

*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

## FAITHFUL SAYINGS

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The Bible records for us faithful sayings which are worthy of all acceptance. These sayings are assuredly true. You can depend and place your reliance on these sayings.

**CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS.** Paul said, *“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief”* (1 Tim. 1:15). Jesus said, *“...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (Jn. 10:10). In Matthew 18:10 it is written, *“For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.”*

**GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE UNTO ALL THINGS.** 1 Timothy 4:7-9 declares, *“But refuse profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.”* Since godliness is profitable

unto all things, we need to follow after godliness (1 Tim. 6:11).

**FOR IF WE BE DEAD WITH HIM, WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM.** The young man Timothy was told, *“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him”* (2 Tim. 2:11). We have to die in order to live! We need to bury the old man of sin

put your faith to works in obedience to the gospel of Christ that by God’s grace you will be an heir (Rom. 8:17).

## THE BREVITY OF LIFE

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Job penned, *“Man that is born of woman is of few days...”* (Job 14:1). Life at its longest is brief! Let’s notice some statements in the Bible which express the shortness of man’s earth life.

**AS A FLOWER.** Job described man as one who *“...cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down...”* (Job 14:1-2). The Psalmist wrote, *“As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over*

*it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more”* (Ps. 103:15-16).

**AS A SHADOW.** It is written, *“...our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding”* (1 Chr. 29:15). As a shadow, life moves on gently and is soon gone.

**AS A VAPOUR.** James compared life to *“...a vapour, that appeareth for a little time,*

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in the watery grave of baptism in order to live with Him (Rom. 6:3-11).

**BEING JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE, WE SHOULD BE MADE HEIRS.** *“That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly...”* (Titus 3:7-8). You can rest assured that when you

and then vanisheth away” (Jas. 4:14). Light a candle. Blow it out, and watch the vapour of smoke vanish away. That is your life!

**AS WIND.** Job uttered, “O remember that my life is **wind**...” (Job 7:7). In addition, “For he remembered that they were but flesh; a **wind** that passeth away, and cometh not again” (Ps. 78:39). Life is frail, and is soon gone as the breeze blows and soon passes by.

**AS A TALE THAT IS TOLD.** The Psalmist exclaimed, “For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a **tale that is told**” (Ps. 90:9). Life passes away as rapidly as thought!

**AS A POST.** Job announced, “Now my days are swifter than a **post**: they flee away, they see no good” (Job 9:25). Life is short, and our days are passing swiftly away like the most fleet messenger.

**AS THE SWIFT SHIPS.** The Holy Spirit revealed that our days “...are passed away as the **swift ships**...” (Job 9:26). Stand by the sea shore and watch the

fleeting ships pass by and learn a lesson about the brevity of life.

**AS THE EAGLE.** Job disclosed of man’s days, “They are passed away...as the **eagle** that hasteth to the prey” (Job 9:26). Life passes away as rapid as the motion of the eagle as he darts upon his victim.

**AS A WEAVER’S SHUTTLE.** “My days are swifter than a **weaver’s shuttle**...” (Job 7:6). This suggests that man’s earth days are short and few. How important it is to live as if we were to soon see the rapid shuttle flying for the last time!

mechanical. God requires “**singing**” (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Mechanical instruments in the worship is an addition of another kind of music God has not authorized in worship today.

**TEACHING.** Paul wrote, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; **teaching**...one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...” (Col. 3:16).

**ADMONISHING.** It is written, “...**admonishing** one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...” (Col. 3:16). We instruct and warn through singing.

**SPIRIT AND UNDERSTANDING.** Paul told the Corinthians, “...I will sing with the **spirit**, and I will sing with the **understanding** also” (1 Cor. 14:15). Our singing must be spiritual and with meaning.

**GRACE.** We are to sing “...with **grace** in your hearts to the Lord” (Col. 3:16). To sing with grace is to sing with gratitude toward God and that being prompted by the favor of God.

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## GOD’S REQUIREMENTS IN MUSIC

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God is specific as to what He requires in worship. What are God’s requirements in the music that is to be used in worship unto Him today?

**SINGING.** There are only two kinds of music: vocal and

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