
VERSE DEDICATIONS

“He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. (12) **To those who listen to My teaching, more understanding will be given**, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are **not listening**, even **what little understanding they have will be taken away from them**. (13) That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don’t really see. They hear, but they don’t really listen or understand. (14) This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, ‘When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. (15) For **the hearts of these people are hardened**, and **their ears cannot hear**, and they have **closed their eyes**—so their **eyes cannot see**, and their **ears cannot hear**, and their **hearts cannot understand**, and **they cannot turn to Me** and let Me heal them.’ (16) But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. (17) I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn’t see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn’t hear it.” (Matt. 13:11-17 NLT.)

“Blessed is the man **who does this**, and the son of man **who holds it fast**, who **keeps the sabbath**, not profaning it, and **keeps his hand from doing any evil**. 3 Let not the **foreigner** [Gentile] who has joined himself to the LORD say, “The LORD will surely separate me from his people;” and let not the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.” 4 For thus says the LORD: “To the eunuchs **who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant**, 5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them **an everlasting name which shall not be cut off**. 6 And **the foreigners [Gentiles] who join themselves to the LORD**, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, **every one who keeps**

the sabbath, and does not profane it, and ***holds fast my covenant*** — 7 these ***I will bring to my holy mountain***, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and ***their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar***; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” (Isaiah 56:2-7, RSV.)

“But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.” (Acts 10:35, Peter speaking)

“And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw nigh unto me, and ***with their mouth and with their lips to honor me***, but have removed their heart far from me, and ***their fear of me is a commandment of men which hath been taught them***; (14) therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of ***their wise men shall perish***, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. (15) Woe unto them that ***hide deep their counsel from Jehovah***, and whose works are in the dark, and that say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? (16) ***Ye turn things upside down!*** Shall the potter be esteemed as clay; that the thing made should say of him that made it, He made me not; or the thing formed say of him that formed it, He hath no understanding? (17) Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest? (18) And ***in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book***, and ***the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.***” (Isa 29:13-18 ASV.)