



The Person & the Work of the

Holy Spirit

*15. The Role of the Holy Spirit
in the Church - 12*

Hearing
GOD



8. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.
9. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.
10. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
11. So will My Word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:8-11

THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER
1 PETER

Chosen foreigners
Greeting

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who are elect exiles of the Dis-
persion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia,
and Bithynia, ^{Trinity} according to the foreknowledge
of God the Father, in the sanctification of the
Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for
sprinkling with his blood:
May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

^{mercy} **Born Again to a Living Hope**
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a liv-
^{Savior} ing hope through the resurrection of Jesus
^{Scripture} Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is
^{protection} imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in
heaven for you, ^{who by God's power are being}
guarded through faith for a salvation ready to
be revealed in the last time. ^{In this you rejoice,}
though now for a little while, if necessary, you
have been grieved by various trials, ^{so that}
the tested genuineness of your faith—more
precious than gold that perishes though it is
tested by fire—may be found to result in praise
and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus
Christ. ^{Though you have not seen him, you}
love him. ^{Though you do not now see him,}
you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is
inexpressible and filled with glory, ^{obtaining}
the outcome of your faith, the salvation of
your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets
who prophesied about the grace that was to be
yours searched and inquired carefully, ^{inquiries}
that were indicating when he predicted the
sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glo-
ries. ^{It was revealed to them that they were}
serving not themselves but you, in the things
that have now been announced to you through
those who preached the good news to you by
the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into
which angels long to look.

Called to Be Holy
^{Therefore, preparing your minds for}
action, and being sober-minded, ^{hope}
fully on the grace that will be yours
to you at the

^{omniscient} obedient children, do not be conformed to the
passions of your former ignorance, ^{but as he}
who called you is holy, you also be holy in all
your conduct, ^{since it is written, "You shall}
be holy for I am holy." ^{And if you call on}
him as Father who judges impartially accord-
ing to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves
with fear throughout the time of your exile,
^{knowing that you were ransomed from the}
futile ways inherited from your forefathers,
^{not with perishable things such as silver or}
gold, ^{but with the} precious blood of Christ,
^{like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.}
^{He was foreknown before the foundation of}
the world but was made manifest in the last
times for the sake of you ^{who through him}
are believers in God, who raised him from the
dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and
hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedi-
ence to the truth for a sincere brotherly love,
^{since you have been born again, not of per-}
ishable seed but of imperishable through the
living and abiding word of God; ^{for}
"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of
grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains for-
ever."

And this word is the good news that was
preached to you.

A Living Stone and a Holy People

2 So put away all malice and all deceit and
hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ^{Like}
newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual
milk, that by it you may grow up into salva-
tion— ^{if indeed you have tasted that the}
is good.
^{As you come to him}
by men but is

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"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be
put to shame."

Redeemer
So the honor is for you who believe, but for
those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"
and
"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word,
as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvel-
ous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now
you are God's people, once you had not received
mercy, but now you have received mercy, which
¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles
to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which
wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your con-
duct among the Gentiles honorable, so that
when they speak against you as evildoers, they
may see your good deeds and glorify God on
the day of visitation.

Submission to Authority

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human
institution, ^{whether it be to the emperor} as
supreme, ^{or to governors as sent by him to pun-}
ish those who do evil and to praise those who do
good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing
good you should put to silence the ignorance of
foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free not
using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but
in the brotherhood of God. ¹⁷ Honor

1 PETER 3:12
Just
steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit
found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled,
he did not revile in return; when he suffered,
he did not threaten, but continued entrusting
himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself
bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we
might die to sin and live to righteousness. By
his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you
were straying like sheep, but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Wives and Husbands

3 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own
husbands, so that even if some do not obey
the word, they may be won without a word by
the conduct of their wives, ^{when they see your}
respectful and pure conduct. ^{Do not let your}
adorning be external—the braiding of hair and
the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing
you wear— ^{but let your adorning be the hid-}
den person of the heart with the imperishable
beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in
God's sight is very precious, ^{For this is how the}
holy women who hoped in God used to adorn
themselves, by submitting to their own hus-
bands, ^{as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him}
lord. And you are her children, if you do good
and do not fear anything that is frightening.
^{Likewise, husbands, live with your wives}
in an understanding way, showing honor to
the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are
heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your
prayers may not be hindered.

Suffering for Righteousness' Sake

^{Finally, all of you, have}
sympathy, brotherly
a humble

FAITH

Matthew 8-9 In these Books Jesus saw
Jesus Heals Many. Their Faith.

so he healed

When these healings happen... Jesus repeats
"... Jesus saw their faith..." v2

"... your faith has healed you..." v22

"... According to your FAITH let it be done to
you..." v30

JESUS SAW THEIR FAITH.
SO HE HEALED.

JESUS wants your health. He wants you to believe
that he can do miracles. All it takes is Faith. A mustard
seed of Faith. And once you believe Jesus, he will
do miracles in your life and start a good work
in you.

Prayer. Jesus. I AM Sorry I Have Doubted you AT
Times. please forgive me. I Believe in you and your
goodness and power I pray that my faith can grow
stronger with each passing day. AMEN

Undated

DATE / / M T W T F S S ☀

Today's Prayer Request...

Today I thank the Lord for...

DAILY AFFIRMATION:
I will dwell without fear of evil if I listen to God.
PROVERBS 1:23

Today's tasks / notes

Today's blessing... ☾

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Daily Prayer Request

DATE / / M T W T F S S ☀

Today's Prayer Request...

Today I thank the Lord for...

DAILY AFFIRMATION:

I am blessed with strength and peace.

PSALMS 29:11

Today's tasks / notes

Today's blessing... ☾

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Daily Tasks

Daily Gratitude

Daily Biblical Affirmation

S.O.A.P.

- ▶ **Scripture:** writing out the verse or portion of Scripture. Writing them out helps you slow down and notice details.
- ▶ **Observation:** write down what you observe about the text, what the passage reveals about God & His ways.
- ▶ **Application:** personalise the passage to your life. Reflect on how the scripture applies to your current circumstances, emotions, or actions.
- ▶ **Prayer:** a personal prayer in response to what we've read. This can be a prayer of application, asking for help in applying the lesson, or a prayer of praise & thanksgiving to God for His Word to you.

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31. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;
32. and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.

1 Corinthians 14:31-32



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- ▶ **Age 75** God promises to make Abraham a "great nation" (Genesis 12:1-4).
- ▶ **Age 86** Abraham bears Ishmael with Hagar.
- ▶ **Age 99** God explicitly tells Abraham that Sarah will bear a son within a year (Genesis 17:1-27).
- ▶ **Age 100** Isaac is born (Genesis 21:5).



JUST DO IT

AWAITING FURTHER LIGHT

PENDING

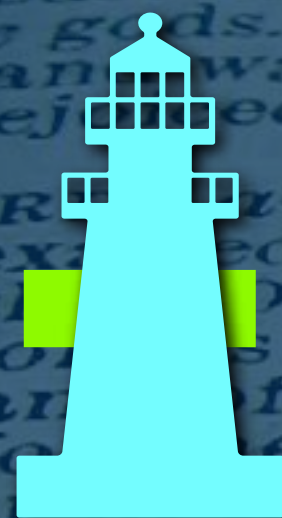
IN REVIEW

**AWAITING
FURTHER LIGHT**

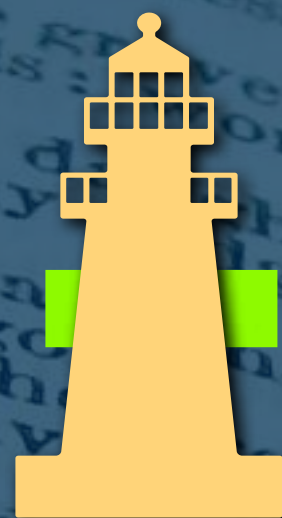
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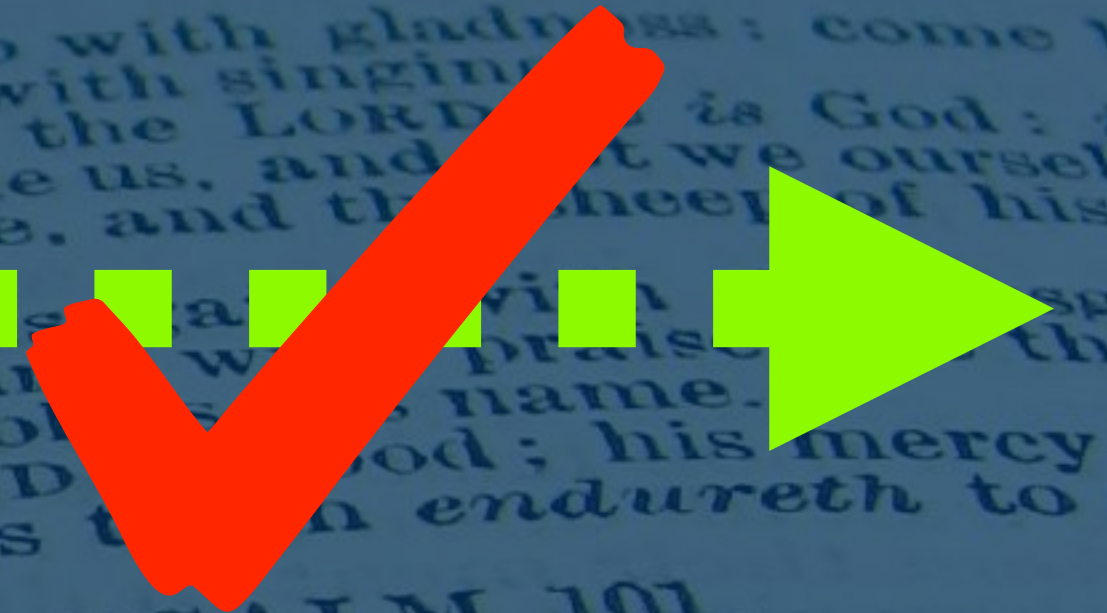
The Word of God



Inner Conviction



Circumstances



(fourthly: the counsel of others)

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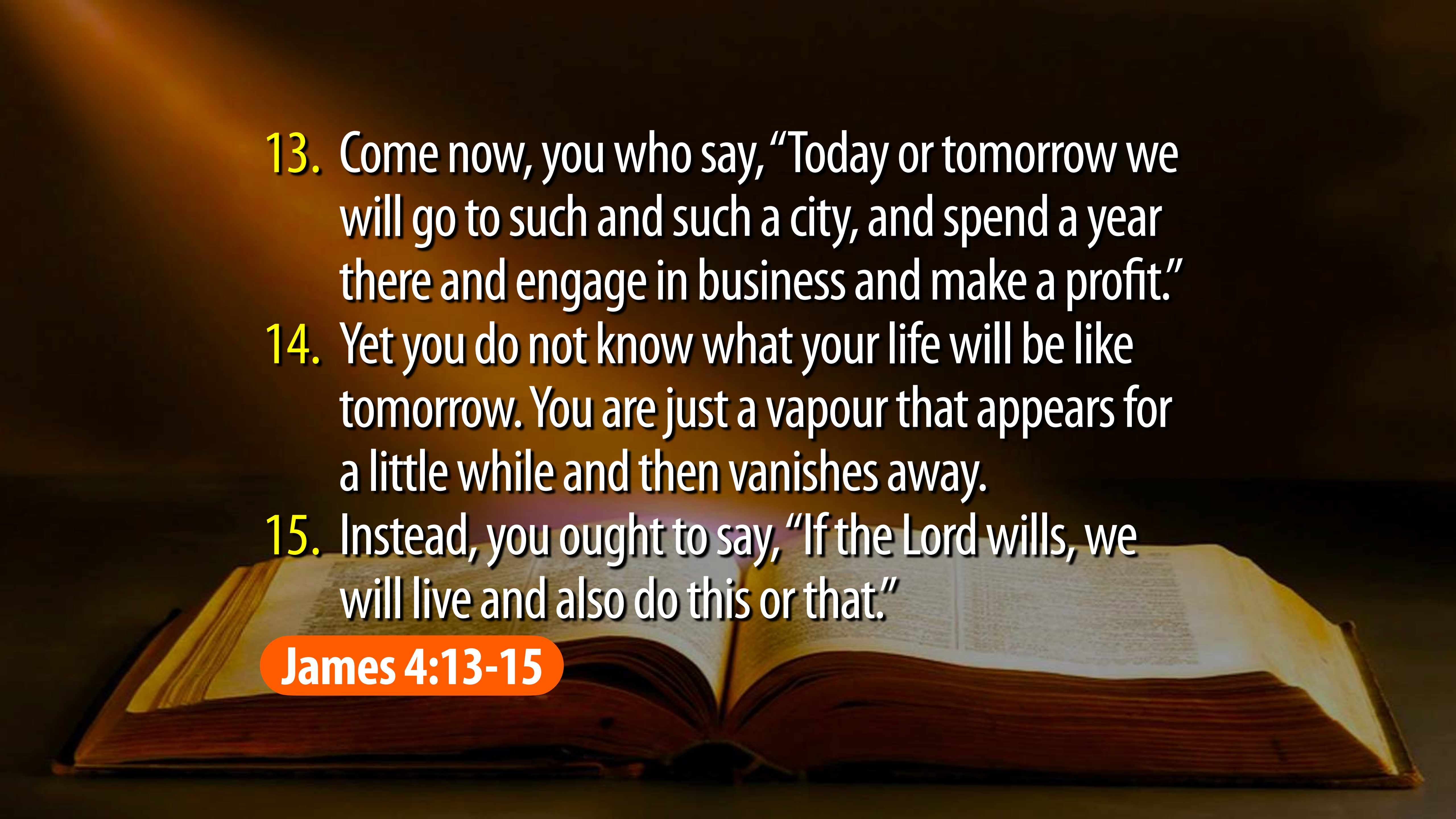










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- An open book with a dark cover and yellowed pages is shown from a top-down perspective. The text of the verses is overlaid on the book's pages. The text is white with a black outline for readability. The background is a dark, gradient color.
13. Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."
14. Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapour that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.
15. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

James 4:13-15

▶ Are we willing to obey when God speaks so that we do what He speaks to us, so that we actively respond to what He asks of us?



The willingness to obey every word from God is critical to hearing God speak.

Henry Blackaby

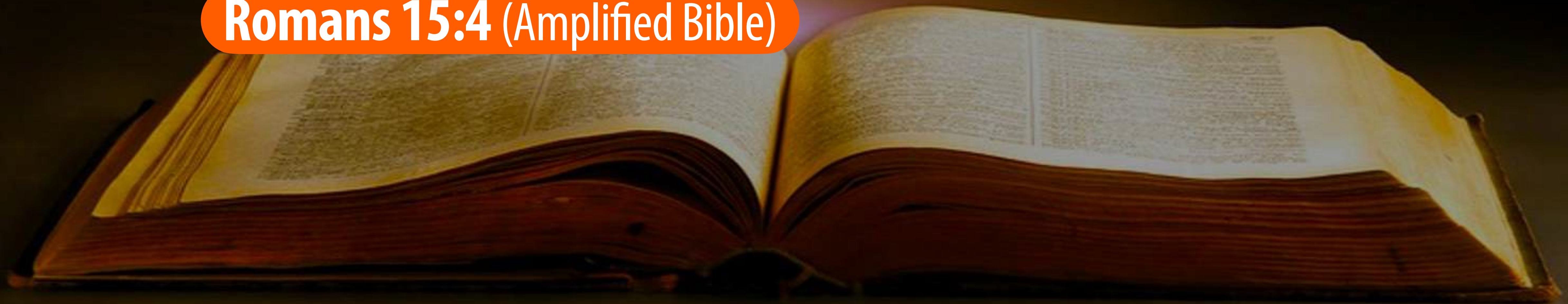
Most Christians don't hear God's voice because we've already decided we aren't going to do what He says.

A.W. Tozer



For whatever was thus written in former days was written for our instruction, that by [our steadfast and patient] endurance **and the encouragement [drawn] from the Scriptures** we might hold fast to and cherish hope.

Romans 15:4 (Amplified Bible)



This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, **SO THAT** you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For **THEN** you shall make your way prosperous, and **THEN** you shall deal wisely and have good success.

Joshua 1:8 (Amplified Bible)

