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24 Your testimonies also are my  
delight; *They are my advisers.*

Psalm 119:24 (NASB 2020)

21 You rebuke the arrogant, the  
cursed, Who **wander** from Your  
commandments.

Psalm 119:21 (NASB 2020)

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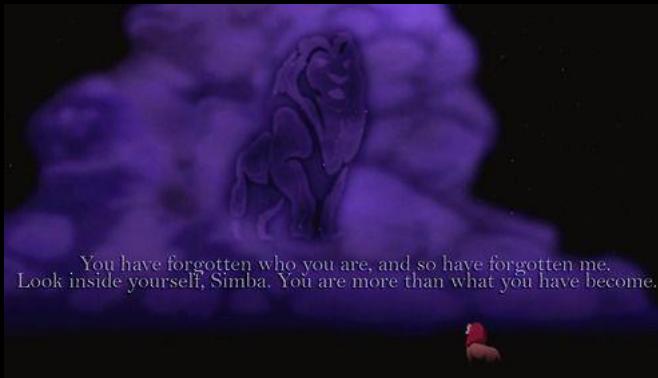
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You have forgotten who you are, and so have I.  
Look inside yourself, Simba. You are more than what you have become.



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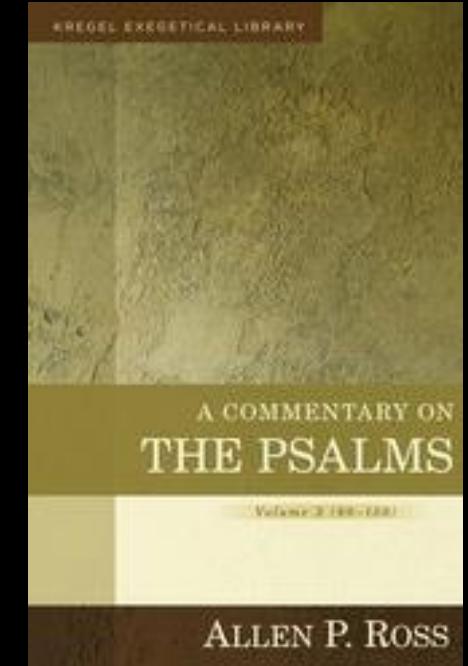
17Deal *generously* with Your servant,  
That I may live and keep Your word.

Psalm 119:17 (NASB 2020)

<sup>23</sup>Even though rulers sit *and speak*  
against me, **Your servant** meditates  
on Your statutes.

Psalm 119:23 (NASB 2020)

In this line, and in verse 23, the psalmist refers to himself as God's servant; such a designation signifies a close, spiritual relationship with the LORD (not all believers are called "the servant of the LORD" in the Bible).



**5**So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, in accordance with the word of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 34:5 (NASB 2020)

5“Go and say to My servant David,  
‘This is what the LORD says: “Should  
you build Me a house for My  
dwelling?

2 Samuel 7:5 (NASB 2020)

7Certainly the Lord GOD does nothing  
Unless He reveals His secret plan To  
**His servants the prophets.**

Amos 3:7 (NASB 2020)

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified **His servant Jesus, the one** whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release *Him*.

Acts 3:13 (NASB 2020)

42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles domineer over them; and their people in high position exercise authority over them. 43 But it is not this way among you; rather, **whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant**; 44 and **whoever wants to be first among you shall be slave of all**. 45 For **even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:42–45 (NASB 2020)

<sup>16</sup>Act as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but **use it as bond-servants of God.**

1 Peter 2:16 (NASB 2020)

<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and *that you are not your own?* <sup>20</sup>For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NASB 2020)

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- A. As a *servant* (119:17, 23)
- B. As a *stranger* (119:19)

19 I am a stranger on the earth; Do not  
hide Your commandments from me.

Psalm 119:19 (NASB 2020)

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stranger, stranger's,  
strangers

גָּזָב  
protected citizen, stranger

resident  
foreigners

19 For seven days there shall be no dough with yeast found in your houses; for whoever eats anything with yeast, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, **whether *he is* a stranger or a native of the land.**

Exodus 12:19 (NASB 2020)

21“You shall not oppress a stranger  
nor torment him, for you were  
strangers in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 22:21 (NASB 2020)

12“Hear my prayer, LORD, and listen to my cry for help; Do not be silent to my tears; For I am a stranger with You, One who lives abroad, like all my fathers.

Psalm 39:12 (NASB 2020)



<sup>20</sup>For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>21</sup>who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

Philippians 3:20–21 (NASB95)

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge *you as foreigners and strangers* to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:11–12 (NASB 2020)

<sup>4</sup>You adulteresses, do you not know that **friendship with the world** is **hostility toward God**? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:4 (NASB 2020)

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Psalm 119:18 (NASB 2020)

7Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor had the word of the LORD yet been **revealed** to him.

1 Samuel 3:7 (NASB 2020)

5Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened, And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped.

Isaiah 35:5 (NASB 2020)

Ephesians 1:18-21

18 *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

19 and what is the boundless  
greatness of His power toward us  
who believe. *These are* in  
accordance with the working of the  
strength of His might

<sup>20</sup>which He brought about in Christ,  
when He raised Him from the dead  
and seated Him at His right hand in  
the heavenly *places*,

<sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:18–21 (NASB 2020)

12Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me **will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.**”

John 8:12 (NASB 2020)

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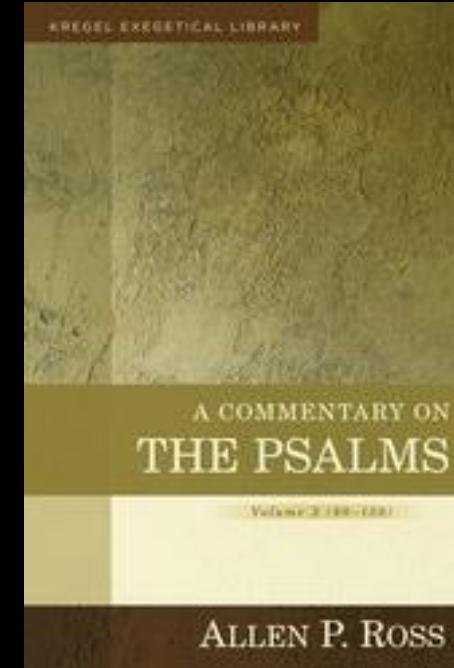
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19 I am a stranger on the earth; Do not  
hide Your commandments from me.

Psalm 119:19 (NASB 2020)

<sup>20</sup>My soul is crushed with longing  
For Your ordinances at all times.  
Psalm 119:20 (NASB 2020)

The prayer is for the continued revelation and illumination of God's word—instructions to guide him in his dangerous journey in the world.... The emphasis is on the need for guidance and hope in this world—what does God want him to do, and what is God going to do?



<sup>1</sup>“I permitted Myself to be sought by those who did not ask *for Me*; I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’ To a nation which did not call on My name.

Isaiah 65:1 (NASB 2020)

Matthew 7:7-11

7“Ask, and it will be given to you;  
seek, and you will find; knock, and it  
will be opened to you.

<sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

<sup>9</sup>Or what person is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone?

<sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

11 So if you, *despite* being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:7–11 (NASB 2020)

Colossians 1:9-12

<sup>9</sup>For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it*, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

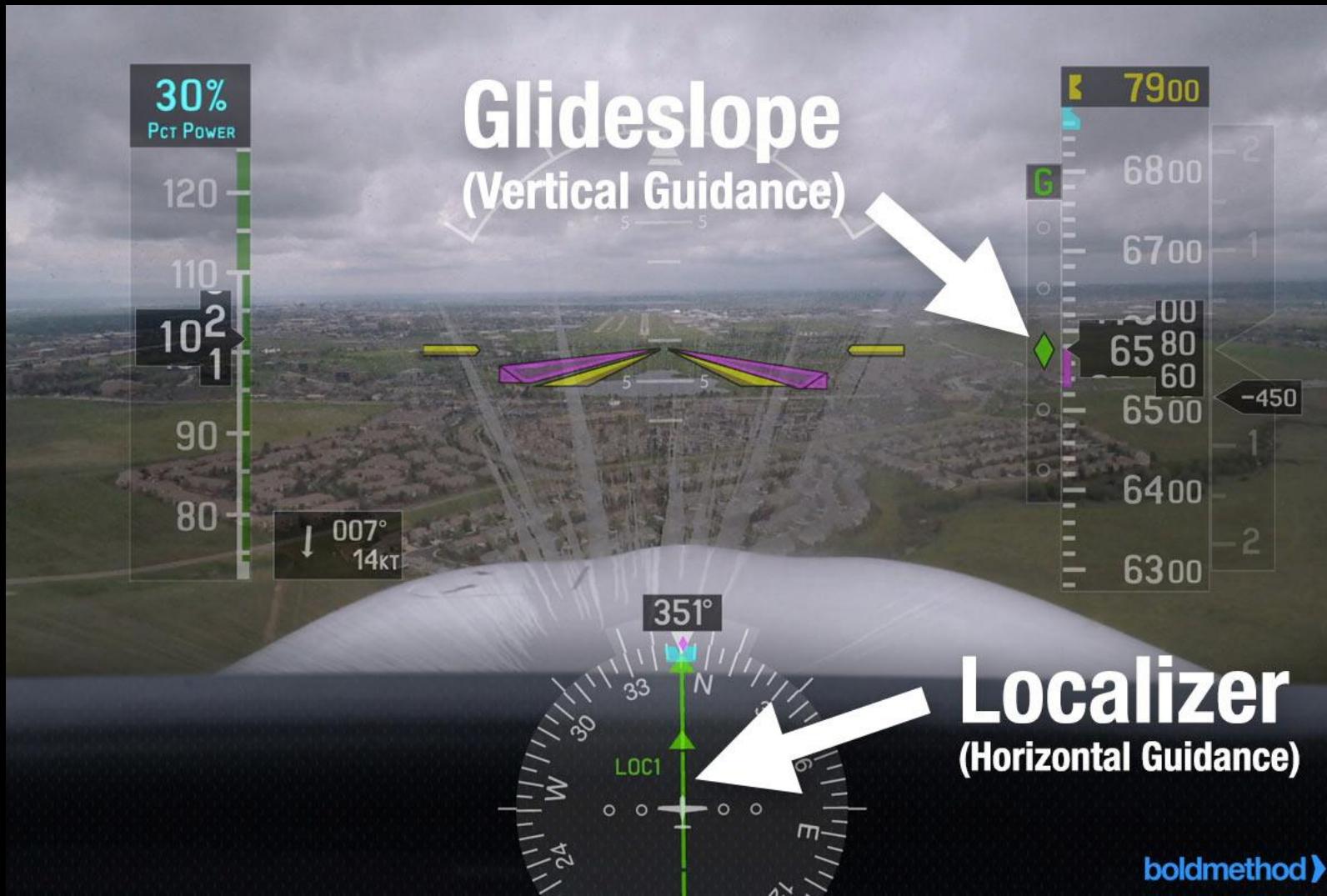
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according to His glorious might, for  
the attaining of all perseverance and  
patience; joyously

<sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:9–12 (NASB 2020)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1–2 (NASB 2020)





12For now we see in a mirror dimly,  
but then face to face; now I know in  
part, but then I will know fully, just as  
I also have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NASB 2020)

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<sup>24</sup>Your testimonies also are my delight; *They are my advisers.*

Psalm 119:24 (NASB 2020)

<sup>20</sup>My son, comply with the commandment of your father, And do not ignore the teaching of your mother; <sup>21</sup>Bind them continually on your heart; Tie them around your neck. <sup>22</sup>**When you walk, they will guide you;** When you sleep, they will watch over you; And when you awake, they will talk to you. <sup>23</sup>For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; And rebukes for discipline are the way of life.

Proverbs 6:20–23 (NASB 2020)

<sup>3</sup>Do not trust in noblemen, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; On that *very* day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>Who made heaven and earth, The sea and everything that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

Psalm 146:3–6 (NASB 2020)

5This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:5 (NASB 2020)

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own  
understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NASB 2020)





39“You examine the **Scriptures**  
because you think that in them you  
have eternal life; and it is those *very*  
*Scriptures* that testify about Me;<sup>40</sup>and  
yet you are unwilling to come to Me  
so that you may have life.

John 5:39–40 (NASB 2020)

<sup>21</sup>For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you would follow in His steps,

1 Peter 2:21 (NASB 2020)

<sup>4</sup>The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; <sup>5</sup>but whoever follows His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: <sup>6</sup>the one who says that he remains in Him **ought, himself also, walk just as He walked.**

1 John 2:4–6 (NASB 2020)

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21 You rebuke the arrogant, the  
cursed, Who wander from Your  
commandments.

Psalm 119:21 (NASB 2020)

11 So I will punish the world for its evil  
And the wicked for their wrongdoing;  
I will also put an end to the audacity  
of the **proud** And humiliate the  
arrogance of the tyrants.

Isaiah 13:11 (NASB 2020)

<sup>5</sup>You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

1 Peter 5:5 (NASB 2020)

<sup>1</sup>But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, **arrogant**, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid *such people* as these.

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (NASB 2020)

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Psalm 119:22 (NASB 2020)

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STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE,  
AND THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM  
WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.”**

1 Peter 2:6 (NASB 2020)

<sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are blessed*. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, <sup>15</sup>but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; <sup>16</sup>and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

1 Peter 3:14–16 (NASB95)

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Psalm 119:22 (NASB 2020)

<sup>15</sup>Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; <sup>16</sup>but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

1 Peter 4:15–16 (NASB 2020)

11“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

12Rejoice and be glad, **for your reward in heaven is great**; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11–12 (NASB 2020)

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on Your statutes.

Psalm 119:23 (NASB 2020)

<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth take their stand  
And the rulers conspire together Against  
the LORD and against His Anointed,  
*saying*, <sup>3</sup>“Let’s tear their shackles apart  
And throw their ropes away from us!” <sup>4</sup>He  
who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord  
scoffs at them.

Psalm 2:2–4 (NASB 2020)

12“I, I Myself, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you are afraid of mortal man, And of a son of man *who* is made *like* grass,

13That you have forgotten the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens And laid the foundations of the earth, That you fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, As he makes ready to destroy? And where is the rage of the oppressor?  
Isaiah 51:12–13 (NASB 2020)

4“Now I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do.

5But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed *someone*, has *the* power to throw *that person* into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

Luke 12:4–5 (NASB 2020)

31 What then shall we say to these things?  
If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? 32 He  
who did not spare His own Son, but  
delivered Him over for us all, how will He  
not also with Him freely give us all things?  
33 Who will bring charges against God's  
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