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To all those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom - those who love God with all of their heart:

TRUE HEART-REPENTANCE

.... *"Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you".... Matthew 7:1-2 The Amplified Translation*

.... *"For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart".... Matthew 12:34 NASB*

.... *"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment [by revelation]".... John 7:24 NASB*

.... *"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will".... 2 Timothy 2:24-26 NASB*

"reproach" - to charge with or blame for something; ungodly rebuke; the expression of disapproval; adverse or hostile criticism; unrighteous judgement;

If one unrighteously judges another *[through wrong discernment and/or misunderstanding]* and, therefore, speaks in a manner of evil towards them *[or about them]* then it is certain that UNTIL they speak words of repentance to *[ask forgiveness of]* the one they sinned against *[thus acknowledging their sin]* that, regardless of their smiles and "seeming indifference" as time passes to the original situation *[acting as though nothing had happened]* in reality, they still harbour their original heart-attitude towards the one *[or ones]* they judged unrighteously.

For it is ALWAYS out of the "abundance" *[main focus]* of the heart that the mouth speaks - and, therefore, if the aforementioned words of true heart-repentance are

not forthcoming THEN the ground *[fear, self-exaltation, jealousy, etc.]* within them will at some point in the future cause them once again to be used as a vessel of persecution and/or reproach. Ungodly words *[and the attitudes behind them]* will always *[ultimately]* reap God's judgement *[in the life of the one who spoke them]* unless the Blood is applied over them in a spirit of true repentance - thus allowing the Holy Spirit to change the heart of the one who judged *[spoke]* unrighteously.

Because of these things, it is of the utmost importance for one to proceed with a "holy caution" *[where both their own words and actions are concerned]* when in the presence of those who have been used as vessels of reproach and persecution against them in the past - yet they must ALWAYS be found "maintaining" a position of faith and love in their own heart - in order that those who had been "held captive" by the Enemy to do "his will" might be led into a deep knowledge *[revelation]* of the truth.

THE COURAGE AND FAITHFULNESS OF HIS PRECIOUS CHILDREN SHOWN IN THEIR SUFFERING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE AND THEIR WALK OF STEADFAST FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM IS BOTH A WONDER AND A DELIGHT TO THE FATHER'S HEART

.... *"The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed".... Deuteronomy 31:8 NASB*

.... *"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you".... Hebrews 13:5b NASB*

.... *"Many waters cannot quench the flame of love, neither can the floods [storms] drown it".... Song of Solomon 8:7*

.... *"Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword? Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded and counted as sheep for the slaughter. [Ps. 44:22.] Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. For I am persuaded beyond doubt [am sure] that neither death nor*

life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord".... Romans 8:35-39 The Amplified Translation

...."our God is a consuming fire".... Hebrews 12:29 NASB

In the waiting period between receiving a revelation [vision] and its emergence [full manifestation], we are by no means left alone. Although the Lord may withdraw His manifest Presence for a time and season [as a part of our preparation], He never leaves us or forsakes us - this being one of the key Biblical promises many of us hold onto to sustain us [get us through]. All those who have truly set their heart to fulfill the highest purposes of God for their life and ministry can testify to the fact [spiritual reality] that He was very much "with" them through even the darkest hours - both encouraging and continually confirming His Word [His desired path] to them.

"resolute" - firmly resolved or determined; set or fixed [focused] in purpose;

"stoke" - to poke, stir up, and feed [a fire];

"vehement" - zealous; ardent; impassioned;

"essence" - substance, spirit, lifeblood, heart, principle, core;

As one gains a revelation of the Father's "faithfulness" towards them then, even when they are experiencing a difficult period of confinement and/or persecution [reproach], they will still have a heart that is filled with "resolute" purpose [because they are "wholly given" to the highest purposes of the Father] as they continue to "hold fast [cling to] the vision" [Habakkuk 2:3-4].

Because of these things, even in the midst of intense opposition, that flame [of godly desire and purpose] WILL NOT go out - and, in the years of waiting, the fire will STILL be found "burning brightly". At times, it may be only be an ember, beaten down through adverse conditions to the merest hint of a glow, but the "essence" of it has not died - and will not, die. All it takes is a lifting up [stoking] and a breath of oxygen [spiritually speaking] and those embers will "reignite" and burst into a living [vehement] flame. It is this "fierceness of heart" that the Holy Spirit deposits within those He has imparted a

"revelation" [vision] to [a "fierceness of heart" that will not let them give up] and, thus, they are empowered to hold fast to the promise even when it "appears" beyond hope [hopeless to do so].

...."In [supernatural] hope against [natural] hope he [Abraham] believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform".... Romans 4:18-21 NASB

"fierce" - violent in force, intensity etc; furiously eager; vehement;

The courage and faithfulness [steadfastness] of His precious children in their suffering [for righteousness' sake] and their walk of steadfast faith and trust in Him is both a wonder and a delight to the Father's heart. Therefore, let us be found positioning ourselves in His Presence on a daily basis that we might become partakers of the "fierceness of heart" that will SURELY see us through - right to the end of the age.

TRUE "COVENANT-RELATIONSHIPS" ARE BOTH ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY "REVELATION", ALONE

...."You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself".... Luke 10:27 The Amplified Translation

...."Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst".... Matthew 18:19-20 NASB

...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!".... Psalms 133:1 NASB

...."Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends".... John 15:13 NASB

It takes a heart that is "wholly" given to God for one to enter into "true" Covenant-relationship [on any level]

in the Kingdom. For without a heart that is "wholly" given to God [and, therefore, His highest purposes] "self" will, to some degree, remain on the throne of one's heart thus, precluding the flow of His Love between the individuals involved [corporately] - and between them and Him.

Satan knows well the severe damage that God's "unlimited" power [which is the spontaneous by-product of true agreement {unity} and one accord] does to his strongholds of fear and control and, thus, he will fight VERY intensely [and with everything he can] in his attempt to prevent God's children from entering into true Covenant-relationship - on ANY level [first with Him - and then with each other].

There is indeed a price to pay [the giving of one's heart wholly to God - and the "continual" laying down of one's life for another] for one to enter into [and abide in] true Kingdom-relationship. Because of these things, many never rise beyond a "soulish" relationship [a relationship bound by fear, emotional attachment and self-desire] with each other - far, far below that which the Father intended for His people.

True "Covenant-relationships" [as in all other things in the Kingdom] are both established and maintained by "revelation", alone. For "revelation" is simply the disclosure [in any given moment or season] of the Father's true Nature [Love] and Will by the Holy Spirit [Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Christ etc.] - according to His highest purpose. True Covenant-relationship, as in all things pertaining to the Kingdom [and the "true" {righteous} works of God], must pass through the Refiner's Fire but, in doing so, it becomes an "entity" in Christ that is both indestructible and Eternal.

"entity" - something that has a real existence;

...."But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food".... Job 23:10-12 NASB

...."Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it..... You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding around it.".... Exodus 25:8-9, 11 NASB

IT IS ONLY THE "REVELATION" ONE HAS IN THEIR HEART THAT CAN EMPOWER THEM TO RISE ABOVE THE ENEMY'S ATTACK

...."Be well balanced [temperate, sober of mind], be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour. Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset - rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same [identical] sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood [the whole body of Christians] throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will Himself complete and make you what you ought to be, establish and ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you".... 1 Peter 5:8-10 The Amplified Translation

...."Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.' And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life".... 1 Kings 19:1-3 NASB

...."Then he [Elijah] said, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away'.... 1 Kings 19:14 NASB

...."The Lord said to him [Elijah]..... 'Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.' So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him".... 1 Kings 19:15, 18-19 NASB

In these days, the "7000" represent the remnant Church [those who are truly seeking after spiritual maturity]. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance for all those who are truly seeking God to gain a deep revelation of the spiritual reality that they are NOT alone in their spiritual quest [even though, in many cases there are those who are, even now, found abiding in a "Joseph's prison" or a "David's cave"].

At times, it can be a "potentially" disheartening [crippling] experience if one attempts to look at their "outward circumstances" apart from a burning [active] "revelation" of the fact that there are many others throughout the earth who are experiencing [relatively speaking] the same experiences as they are - and that, in the "fullness of time" [according to the Father's highest purpose] they will be established with others [as the Holy Spirit orchestrates the "divine connections" that the Father has ordained for them in the glorious days ahead] of like mind and spirit ["kindred spirits"].

Because of the ongoing and intense [relentless] attempts of the Enemy to move one away from the "narrow path" there are times when one can easily be tempted [if they allow themselves to be] to speak and act negatively like Elijah did - and, thus, it is very important for one to realize that it is ONLY the "revelation" one has in their heart that can empower them to rise above the Enemy's attack [which has as its chief aim to move them into an area of "self-pity" {self-focus}].

Even though we cannot always see the "fullness" of the Father's Provision that is to come [particularly concerning the corporate aspect of true unity and one accord with others in the Body] we can ALWAYS "maintain" an eager and holy anticipation and expectation deep in our heart of that which is yet to come - as long as we keep our eyes "fixed" [focused clearly] on Jesus [a revelation of God's Word {Will}].

LOVE IS PERFECT IN ITS WORDS, IN ITS MOTIVATION, AND IN ITS ACTIONS

....*"Be honest in your judgment and do not decide at a glance [superficially and by appearances]; but judge fairly and righteously".... John 7:24 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see [know and understand] God".... Matthew 5:8 NASB*

....*"And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory".... 1 Peter 5:4 NASB*

"inextricable" - incapable of being separated from;

Love is perfect in its words, in its motivation, and in its actions - and it will take a heart that is pure [abiding in Love] to "discern" accurately [righteously] in this final hour. For it will be the love of the Truth, [and the integrity {righteousness} that is its spontaneous by-product] alone, that will both empower and sustain the

work of the establishment of the Glorious Church. Every child of God must come to a deep realization [gain a revelation of the spiritual reality] that one cannot have perfect discernment apart from a perfect love - towards God and towards ALL others. For the faith [working through an enduring and steadfast Love] that we are called to and the release of God's Glory are inextricably linked.

"I MUST UNFOLD ALL THINGS"

....*"Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6 The Amplified Translation*

....*"But by His [the Father's] doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB*

....*"For we are God's [own] handiwork [His workmanship], recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined [planned beforehand] for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation*

Many years ago now, the Father spoke very clearly to me one day and said, "I MUST unfold ALL things". In the context of the events of that particular spiritual season He was specifically referring to the establishment of the Glorious Church [and the divine connections that will be found to be of the utmost importance in that process]. But I have come to realize that it was [and continues to be] a statement of absolute truth and spiritual reality that applies to ALL things pertaining to life and ministry [the true Christian life].

One might think that that would be the easiest possible principle to grasp but I can tell you that apart from a heart that is "abiding" [dwelling] in the place of being "wholly given" to trusting in the Lord for EVERYTHING [even the smallest details of one's life] and, of course, quality time in the "inner chamber", there is an ever constant danger of one leaning upon their own understanding - without even realizing it. Thank the Lord for the continually deeper working of the Cross - for it is by His Power, alone, that we enter into the perfect liberty

that is ours in Christ and, thus, rise above the pull of the self-life [*self-desire and self-focus*].

In coming to a deep revelation of the spiritual reality that we can do NOTHING apart from Christ [*John 15:5*] and that the flesh "profits nothing" [*John 6:63*] we, as the children of God [*true sons and daughters*], must [*through an absolute faith and trust*] continually seek to "allow" the Father to unfold ALL things in our life and ministry - for ONLY He knows what constitutes "pin-point" accuracy concerning the establishment of His highest purpose on every front.

We must come to the place wherein we are "locked" into the mind-set of abiding [*dwelling*] in the "place called Done" [*the place of an absolute faith and trust in the "finished" work of Christ - not only as it pertains "inwardly" {1 Corinthians 1:30} but, also, as it pertains "outwardly" {Ephesians 2:10}*] - allowing Him to unfold ALL things both in our own life and in the lives of all those in our "sphere of existence" [*friends and enemies alike*] according to His highest purpose between now and the time we leave here.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD HAS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH "NATURAL WORKS"

"perfect obedience" - the seeking after and gaining a revelation of God's Will and, THEN, carrying it out to fulfilment from beginning to end [*regardless of how long that may take*] in the unction and power of the Holy Spirit, alone.

....*"All these blessings will **come upon you** and **overtake** you if you obey the LORD your God..... The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you".... Deuteronomy 28:2,7-10 NASB*

....*"And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus [the Messiah, the Anointed One]".... Ephesians 2:6*

The Amplified Translation

....*"All things are possible to him who believes [loves, obeys]".... Mark 9:23b NASB*

What many children of God do not yet realize fully is that "obedience" [*the obedience the Father requires of them*] is a "supernatural" thing [*both established and carried out in the power of the Holy Spirit {Who is the Spirit of Love, Wisdom, Truth, Grace etc.}, alone*] and, therefore, has nothing to do with natural "works" in ANY form [*John 6:63; Romans 7:18*]. Indeed, it must be clearly understood by each and every child of God in this most critical hour that there is NO such thing as obedience to the Father's Will apart from His Love and Wisdom [*Grace*].

In the realm of the "supernatural" [*the Kingdom*] NOTHING [*no "revelation" of God's Will and purpose*] is impossible. For as one "abides" [*dwells*] in that realm [*true spiritual positioning before God*] in the diligent pursuit of their Kingdom-position and destiny [*in Christ*] there is a "constant" flow of faith [*and love*] rising up to His Throne - a faith and love that will NEVER be denied.

....*"If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you".... John 15:7 The Amplified Translation*

THE GREAT NECESSITY OF [FOR] A CONSTANT RENEWAL OF ONE'S MIND

....*"Do not be conformed to this world [this age], [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed [changed] by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]".... Romans 12:2 The Amplified Translation*

....*"But by His [the Father's] doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption".... 1 Corinthians 1:30 NASB*

....*"For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** for good [righteous] works, **which God prepared beforehand** so that we would walk in them".... Ephesians 2:10 NASB*

"unconditional" - without conditions or limitations;

absolute;

When we look at ourselves through the eyes of the old nature [and keep them there] we ALWAYS end up being "performance-driven" [in an attempt to "earn" the Father's love and approval] - which, of course, has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with divine Love - or His "expectations" [in other words, the Father's Love towards us is unconditional]. Since we are all "born" [at our natural birth] into this mode [pride] it takes not only one being "born again" [lit. born anew from above] but, also, the constant [continual] "renewing of the mind" [which is the spontaneous fruit of one giving the Word of God preeminence] until the "inner image" formed within us by the Holy Spirit [Who is the Spirit of Love] conforms to the image of Christ - Who, by the Father's doing, became to us righteousness, wisdom, etc.

In reality, when the Father looks out upon us He sees us IN Christ and He also sees us in light of all that He created us to accomplish from before the foundations of the earth. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance for us to keep our eyes "fixed" on Him [His Word] for it is this "holy focus" that leads us into a deep and profound trust in Him - and in His Way [Will] for us.

....*"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, freedom]. And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit [of Love]".... 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 The Amplified Translation*

NUGGETS FROM THE INNER CHAMBER

* Many are "nonchalant" in their effort to ensure that each and every one of their words and actions correspond perfectly to the exercising of an absolute faith and trust [perfect love - perfect obedience] in God.

"nonchalant" - unconcerned, indifferent, or unexcited; casual;

....*"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God [and who we ALREADY are, in Christ], and we are taking every thought captive [through proclamation] to the*

obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

....*"faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead)".... James 2:17 The Amplified Translation*

* There is no justification for unforgiveness!

....*"When Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, 'Perhaps now Joseph will hate us and will pay us back for all the evil we did to him'. And they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, 'Your father commanded before he died, saying, So shall you say to Joseph: Forgive [take up and away all resentment and all claim to requital concerning], I pray you now, the trespass of your brothers and their sin, for they did evil to you. Now, we pray you, forgive the trespass of the servants of your father's God'. And Joseph wept when they spoke thus to him. Then his brothers went and fell down before him, saying, 'See, we are your servants [your slaves]!' And Joseph said to them, 'Fear not; for am I in the place of God? [Vengeance is His, not mine.] As for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive, as they are this day'".... Genesis 50:15-20 The Amplified Translation*

* If one is not taking the necessary steps [in obedience to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit - on a daily basis] to "allow" God to deal with any ground of fear within them then it is certain that they are - consciously or unconsciously - "maintaining" that ground of fear!

....*"I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces will never be ashamed".... Psalms 34:4-5 NASB*

....*"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind".... 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV*

* The "flesh" [old nature] will "never" respect [defer to] the Word [Will] of God.

"respect" - honour, esteem, regard;

....*"But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).*

For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do".... Galatians 5:16-17 The Amplified Translation

* If one is going to walk about "fearing" the Truth then they have no choice but to believe a lie.

...."You have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your way".... Hosea 10:13b NASB

* Revelation sustains!

"sustain" - to support, hold, or bear up from below; bear the weight of;

...."If you continue in My word, [then] you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know [gain a revelation of] the truth, and the truth [that abiding revelation] will make [and keep] you free".... John 8:31-32 NASB

* If one is "faithful" to bring every thought captive to "revelation knowledge" [a revelation of God's Word] THEN their heart will not fear!

...."You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You. So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages]".... Isaiah 26:3-4 The Amplified Translation

...."We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God [and who we ALREADY are, in Christ, and we are taking every thought captive [through proclamation] to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB

* If one places "any" security at all upon their finances then they shall "surely" set their heart upon any "increase" that comes to them.

...." If [when] riches increase, do not set your heart upon them".... Psalms 62:10 NASB

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