

On the Wings of Prayer

“Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice:”

Given

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6

From Genesis to Revelation we read of the many things God has given. Giving is one of the chief methods God has chosen to reveal himself to us. It is one of the main ways we can be like God. It is also one of the best ways for us to reveal God's love to others.

Giving is God like. *For God so loved the world, that he gave.* The greatest gift ever given was given by God and it was given to every person that has ever lived. That includes you.

Giving is Christ like. *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us:*

When Jesus laid down his life for us, he was giving his life. In John 10:17-18, Jesus explains the process of giving. He had power to give, and he chose to do it. And His Father loves Him. It was an act of obedience to the Father. *Therefore, doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.*

Giving is Christian like. *and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.* We are to follow the Father as Jesus does. It is in our power to give. It is also in our power to choose. The most precious things in this entire world are not kept, they are given.

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Psalm 16:11

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