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**2 Thessalonians 3:16-18**

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**But first...**

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**[pre/mid/post Trib, pre/post/a 1000, hist, pret, fut, id endtimes prophecy]**

**[rapture, seals, no-one knows, watch]**



## **'the imminent return of Jesus'**

**not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb 10:25)**

**And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near." (Rev 22:10)**

**The "drawing nearer" return of Jesus  
To "watch" and be "ready" = testimony**

## 2/ 'the testimony of the Gospel'

**The great commission and the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)**

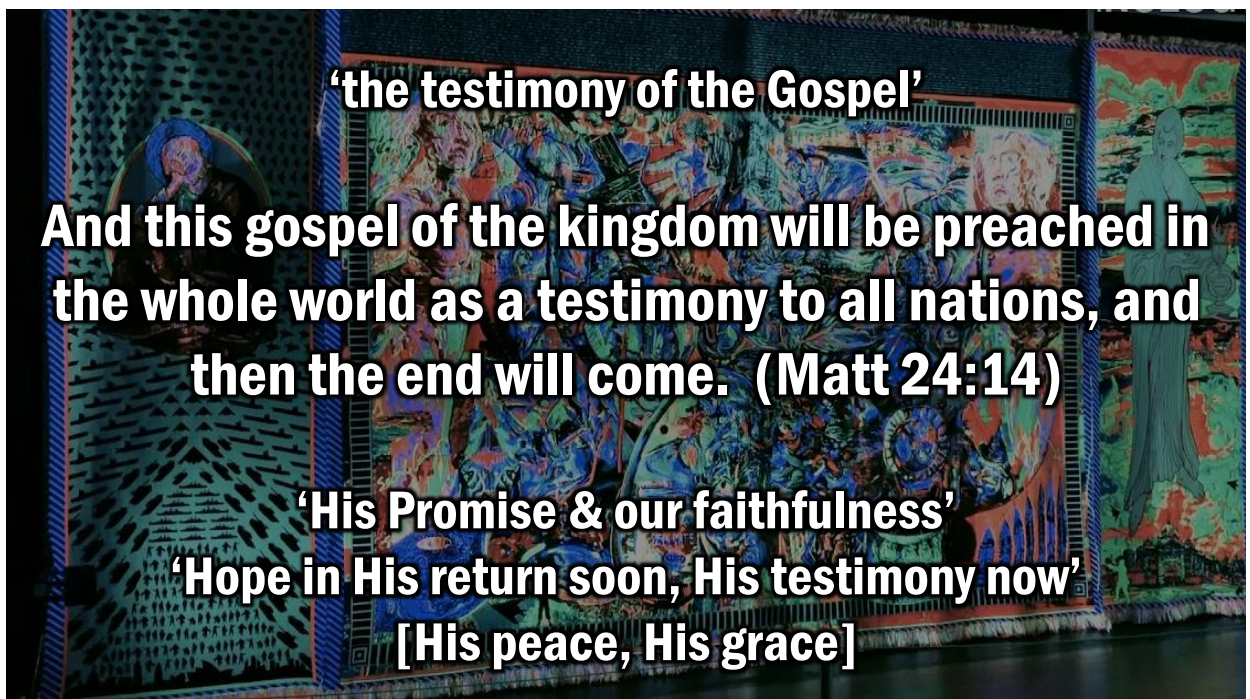
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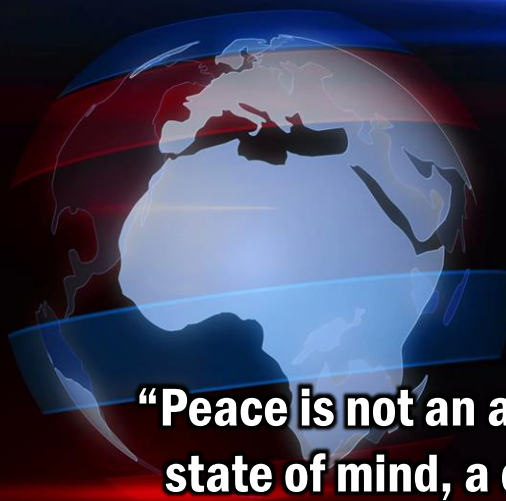
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**[Matthew 24:14]**



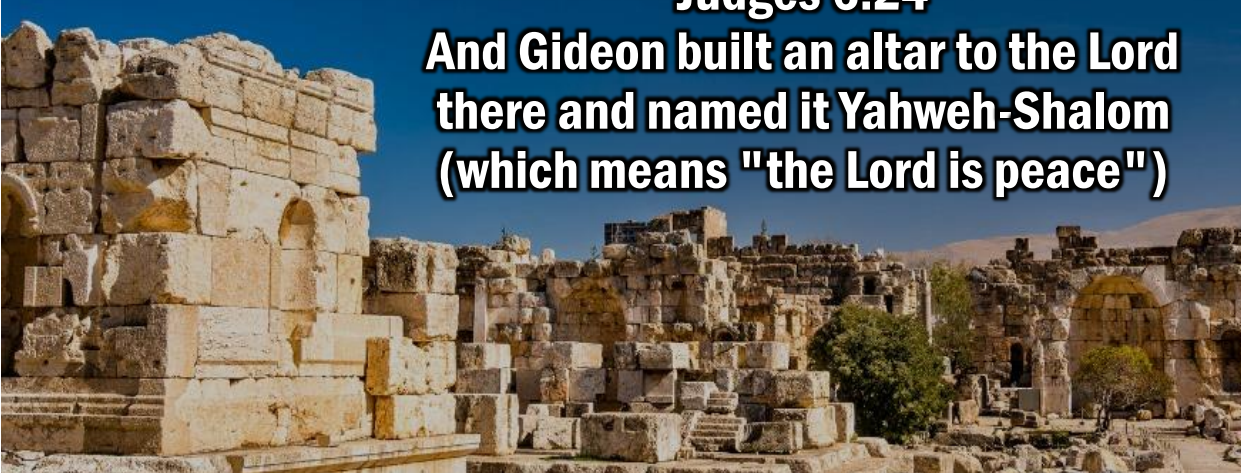


3/ 'peace and grace

**BREAKING NEWS**

**“Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.”**

**Spinoza, Theologico-Political Treatise, 1670.**



**THE LORD IS SHĀLÔM.**

**Judges 6:24**

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**...Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds...the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country...and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it.**

**Judges 6:1-6**

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**Num 6:24-26**

**“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face **shine on you and be gracious to you**; the LORD turn his face toward you and **give you peace.**”**

**2 Thess 3:16**

**Now may the Lord of peace himself **give you peace at all times and in every way.** The Lord be with all of you.**

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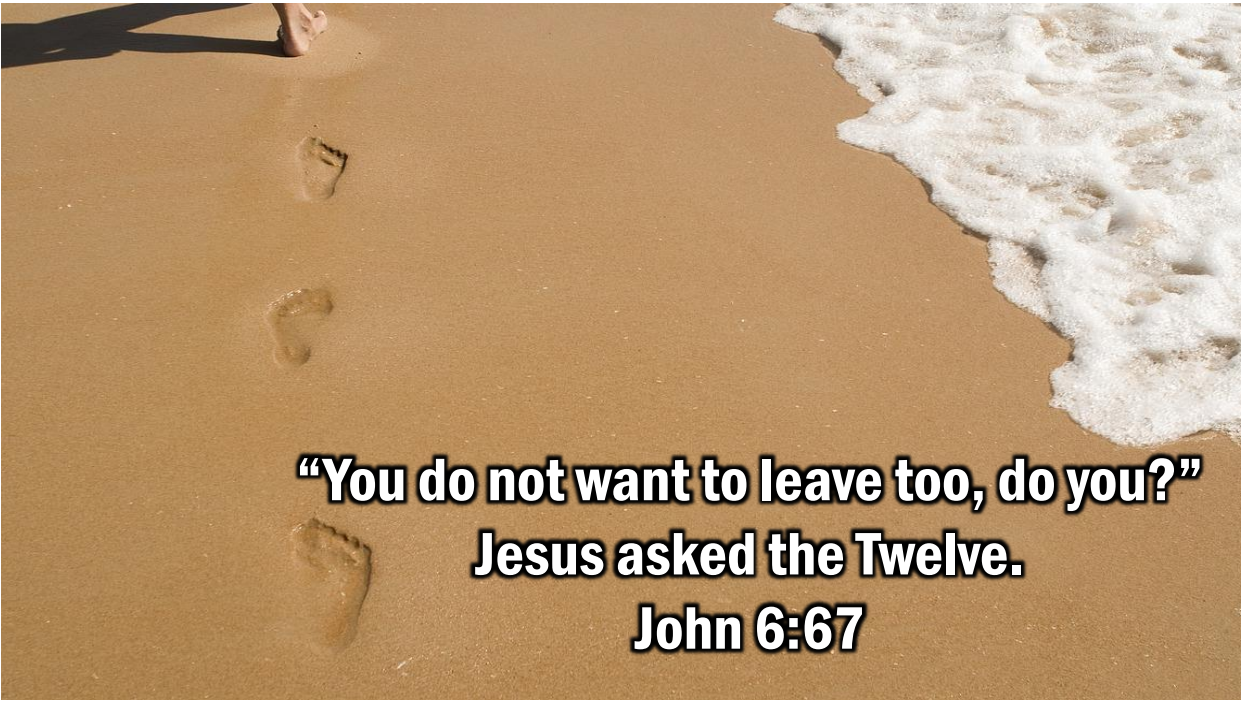
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**Exodus 20:7**

**"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."**

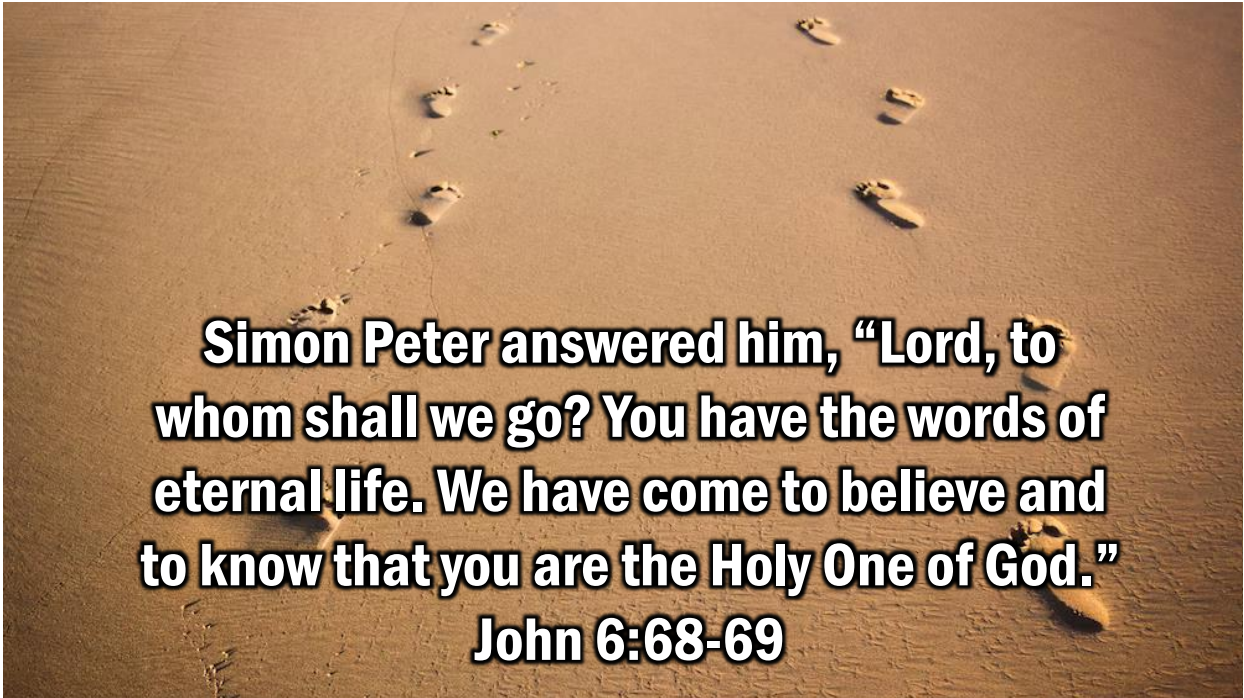


**From this time  
many of his  
disciples turned  
back and no  
longer followed  
him.  
John 6:66**



**“You do not want to leave too, do you?”  
Jesus asked the Twelve.  
John 6:67**



A photograph of a sandy beach with several sets of footprints leading away from the viewer. The text is overlaid on the image.

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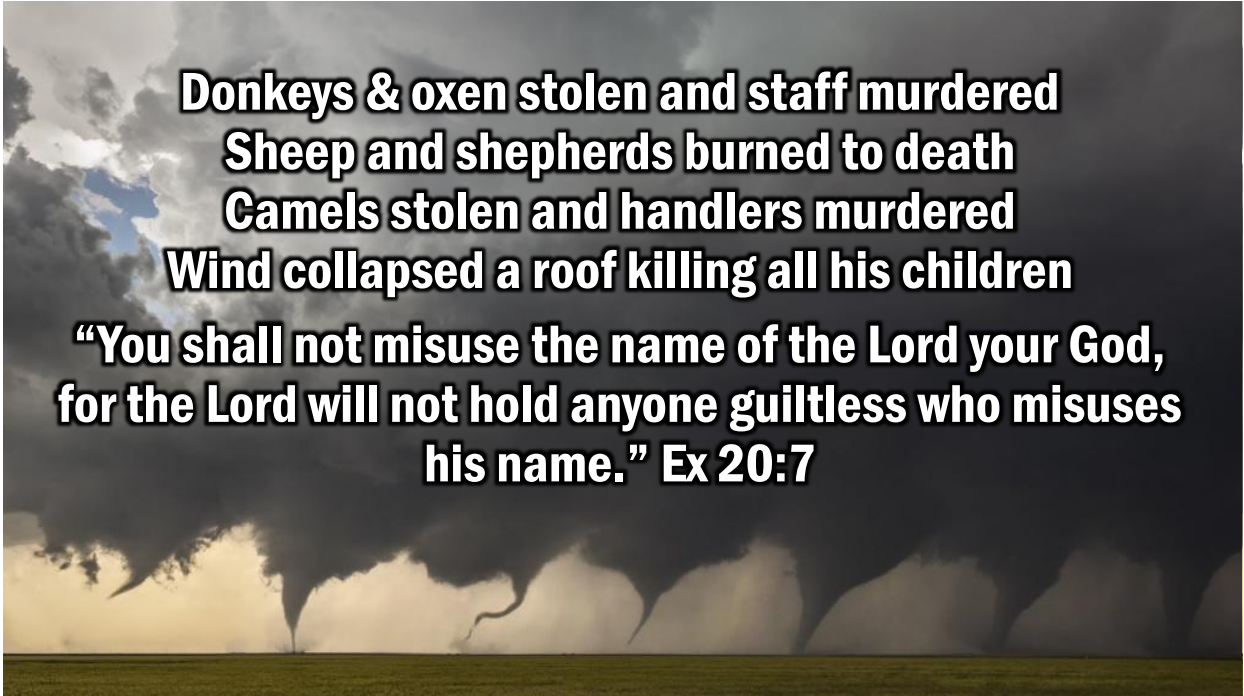
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**Job 1:9-12**

**...“Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied.**

**“Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.”...**



**Donkeys & oxen stolen and staff murdered  
Sheep and shepherds burned to death  
Camels stolen and handlers murdered  
Wind collapsed a roof killing all his children**

**“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God,  
for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses  
his name.” Ex 20:7**

**At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”**  
**In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing. (Job 1:20-22)**

#### **Job 2:4-7**

**“Skin for skin!” Satan replied. “A man will give all he has for his own life. But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head.**

**Job 2:9 / His wife said to him, 'Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.'**

**Job 3:1-26 / At last Job spoke, and he cursed the day of his birth.. I have no peace, no quietness; I have no rest, but only turmoil."**

**[H/W Psalm 39 & 88]**

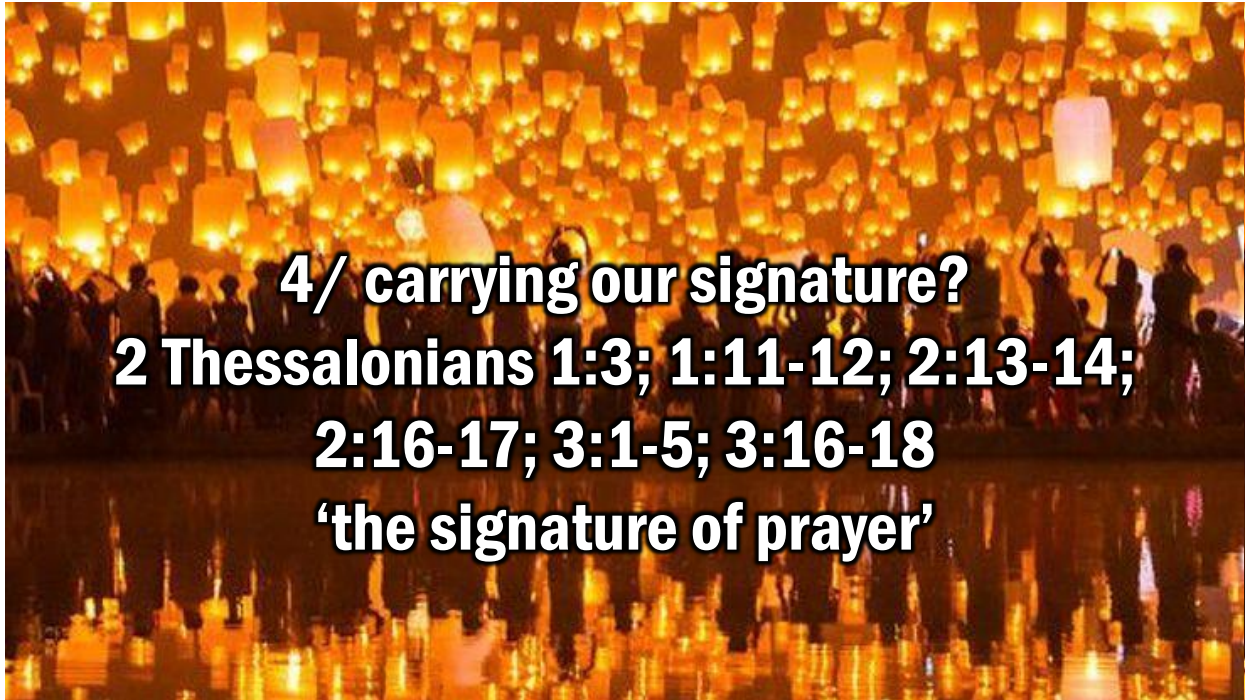
**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

**3/ peace and grace' (2Thess3:16-18)**

**Lord of peace  
Give you His peace  
All times, all situations**

**'where else will we go?'**



**4/ carrying our signature?  
2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1:11-12; 2:13-14;  
2:16-17; 3:1-5; 3:16-18  
'the signature of prayer'**

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**...therefore...the Lord of peace Himself give  
Stirling Family Church His peace at all times  
and in every situation. May the Lord be with  
each of us. And may the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ be with Stirling Family Church.**

