

Great Resolutions For A New Year

Ps. 119:9-16

- **Joshua.**
 - 14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, **we will serve the LORD.** (*Josh. 24:14-15*)
- **Daniel.**
 - 8 But Daniel **purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs **that he might not defile himself.** (Dan. 1:8)
- **Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.**
 - 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that **we will not serve thy gods,** nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. (Dan. 3:18)
- **Job**
 - I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? (Job 31:1; cf. Gen. 39)
 - 27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (Matt. 5:27-30)
- **David.**
 - 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. 12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. 13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. **15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.** (Ps. 119:11-16)
- **Ruth.**
 - 16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: **thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:** 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. 18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her. (Ruth 1:16-18)
- **Esther.**
 - 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and **so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.** (Esther 4:16)
- **Paul.**
 - 16 And herein do I exercise myself, **to have always a conscience void of offence toward God,** and toward men. (*Acts 24:16*)
 - 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: **but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,** 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (*Phil. 3:12-14*)
 - **Paul kept his resolve.** (*II Tim. 4:6-8*)
- **The Prodigal Son.**
 - 17 And **when he came to himself,** he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 **I will arise and go to my father,** and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. (Lk. 15:17-19)