



Are they Changing Me?

Ancient Words

Psalm 119:97 - 104

- ▶ “Oh how I **love your law!** It is my **meditation** all the day. 98 Your commandment makes me **wiser** than my enemies, for it is ever with me. 99 I have more **understanding** than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your **precepts**. 101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. 102 I do not turn aside from **your rules**, for you have **taught me**. 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through your precepts I get **understanding**; therefore I **hate** every false way.”




Food for Thought

- Deeds can never be greater than your thoughts.
- Thoughts can never be greater than your knowledge."




Rescue in time of Trial

- ➔ Psalm 119:92 – 94 “If your **law** had not been my **delight**, I would have perished in my **affliction**. 93 I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. 94 I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.”




If those ancient words did not whisper in my heart:

- "A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back." (Prov. 29:11)
- "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." (Eph. 4:29)
- 1 Cor. 10:12 – 13 "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also **provide the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it."



If those ancient words did not whisper in my heart:

- ▶ Matthew 6:31,33 “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'...But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- ▶ “Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.” Heb. 12:3




If those ancient words did not whisper
in my heart:

- “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” (Hebrews 13:5 – 6)
- “Do not lean on your own understanding” **Proverbs 3:5 - 7**
- “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 straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

If those ancient words did not
whisper in my heart:

Psalm 22:6 – 10 “But I am a worm and not a man, **scorned** by mankind and **despised** by the people. 7 All who see me **mock me**; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; 8 “He trusts in the LORD; **let him deliver him**; let him **rescue him**, for he delights in him!” 9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. 10 On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.”

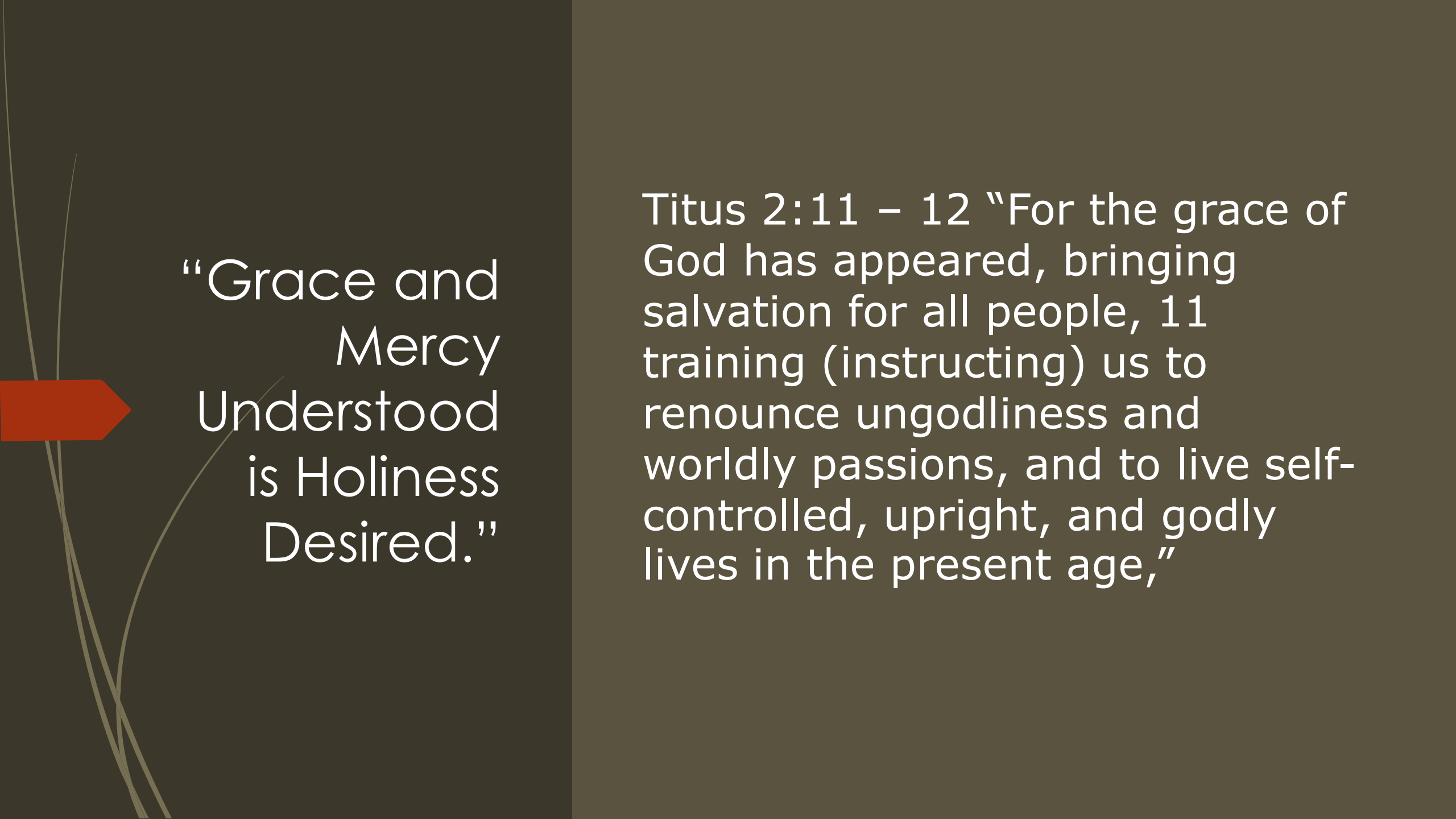


If those ancient words did not whisper
in my heart:

“Pride goes before destruction and a haughty
spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18

“But by the grace of God I am what I am”

➤ **1 Cor. 15:10** “But by the grace of God I am
what I am, and his grace toward me was not in
vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any
of them, though it was not I, but the grace of
God that is with me.”



“Grace and
Mercy
Understood
is Holiness
Desired.”

Titus 2:11 – 12 “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 11 training (instructing) us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,”

Ancient Words (1 Peter 1:10 – 12)

- “Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the **grace that was to be yours** searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the **Spirit of Christ** in them was indicating when he predicted the **sufferings of Christ** and the subsequent glories.
- 1Pe 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were **serving** not themselves but **you**, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which **angels long to look.**”



Those Ancient Words Graciously Whispered in my Heart Constantly:

- Instructs my soul, (Psalm 119:104)
- reveals my heart, (Psalm 139:23 – 24)
- uplifts my countenance, (Psalm 3:3-4)
- leads my conscience, (Psalm 139:23 – 24)
- changes my mind,
- reforms my life,



Those Ancient Words Graciously Whispered in my Heart Constantly:

- upholds my faith, _____
- comforts my pain, Psalm 119: 67
- refines my deeds, Psalm 24:3 – 4
- grounds my feelings, _____
- focuses my perspective, _____
- guards my path, _____
- and guides me Home (Psalms 139:23 – 24)



Those Ancient Words Graciously Whisper in my Heart

- Psalm 139:23 – 24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
- Psa 139:24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”





Those Ancient Words Graciously Whisper in my Heart

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope

In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.