My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.
Let your heart live forever!

(Psalms 22:25-26 NKJV)



Quench not the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies.

- The Holy Spirit spoke through the prophets
 - 1. OT prophets gave credit to God
 - 2. 1 Cor. 12:7, 10; 14:3; 13:8-10
- The Spirit can be quenched today when
 - 1. His word is not read
 - 2. His word is read "selectively"
 - 3. What is heard is not accepted
 - 4. What is accepted is not practiced



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- when you read you may understand Eph. 3:4
- faith comes by hearing... Rom. 10:17
- ... the prophetic words confirmed 2 Pet. 1:19
- words of truth and reason... this thing was not done in a corner Acts 26:25,26
- we are eyewitnesses 2 Pet. 1:16
- these (signs) are written that you might believe Jn. 20:30
- if Christ is not raised... 1 Cor. 15:14

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- Example of the Bereans Acts 17:11



Hold fast what is good

- Everyone needs some constants to hold fast to
- Test all things to find what is good Pr. 11:27
- God offers good gifts Matt. 5:1-10



Abstain from every form of evil

- 1 Thess. 4:3-8
- Pr. 23:23







Turn to Christ Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10
Return to Christ Acts 8:22; 1 Jn. 1:9
Abide in Christ John 15:7

s. 5:19-22