# What God expects of us?

- That He died so we could be free of sin.
- That it is all about what Jesus did on the Cross. It is nothing we have done or need to do.
- That we are redeemed from our sinful nature.
- That we are founded in Christ
- That He has given us His righteousness
- That we have access to Him and to the Father at any time
- That the Holy Spirit lives in us, not to condemn us but to reveal to us the amazing riches we have in Christ.
- That without Jesus we can do nothing, but that with Him, we can do all things through Him who strengthens us.

#### Matthew 14:15-18

- 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."
- 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

#### Matthew 14:15-18

• 17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

### Matthew 14:15-18

• 18 He said, "Bring them here to Me."

#### John 6:5-6

- 5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"
- 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

#### Hebrews 4:16

 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### 2 Corinthians 12:9

 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." ...

#### Isaiah 55:1-2

- 1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.

#### Isaiah 55:8-9

- 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.
- 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

#### Matthew 14:22-24

- 22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.
- 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.
- 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

#### Matthew 14:25-27

- 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.
- 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.
- 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,
  "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

#### Matthew 14:32-33

- 32 And when they [Peter and Jesus] got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

## 1 Kings 17:13-14

- 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.
- 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'

### 1 Kings 17:18-22

- 18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"
- 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.
- 20 Then he cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?"
- 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."
- 22 Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

# Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

- 22 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease.
- 23 Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

### Matthew 9:35-38

- 35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.
- 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary [harassed] and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
- 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

# Spurgeon's quote

- When he puts a blessing into the little gift and into the little grace that we have, good work begins, and goes on to perfection.
- It is certainly so with talent and ability, and with grace in the heart. The more you use it, the more there is of it.

# Spurgeon's quote

- Is it not a wonderful thing that Christ, the living God, should associate himself with our feebleness, with our want of talent, with our ignorance, with our little faith? And yet he does so. If we are not associated with him, we can do nothing; but when we come into living touch with him, we can do all things.
- I know that you have been praying, and saying, "I have not this, and I cannot do that." Stay not to number your deficiencies; bring what you have, and let all that you are, body, soul, and spirit, be associated with Christ.

#### 2 Chronicles 20:12

• 12 "... For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

### There is

- A warrior protecting you
- A shepherd directing you
  - A Saviour keeping you
- A High Priest blessing you
  - A Father who loves you
    - Walk in the victory
      - Trust in His care
    - Lean on His strength
    - And Live in His love