

PRAYERS
OF THE **EPHESIANS**

Ephesians 1:1-14

1 “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus,
and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of

his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his

purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in

Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Our prayers are grounded
in the spiritual blessings of
God that are ours
in Jesus Christ.**

“Blessings in Christ”

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**1) The Praise for God's
Blessings in Christ
(vv. 3-11)**

VERB #1:

...who has blessed us (v.3)

VERB #2:

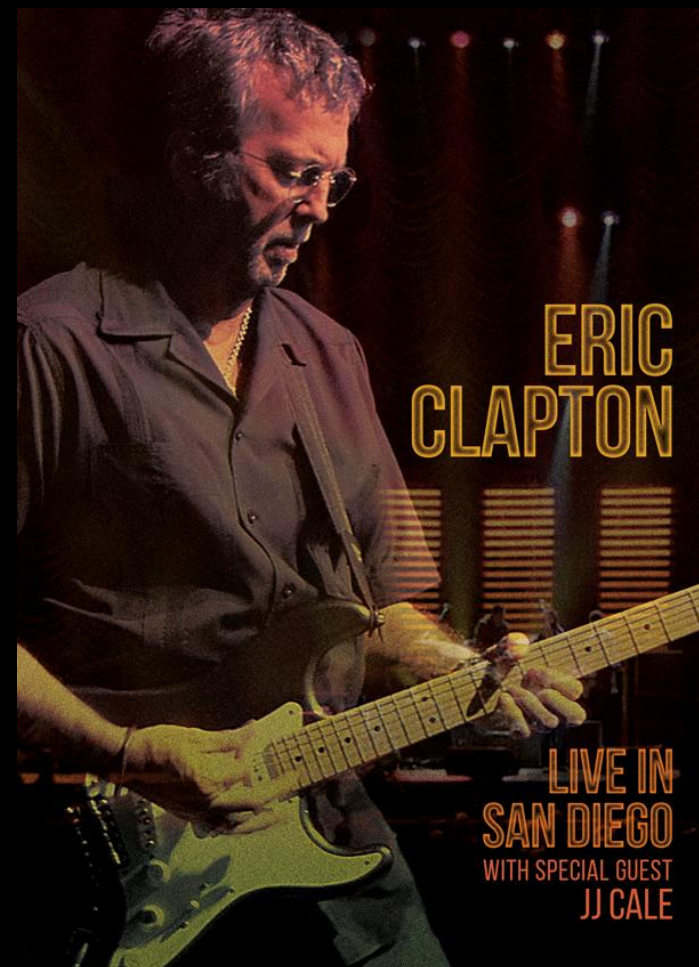
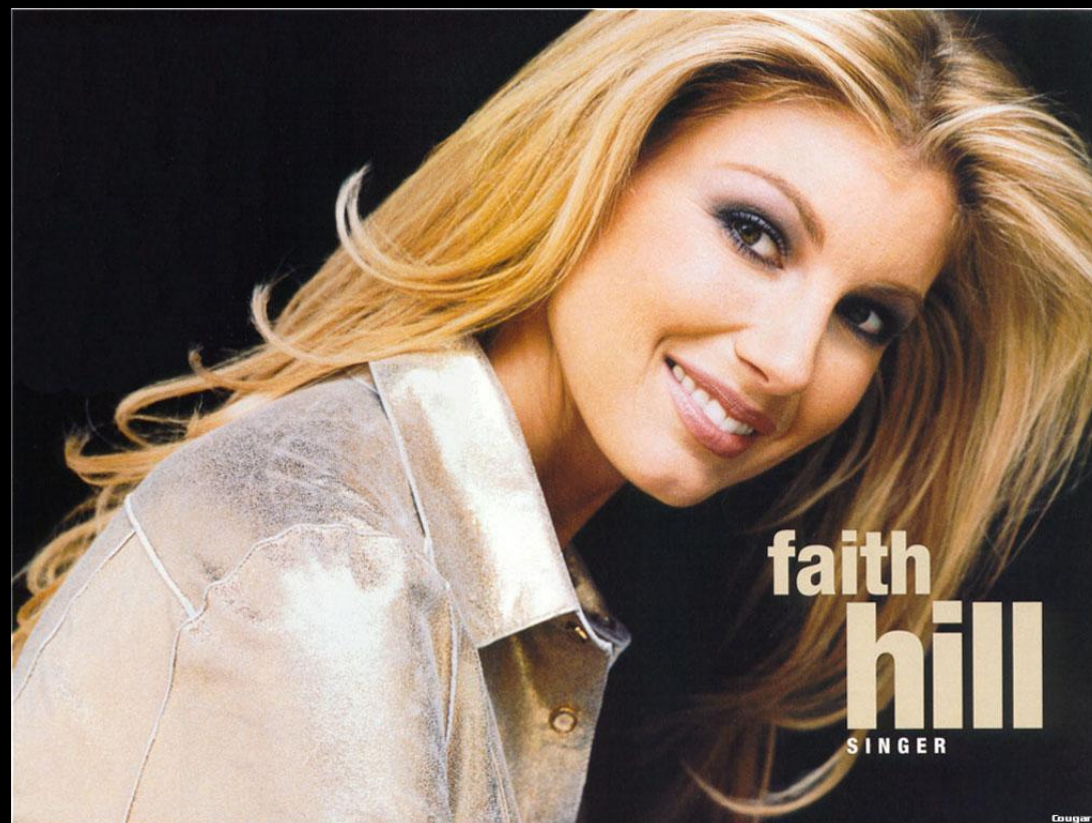
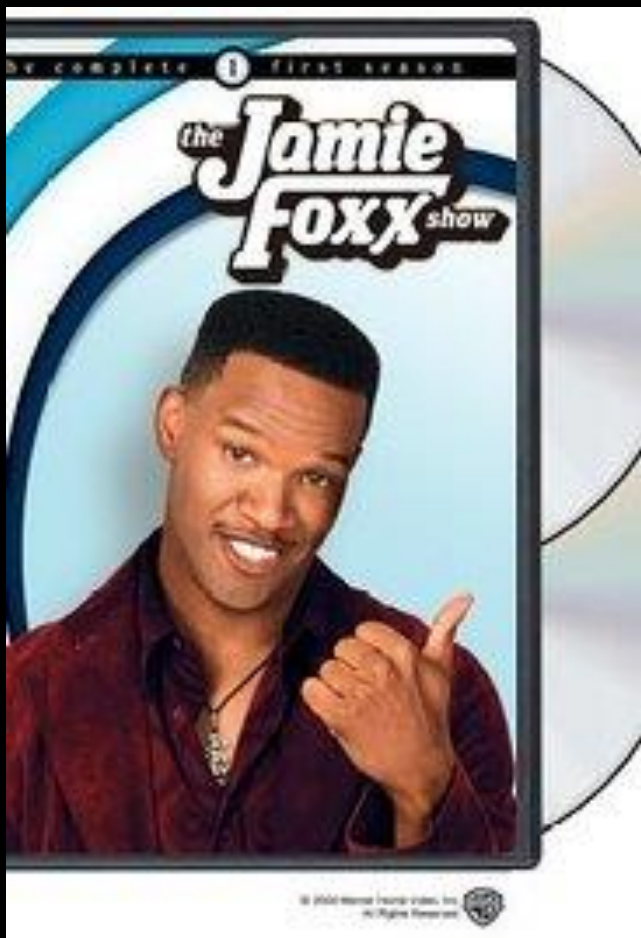
...he chose us (v.4)

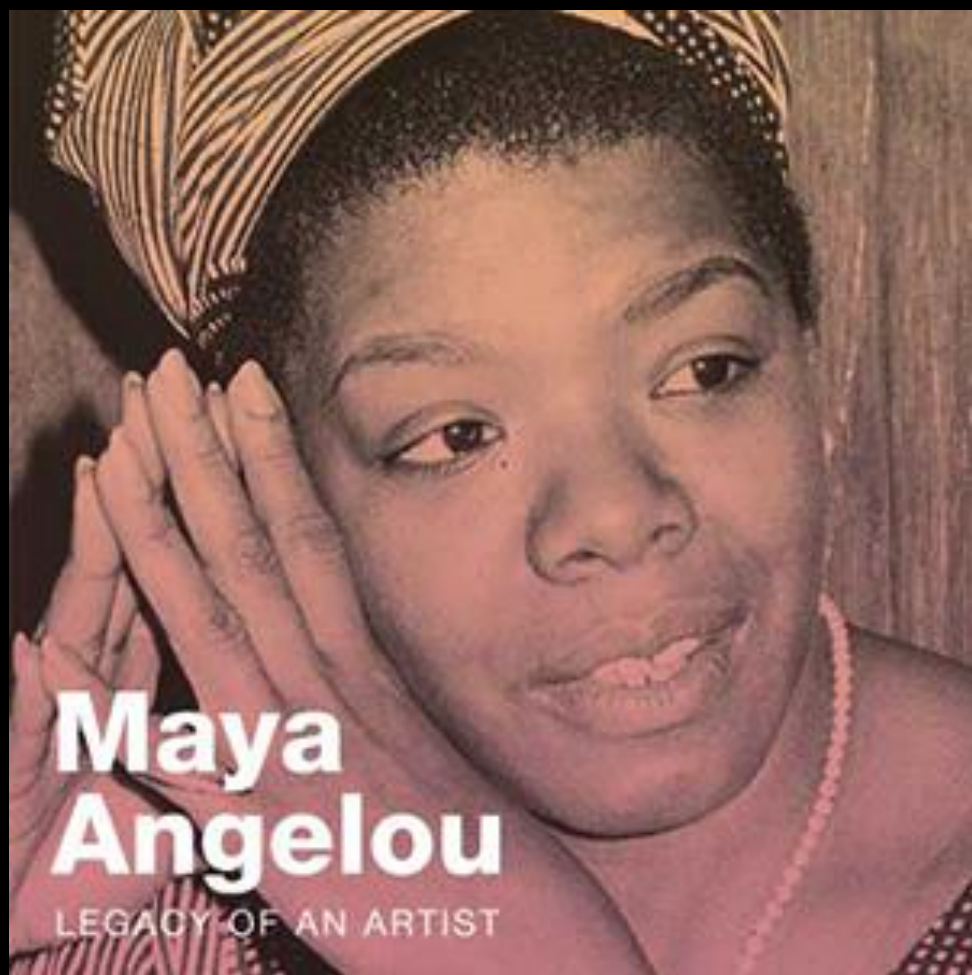
Deuteronomy 7:7-8

⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and ...

VERB #3:

**...he predestined us for
adoption (v.5)**



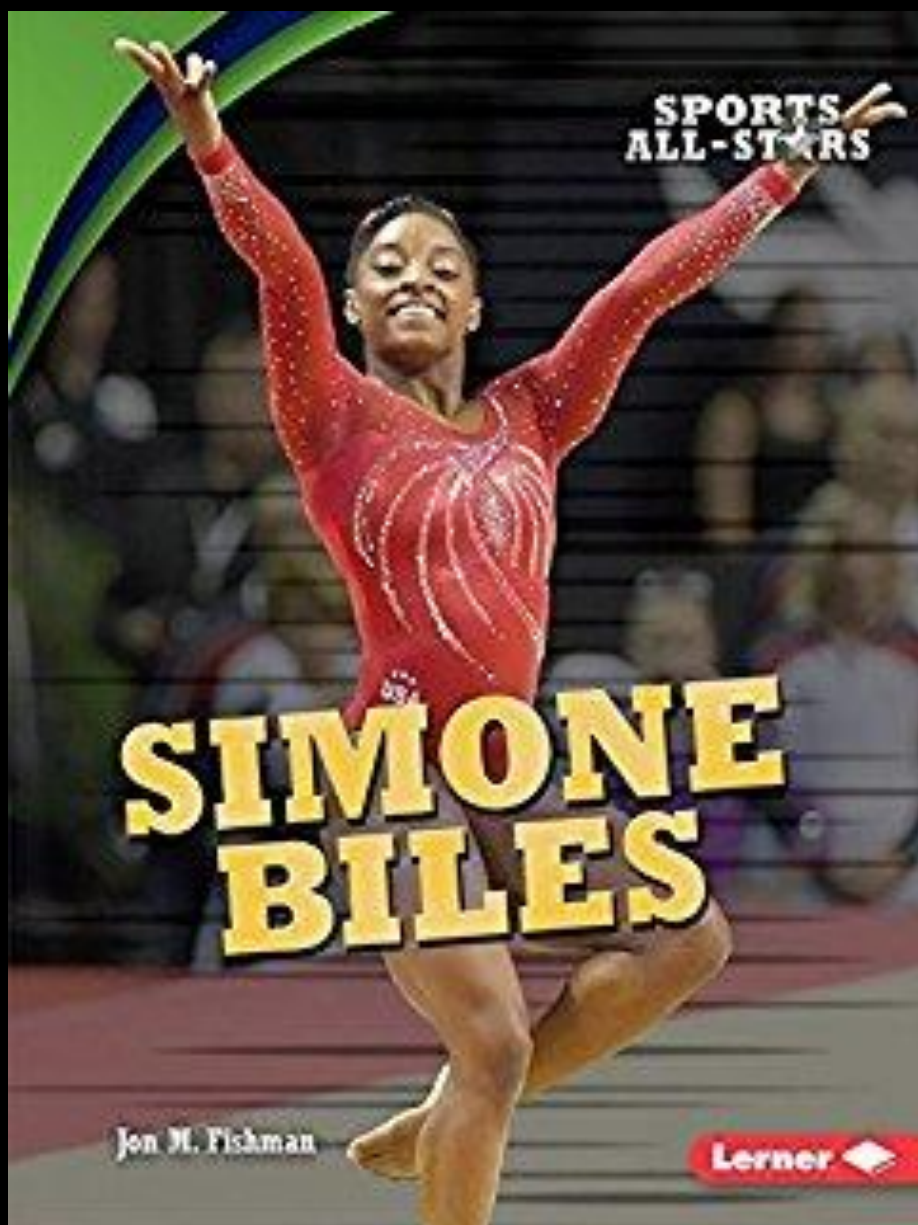






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VERB #4:

**... we have redemption
(i.e. he redeemed us) (v.7)**



VERB #5:

**...he lavished (his grace)
upon us (v.8)**



VERB #6:

**(He has) made known to us
(v.9)**

VERB #7:

...were sealed (v.13)





2) The Purpose for God's Blessings in Christ (vv. 11-13)

We are blessed for our good

We are blessed for His glory



In whom we have
redemption through
his blood, the
forgiveness of sins,
according to the
riches of his grace;
—Ephesians 1:7

