

*Heaven
Help Us*

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



- *Heaven's Past*
 - *Plan of God*
- *Heaven's Present*
 - *Prayers of God*
- *Heaven's Future*
 - *Praises to God*





As you live in this world, don't dwell upon your failures or look to your own performance as the basis of your security.

You have been raised with Christ. He alone is your hope. Make His glory, and not your own goodness, the focus of your days and you will find that your behavior will bear testimony to His life-transforming power.

-Allistair Begg



Heaven's Past:

Plan of God



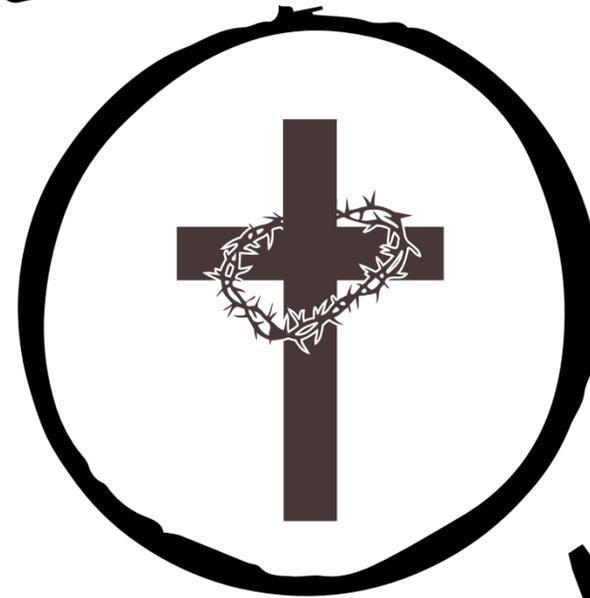
Ephesians 1:3-5

3 Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. 5 He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will

Father --
Gave the
church to Jesus



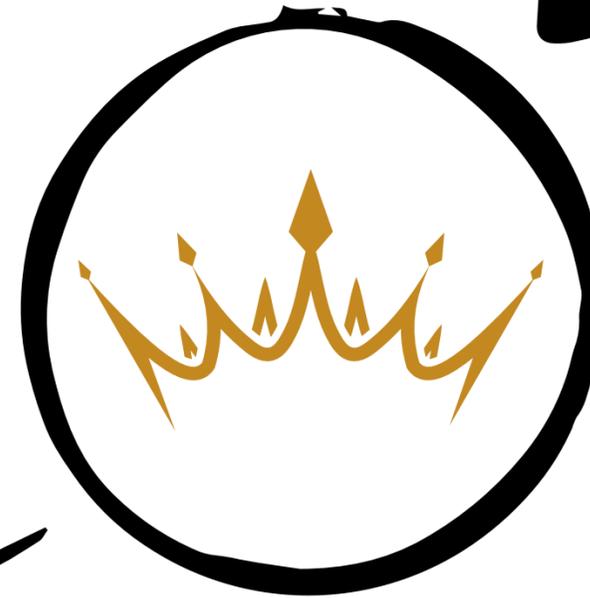
Jesus--
Lived, died, and
rose again for
us



Praise Jesus--
To the Father's
Glory



Jesus--
Raises Us Up





HEAVEN'S
PRESENT:

**PRAYERS
OF GOD**

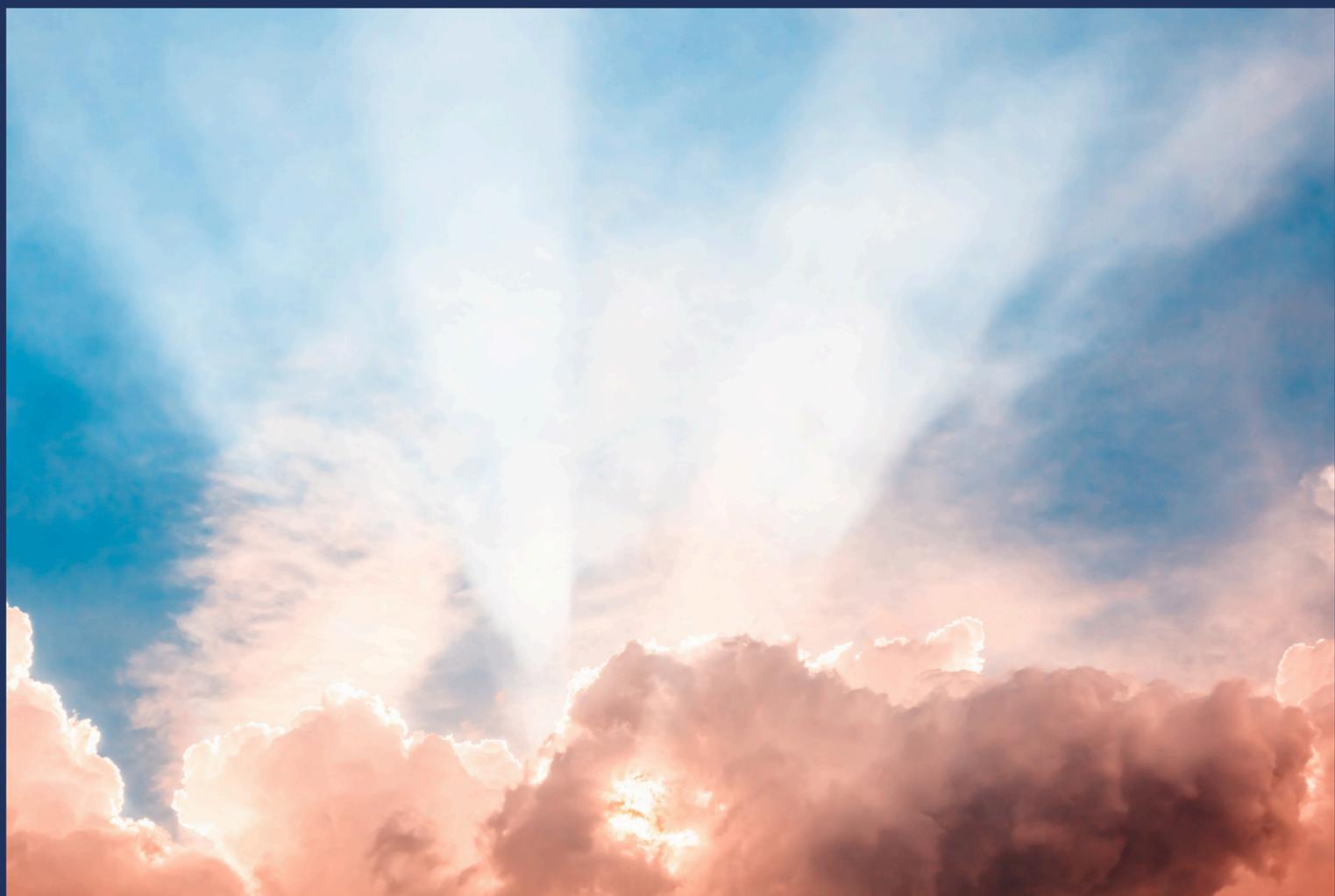
WHAT IS JESUS PRAYING FOR?

- Our growth in grace
- Protection from all evil
- Restoration of broken communion between us and God
- Deliverance from temptation
- Our unity
- That we would come to him quickly in time of need

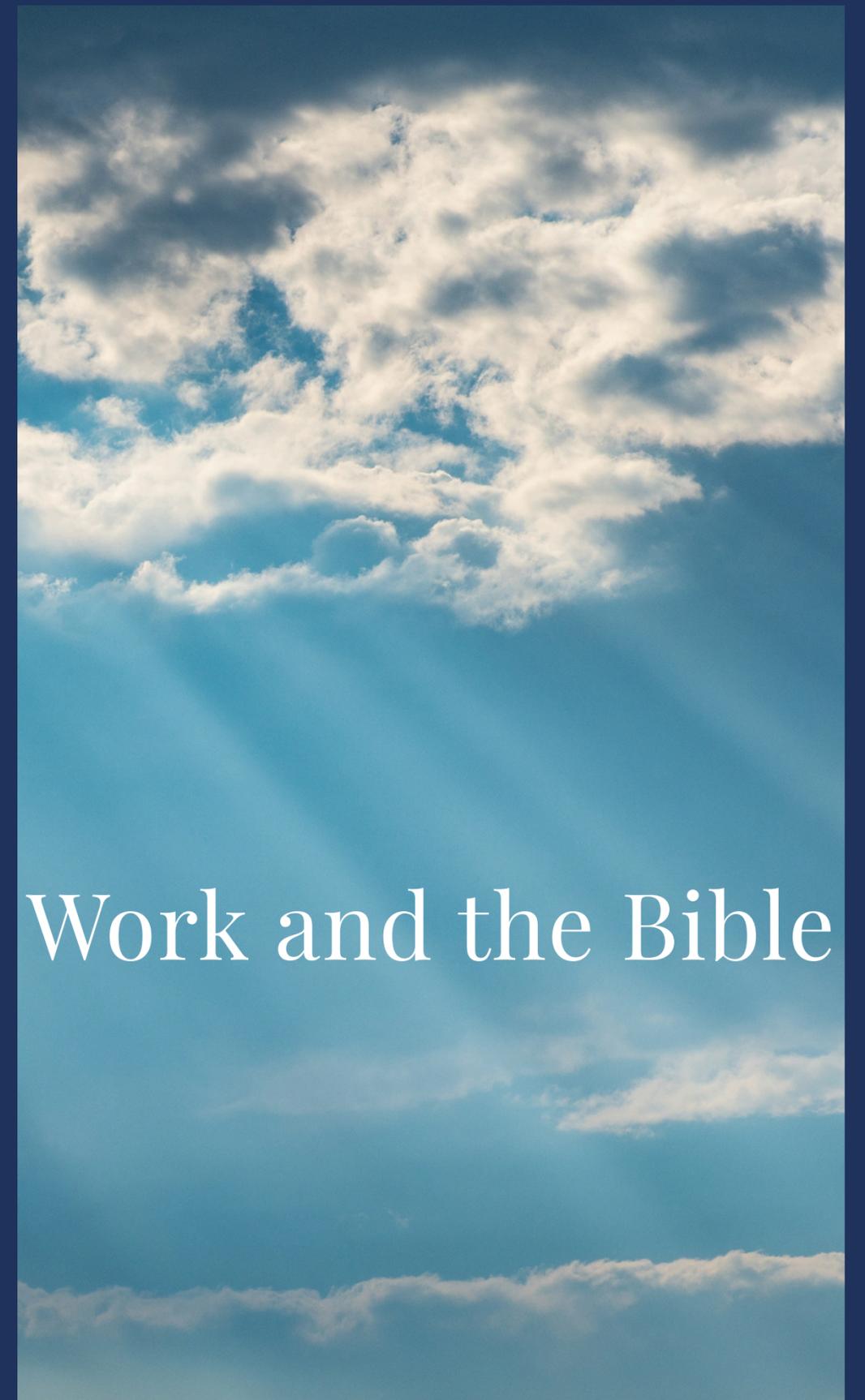
ROMANS

8:34

Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; He also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us.



- Adam worked in Genesis 2 - before sin entered the world
- Work was explicitly part of the curse in Genesis 3.
- Jesus on earth worked, both as a carpenter and in His ministry
- Jesus is currently working in heaven
- None of us has ever experienced a day of sin-free, temptation-free work fully done to the glory of God



Work and the Bible

*Heaven's Future:
Praises to God*



Ways Heavenly Worship will differ from worship now

- Purity – We will be holy worshippers without sin.
- Proximity – We will be happy worshippers being in God's presence.
- Longevity – We will be happy worshippers forever!
- Clarity – We will be more insightful worshippers.
- Intensity – We will worship with more intense delight.
- Capacity – We will worship in fulness over the immensity of God's glory.
- Satiety – We will worship while thoroughly satisfied.

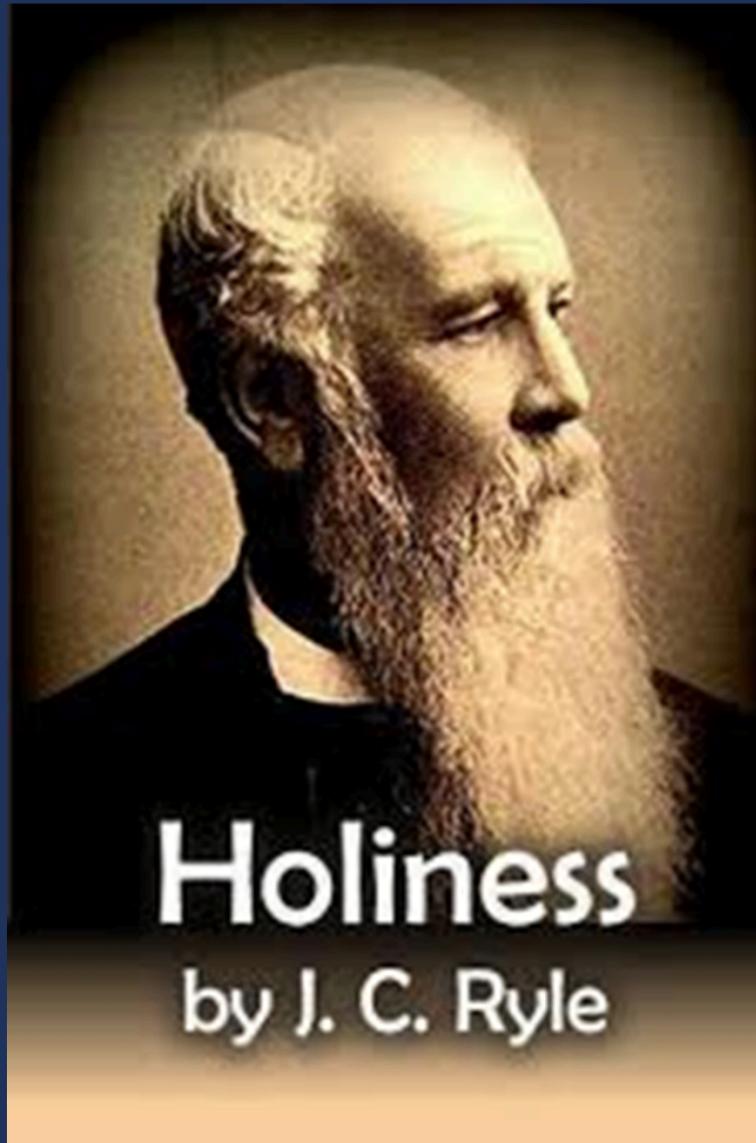
WAYS HEAVENLY WORSHIP CAN INSPIRE US IN WORSHIP *NOW*

- Purity – Be holy worshippers fighting sin.
- Proximity – Be happy worshippers being in God's presence.
 - Longevity – Be happy worshippers weekly!
 - Clarity – Be more insightful worshippers.
- Intensity – Worship with more intense delight.
- Capacity – Worship in fulness over the immensity of God's glory.
 - Satiety – Worship while thoroughly satisfied.

“Right here a holy and reverential fear of the Lord is not inconsistent with a joy and celebration of the Lord. Dare I say as a church we (UBC) understand the holy reverence and fear part.. but we might risk missing some of the second, some of the joy, some of the exuberance. What does it say about us if we can gather on Saturday in a football stadium or on our couch and shout with joy, but on Sunday we can’t fathom anything but a professional detachment. Can it be right that we come and give all of our coldness to Christ while the world gets all of our enthusiasm? What does it say about what we really worship?”

Brad Wheeler, University Baptist Church





Holiness
by J. C. Ryle

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