45).

For parents whose child may be missing; It is written; 'He/she was lost and now is found' (Luke 15:24). Speak as though your child is found, not will be found.

Get the picture? Speak as though your need is already met. It is written; 'Our God will liberally supply your every need, according to His riches in glory' (Philippians 4:19).

Amen and God bless you, as you apply His Word to your individual needs.

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