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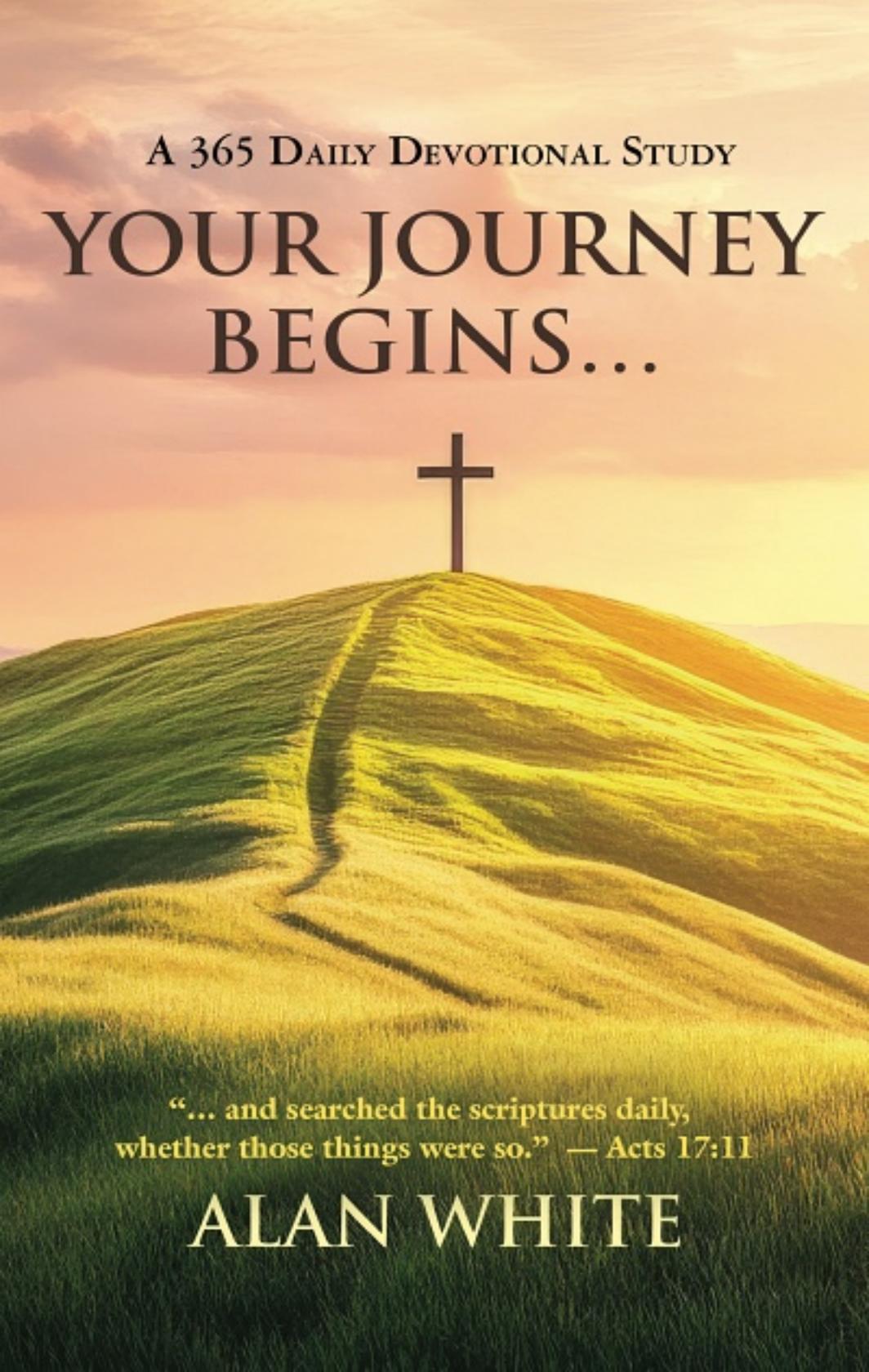
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“... and searched the scriptures daily,
whether those things were so.” — Acts 17:11

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May 21 – “SLACK HANDS”

“In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.”

Zephaniah 3:16

We must endeavor to maintain an industrious mindset, to keep to the right, and to stay the course set before us. Setting aside the weight (cares of this life, etc.) and the sin (flesh, etc.) that so easily besets and hinders us in the work. Remembering our Lord Jesus who bore our sins, shed His precious blood cleansing us, and healing us by His stripes. Amen! Whom declared: (“...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Heb. 13:5) The Alpha and Omega of our all and in all. (“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**” Heb. 12:1-2) Our eyes continually fixed upon our Saviour. It is of course when we remove our eyes off Christ, and onto the storms of life, or onto the frailty of ourselves, we begin to sink. All is calm and peace when our hearts and minds are fixed and stayed upon Him who calms the seas.

Then we march forward in the strength of the Lord. To stay the course the Lord has for us to fight and to conquer. Bearing about the body of our Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do and speak. Our conversation and our lives being a testament and bright light to this lost and dying world. Not to complain, grudge, or disdain; but, hope to the end or till our meeting with Him in the air. (“*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*” Gal. 6:9)

June 16 – “JOY OF THE SPIRIT”

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

Galatians 5:22-23

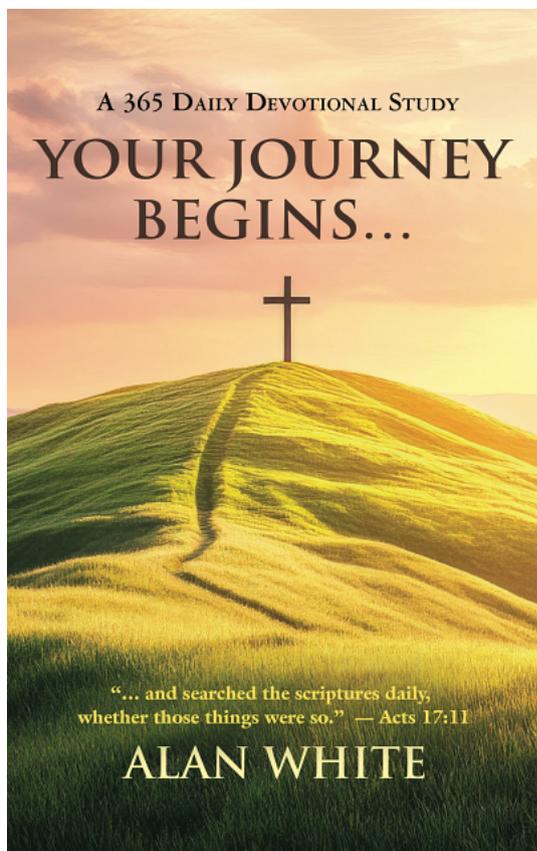
Joy of the Lord: a passion, an emotion, a delight of the mind and heart due to a possession of good. Christ in us, our Blessed Hope of Glory, our Daystar of our hearts, by the indwelling of the His Divine Holy Spirit. (*“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the **day star arise in your hearts:**”* II Peter 1:19)

This joy of the Lord often bursts within us when we recollect our Saviour’s sacrifice of His precious blood for our sin on that glorious cross of Calvary. (*“...joy unspeakable and full of glory...”*) (See I Peter 1:8) Yes! Amen!

It is this joy of the Lord within which gives the saint the strength to carry on. (*“...for **the joy of the Lord is your strength.**”*) (See Neh. 8:10)

It would often seem that men of this world have the upper hand and seem to be full of life. Really, are they? They may have all their heart’s desires in this world, yet they are miserable, poor, naked, and blind. God says the meek shall inherit the earth and have that joy unspeakable and full of glory. (*“The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord,...”* Is. 29:19) The song of the blessed is this joy only in the heart of the redeemed. (*“Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and **everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.**”* Is. 51:11)

Having therefore, this love of Christ and everlasting joy we gain in the Spirit by prayer and supplications, with thanksgiving the peace of God that passeth all understanding. (See Phil. 4:6-8)



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