

THE SEVENTY RETURN (PART 1): GREAT POWER LUKE 10:17–20

Introduction

Christ gives great power to the person who truly works for Him. The presence of God's power in the labourer's life is a wonderful thing; however, it is something that can be misunderstood and abused. When the seventy returned, Jesus used the occasion to teach a much needed lesson on the power of God in a person's life.

- I. The seventy returned (v. 17).
- II. The Christian labourer has power over Satan (v. 18).
- III. The Christian labourer has power over all enemies — perfect security (v. 19).
- IV. The Christian labourer is to rejoice in his salvation, not in his power (v. 20).

I. Luke 10:17 Power in Ministry, Praise for Results

The seventy returned. The testimony of their return has several significant lessons for every generation of Christian labourers.

1. They returned with *joy* (chara). The word means joy and rejoicing, a heart full of gladness. Frankly, their spirit was different from what so many express after an arduous ministry. They were not sharing and revelling in...

- how much they had done for Christ
- how taxing the work had been
- how strong the opposition and enemy had fought

The very opposite was true. They were filled with joy and were rejoicing in Christ over the phenomenal power of Christ's name.

2. They returned with astounding results — results that were wrought through the name of Christ. The seventy expressed surprise: “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” But note two facts.

- a. *The power had come* through Christ's name.

Acts 4:12 “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

- b. Their shock at such power or results led to a confession of their own weakness and nothingness before Christ. They knew and readily confessed that the power to do the work had not come from them. Only the name of Christ could give genuine power and results.
 3. They returned giving glory to Christ. They praised Him for the glorious experience He had granted them “in your [His] name.” They were not in any sense of the term
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drawing attention to themselves. They were lifting up Christ and praising Him. The demons were submitted to them through *Christ's name*.

4. They returned having ministered to both body and soul. Men's bodies were healed (v. 9), and they were freed spiritually when the demons and forces of evil were cast out of their lives.

II. *Luke 10:18 Power to Defeat of Satan*

There was power over Satan (See *Satan*, Rev. 12:9). Satan "fell like lightning from heaven" means falling from the height and the summit of power. The word *saw* (*etheoroun*) means that Jesus thought upon, gave full attention to, contemplated, envisioned Satan's falling from his summit of power as the *god and prince* of this world (See *Satan*, Rev. 12:9). The idea is that Jesus saw the seventy's victorious mission as a sign of the total defeat of Satan that was now beginning.

1. Jesus saw Satan defeated in the souls of men.

Eph 2:1-2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. (see v. 3-10)

Col 1:13-14 For he [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness [Satan] and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

2. Jesus saw Satan defeated through the spread of the gospel.

John 12:31-32 "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

John 16:07-11 "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

2 Cor 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

3. Jesus saw Satan defeated in the daily strategies and struggles which he wages against the individual believer (See *Law of the Spirit of Life*, Rom. 8:2-4.)

1 John 3:8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Eph 6:10-12 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (see vv. 13-18)

4. Jesus saw Satan defeated in His power over death.

1 Cor 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

5. Jesus saw Satan defeated through His death on the cross.

Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

1 Pet 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (see Jn. 12:32)

6. Jesus saw Satan defeated in the end of the world, in the consummation of the ages and time. (See Rev. 20:1-3; 20:7-10.)

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Thought 1. We are to observe the power of God in the same way that Christ observed it. God's power is for the purpose of defeating Satan, of delivering men from the power of Satan.

ROMANS 08:02–04 THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

*Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, In order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. **Romans 08: 02-04***

The Spirit gives life. The term “the law of the *Spirit* of life” means two things. It means...

- the *law* of the Holy Spirit
- the *Spirit of life* which is in Christ Jesus

Within the universe there is a law so important that it has become the law of the Holy Spirit. It is called “*the law of the Spirit of life.*” What is meant by this law? Very

simply, life is in Jesus Christ and in Him alone. Whatever life is — energy, being, spirit, love, joy, peace — it is all in Jesus Christ and nowhere else. Within Christ, within His very being is the *Spirit of life*, the very energy and being of life. This fact is important, so important that God has written it into the laws of the universe. It is titled “the law of *the Spirit of life*,” which is in Christ Jesus and in Him alone. The Spirit of life for which we long and ache is available *in Christ Jesus*.

John 1:4 *In him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

John 10:10 *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*

John 11:25-26 *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

John 14:6 *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

John 5:24 *“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”*

1 John 5:12 *He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

Now for the critical question. How does the Spirit give life? How does a person go about securing “the Spirit of life” so that he may not die but live forever?

1. The Spirit gives life by freeing the believer from sin and death, that is, from the “law of sin and death.” The “law of sin and death” simply means the rule and reign of death. Every man dies: death rules and reigns over every man. But the Spirit of God frees a man from the rule and reign of death. This is natural and understandable; it is common sense, for it is a rule of the universe. If a person has the Spirit of life, then he naturally does not have the spirit of sin and death. He is not sinning and dying; he is living righteously and eternally. This is exactly what the Spirit of life does for the believer:

=> He frees the believer from sin and death: from the law or the energy and the power of sin and death.

=> He frees the believer to live righteously and eternally: to live in the Spirit of life or in the energy and power of life.

Stated another way, the Spirit of life frees the believer from both sin and death. The Holy Spirit frees the believer to live as Christ lived, to actually live out the life which Christ lived. The *active energy of life*, the dynamic force and being of

life — all that is in Christ Jesus — is given to the believer. The believer actually lives *in* Christ Jesus. And the Spirit of life which is in Christ frees the believer from the fate (law) of sin and death. This simply means that the believer lives in a consciousness of being free. He breathes and senses a depth of life, a richness, a fullness of life that is indescribable. He lives with power — power over the pressure and strain, impediments and bondages of life — even the bondages of sin and death. He lives now and shall live forever. He senses this and knows this. Life to him is a *spirit, a breath, a consciousness* of being set free through Christ. Even when he sins and guilt sets in, there is a tug, a power (Holy Spirit) that draws him back to God. He asks forgiveness and removal of the guilt (1 Jn. 1:9), and immediately upon asking, the same power (the Holy Spirit) instils an instantaneous assurance of cleansing. The spirit of life, the consciousness of living instantaneously takes up its abode within him once again. He feels free again, and he feels full of life in all its liberating power and freedom. He bubbles over with all the depth of the richness and fullness of life itself. He is full of the “Spirit of life.” Life itself becomes once again *a spirit, a consciousness of living*. He lives now and forever.

2 Cor 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Gal 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Psa 16:11 *You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

2. The Spirit gives life by doing what the law could not do. The law could not make man righteous because man’s flesh is too weak to keep the law. No man has ever been able to keep the law of God, not to perfection or even close to perfection. All flesh has miserably failed — come far short of God’s glory and law. Consequently, all flesh dies physically and spiritually. Therefore, righteousness and life just cannot come by the law. *But* what the law could not do, the Spirit is able to do. He can provide righteousness and life.
3. The Spirit gives life by Christ’s condemning sin in *the sinful man* (see *Christ, Fulfils Law*, Rom. 8:3).
4. The Spirit gives life by Christ’s providing righteousness for us. He provides righteousness for all who do not follow the sinful nature, but follows the Spirit. This is a most marvellous statement, a glorious truth.
 - a. The Spirit “meets the righteous requirements of the law in us.” He credits righteousness as being *in* us. When?

=> When we believe that Jesus Christ is our righteousness, the sinless and perfect Son of God.

=> When we believe that Jesus Christ is our Saviour, the One who died *for* us.

When we believe in Jesus Christ, the Spirit of God fulfils righteousness in us; that is, He takes the righteousness of Jesus Christ (which is the righteousness of the law) and credits it to us. He actually places within us the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. He places the Divine nature (righteousness) of God *in* us (2 Pet. 1:4).

It is critical to see this fact, for the Spirit fulfils righteousness *in us, not by us*. He alone meets the righteous requirements of the law *in us*. We do not and cannot even come close to keeping the law perfectly, but Christ *DID*. If His righteousness cannot be credited and fulfilled *in us*, then we are hopeless and doomed.

2 Cor 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Gen 15:6 *Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*

Acts 13:39 *Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.*

Rom 4:23-25 *The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness — for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

Phil 1:11 *Filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.*

b. Now note: righteousness is not fulfilled or credited *in* everyone. It is only fulfilled in those...

- who *do not* “live according to the sinful nature”
- who *do* “live according to the Spirit”

You can tell who is righteous and who is not; you can actually see who is fulfilling righteousness and who is not. All we have to do is look and see:

=> Is a man living according to the sinful nature?

=> Is a man living according to the Spirit?

The point is this: the Spirit gives life to men, but He gives life only to those who forsake the sinful nature and live according to the Spirit. The spiritual man, the man who lives according to the Spirit, loves Christ and wants to honour Christ *in all that he does*. Therefore, he strives to follow Christ and His example. Such love and

honour of Christ pleases God to no end, for God loves His Son with a perfect love. He loves His Son so much that He will take whatever honour a man gives His Son and match it for the man. Whatever recognition and honour a man heaps upon Christ, God matches it for the man.

=> If a man trusts Christ for righteousness, then God gives that man righteousness.

=> If a man trusts Christ for meaning, purpose, and significance, then God gives the man meaning, purpose, and significance.

=> If a man trusts Christ to lead him through some trial or need, then God leads him through the trial or need.

=> If a man trusts Christ for healing, then God gives the man healing.

Whatever the man sows in Christ, he reaps: God matches it. Whatever a man measures out to Christ, the same is measured back to the man: God matches it. In fact, Scripture says that God will even go beyond and do much more than we ask or think (see Eph. 3:20).

Therefore, the man who lives according to the “Spirit of life” which is in Christ Jesus is given the Spirit of life. The Holy Spirit fulfils and credits him with the righteousness of the law, with the right to live eternally.

Rom 6:4 *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

Rom 8:1 *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Rom 8:13-14 *For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

Gal 5:16 *So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

Eph 4:1 *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.*

Eph 5:2 *And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Col 2:6 *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.*

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

1 John 2:6 *Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. □*

REVELATION 12:09 SATAN

The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Rev. 12:09

Satan is called “the great dragon...that ancient serpent.” His name is *Lucifer*. He was probably one of the highest angels ever created by God, but he fell because of selfishness and pride (Isa. 14:12; cp. 1 Tim. 3:6; Rev. 12:3-4; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 1 Pet. 5:8.). He is “an angel of light” with such deceptive and seductive power that even some ministers follow him, ministers who “masquerade as servants of righteousness” (2 Cor. 11:14-15). Throughout Scripture Satan is described as follows:

1. He is “the god of this world” who blinds men’s minds (2 Cor. 4:4).
2. He is “the prince of this world” (Jn. 12:31; 14:20; 16:11) and “the ruler of the kingdom of the air” (Eph. 2:2; 6:12).
3. He is Satan, which means the adversary (1 Chr. 21:1; Job 1:6; 2:1-6; Zec. 3:1; Mt. 4:10; Mk. 1:13; Lk. 4:8; Jn. 13:27; Acts 5:3; 26:18; Rom. 16:20).
4. He is the devil, which means the slanderer (Mt. 4:1, 5, 8, 11; Lk. 4:2-6, 13; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 20:2).
5. He is the deceiver of the whole world (2 Cor. 11:3; Rev. 12:9).
6. He is the tempter (Mt. 4:3; 1 Th. 3:5).
7. He is the evil one (Mt. 6:13; 13:19, 38).
8. He is the father of lies (Jn. 8:44).
9. He is the accuser of our brothers (Rev. 12:10).
10. He is a murderer (Jn. 8:44).
11. He is called Beelzebub (Mt. 12:24; Mk. 3:22; Lk. 11:15).
12. He is called Belial (2 Cor. 6:15).
13. He is called Abaddon (Rev. 9:11).
14. He is called the angel of the Abyss or bottomless pit (Rev. 9:11).
15. He is called Apollyon (Rev. 9:11).
16. He is called the enemy (Mt. 13:39).
17. He is called the gates of Hades (hell) (Mt. 16:18).
18. He is called an enormous red dragon (Rev. 12:3).
19. He is called a lying spirit (1 Kng. 22:22).
20. He is called that ancient serpent (Rev. 12:9; 20:2; cp. Gen. 3:4, 14; 2 Cor. 11:3).

21. He is called the dominion of darkness (Col. 1:13).
22. He called the prince of devils (Mt. 12:24).
23. He is called the ruler of this dark world (Eph. 6:12).
24. He is called the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient (Eph. 2:2).
25. He is called the evil spirit (Mt. 12:43).

Satan's purpose in making war against God is twofold.

1. Satan's purpose is power and worship, to receive as much of the power and worship of the universe as possible (Isa. 14:12-17; Ezk. 28:11-17). He goes about this in three ways.
 - => He opposes and disturbs God's work in the world (Isa. 14:12-17; Ezk. 28:11-17; Job 1:6; 2:1-6; Mt. 4:10; Mk. 1:13; Lk. 4:8; Rev. 12:7-9).
 - => He discourages believers through various strategies (Lk. 22:31; Eph. 6:10-12).
 - => He arouses God's justice against people by leading people to sin and to deny and rebel against God. And when they do, God's justice has to act and judge people to the fate of their choice: that of living with Satan eternally (Mt. 12:25-26; Jn. 13:31-32).
2. Satan's purpose is to hurt and cut the heart of God. Why? Because God has judged and condemned him for rebelling against God. Therefore, Satan does all he can to get back at God. The best way he can do this is to turn the hearts of people away from God and lead them to sin and to follow the way of evil.

However, Christ has broken Satan's power by two acts (Jn. 12:31-32; 16:11; 8:44; Col. 2:15).

1. By never giving in to the devil's temptation (Mt. 4:1-11) and by never sinning (2 Cor. 5:21). Christ overcame sin. He was righteous: He was perfect.
2. By destroying the devil's power of death. Christ was not held by physical or spiritual death (Heb. 2:14-15). He arose and ascended to God's right hand.

It is for this reason that the Bible says "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 Jn. 4:4); and again. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). □

III. *Luke 10:19 Power Over Enemies; Power Over Satan*

The Christian believer has power over all enemies; he has perfect security. Are the words "authority to trample on snakes and scorpions" to be taken literally or figuratively? (See Mk. 16:15-18.)

1. There is a literal meaning in this sense. If it is God's purpose to continue using His servant, then God will protect His servant no matter the threat or injury, whether by

shipwreck (Acts 28:14f) or snake bite (Acts 28:3-5). The life of a genuine believer is in the hands of God every moment of his life, and God looks after the believer. Whatever befalls him is under the will and care of God (Rom. 8:28f; see 2 Cor. 11:23-30 for a descriptive picture of what does befall God's servant and a picture of how God delivers until He is ready to take His servant home.)

But note a crucial point. A man does not test God; he does not presume upon the power of God. The true servant of God does not put himself in *harm's way* where he will be threatened. Such a person is busy at the wrong thing. The servant is to be busy reaching people for Christ, not proving his ability with animals or his immunity to their bites.

2. There is a spiritual meaning. Power is given over the enemy (Satan). Note five points.
 - a. The enemy does have power; the idea is that he has enormous power.

***Eph 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

- b. The Lord's power is greater, much greater.

***Rom 8:31** What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

***1 John 4:4** The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (See Heb.2:14-15; 1 Jn.3:8).*

- c. The Lord gives His power to His labourer.

***Luke 9:1** When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases.*

***2 Tim 1:7** For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

- d. The labourer's power is over *all* the power of the enemy.

***Eph 1:19** And his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength.*

***Eph 3:20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

- e. The labourer is *perfectly secure* against all enemies. No spiritual power shall by any means be able to touch him. He is secure in the hands of God.

***John 17:11** I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name — the name you gave me — so that they may be one as we are one.*

John 10:29 “My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.” (see Eph.6:10-18)

Phil 1:6 Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

2 Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

2 Tim 1:12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

2 Tim 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Pet 1:5 Who [believers] through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jude 1:24-25 To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Gen 28:15 “I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land [promised land, heaven]. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

IV. Luke 10:20 Joy in Salvation

The Christian labourer is to rejoice in his salvation, not in his power. Note two points.

1. The real basis for joy is not power, but salvation. The great privilege of a believer is not his work and ministry, but the fact that he is a child of God’s and has been given eternal life.

=> He has been adopted as a son or daughter of God.

Gal 4:4-6 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

2 Cor 6:17-18 “Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

=> He has received the Spirit of adoption which gives him open access into the very presence of God.

Rom 8:15 *For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”*

Rom 8:26 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.*

John 16:24 *“Until now [before Jesus’ death, salvation] you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”*

=> He has been made an heir of God and, unbelievably, an equal heir with Christ.

Rom 8:16-17 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

Titus 3:7 *So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

1 Pet 1:3-4 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you.*

2. The believer’s name is written down in heaven (see Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:12; 22:19).

Rev 3:5 *He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.*

Phil 4:3 *Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.*

Heb 12:22-23 *But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect.*

Rev 21:27 *Nothing impure will ever enter it [heaven], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*

Exo 32:32-33 *“But now, please forgive their sin — but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.” The LORD replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.”*

Psa 69:28 *May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous. (see Jer 17:13)*

***Dan 12:1** “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered.” ■*