

Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!





Call to Worship
Psalm 125

Psalm 125 A Song of Ascents. **Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved**, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so **the LORD surrounds his people**, from this time forth and forevermore. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Nothing But the Blood

Hymn 266



Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Hymn 87





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Receiving of the Offering



2 Cor. 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.



United States of America

		Rank	%	World Figures
<i>Currency:</i>	US Dollar USD (\$)	-	-	-
<i>Year:</i>	2017	-	-	2017
<i>Population:</i>	327 million	3	4.4	7.4 billion
<i>Surface:</i>	9.6 million sq. km.	3	7.1	135 million sq. km.
<i>Density:</i>	34 inhabitants / sq. km.	157	62	55 inhabitants / sq. km.
<i>Gross Domestic Product:</i>	\$19 trillion	1	24	\$79 trillion
<i>GDP per capita:</i>	\$57,314	14	53	\$10,110
<i>Purchase Power Parity:</i>	\$59,500	15	350	\$16,989
<i>Budget:</i>	\$6.3 trillion	1	24	\$26 trillion
<i>Military Budget:</i>	\$637 billion	1	36	\$1.7 trillion
<i>Imports:</i>	\$2.4 trillion	1	14.4	\$16 trillion
<i>Exports:</i>	\$1.6 trillion	1	9.4	\$17 trillion
Forecast 2025				
<i>Population:</i>	▼ 100 million	14	1.4	▼ 6.9 billion
<i>Density:</i>	▼ 10 inhabitants / sq. km.	168	20.0	▼ 50 inhabitants / sq. km.
<i>Gross Domestic Product:</i>	▼ \$2.4 trillion	6	3.8	▼ \$65 trillion
<i>GDP per capita:</i>	▼ \$24,561	24	261	▼ \$9,421
<i>Purchase Power Parity:</i>	▼ \$16,374	57	141	▼ \$11,634
<i>Military Budget:</i>	▼ \$32 billion	6	2.8	▼ \$1.2 trillion

HOW WILL AMERICA 'LOSE' 227 MILLION PEOPLE...

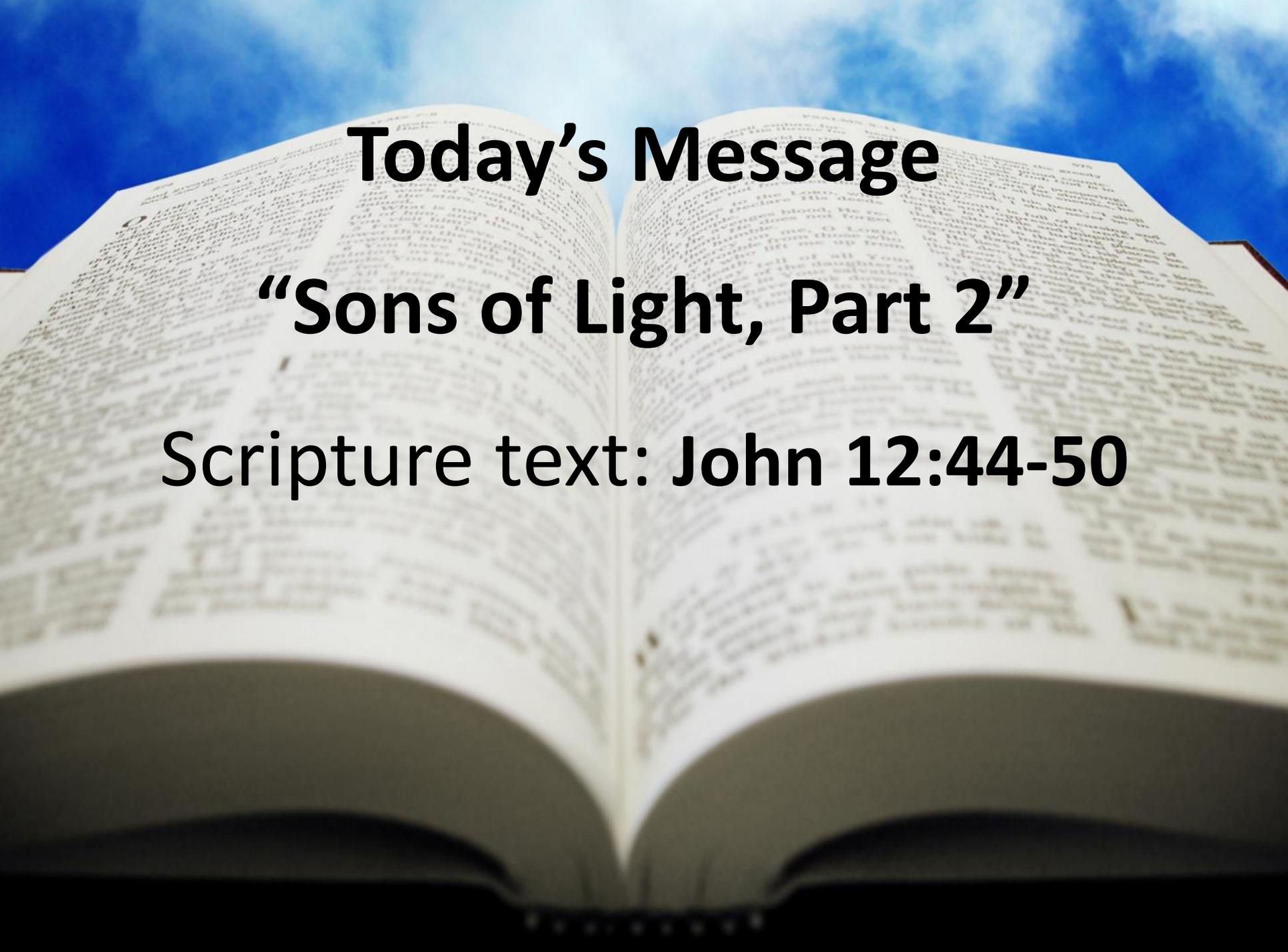
...In Less Than 7 Years???

2 Corinthians 2:11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

Famous Quote:

*“But from whence shall I fetch my argument?
With what shall I win them? Oh, that I could tell!
I would write to them in tears, I would weep out
every argument, I would empty my veins for ink,
I would petition them on my knees. Oh, how
thankful I would be if they would be prevailed
with to repent and turn!”*

JOSEPH ALLEINE

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The book is set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in a large, bold, black font.

Today's Message

“Sons of Light, Part 2”

Scripture text: John 12:44-50

John 12:44-48 And Jesus cried out and said, **"Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.**

Verses 44–46. **Cried out** (ekraxen, “called out,” not wept; indicates the importance of the issues before the nation.

John 7:28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from? But **I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true,** and him you do not know.

John 7:37-38 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "**If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'**"

Jesus is the perfect manifestation of God, the One who sent Him, so that to believe in Jesus is to believe in God.

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; **the only God**, who is at the Father's side, **he has made him known.**

Colossians 1:15 **He is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation.

Hebrews 1:3 **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature**, and **he upholds the universe by the word of his power.** After making **purification for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

People do not have two objects of faith: God and/or Jesus. **When one sees Jesus, he sees the Father who sent Him.**

John 12:49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but **the Father who sent me** has himself given me a commandment--**what to say and what to speak.**

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and **you still do not know me**, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Jesus came to lead people out of Satan's kingdom of darkness into God's kingdom of love and light .

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 12:35-36 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

Colossians 1:13-19 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--**all things were created through him and for him.** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And **he is the head of the body, the church.** He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,**

John 12:48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

It is an awesome thought that the unbeliever will face at the judgment every bit of Scripture he has ever read or heard. The very Word that he rejects becomes his judge!

Why? Because the written Word points to the Living Word, Jesus Christ .

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Many people reject the truth simply because of the fear of man.

John 12:42-43 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, **but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it**, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; **for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.**

Isaiah 41:10 fear not, **for I am with you**; be not dismayed, **for I am your God**; **I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Better to fear God and go to heaven than to fear men and go to hell!

Revelation 21:5-8 And he who was seated on the throne said, "**Behold, I am making all things new.**" Also he said, "**Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.**" And he said to me, "**It is done!** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. **The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**"

1 Peter 4:12-16 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Matthew 5:9-13 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** "Blessed are you when others revile you and **persecute you** and utter all kinds of **evil against you falsely** on my account. **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,** for so **they persecuted the prophets who were before you.** "You are the **salt of the earth,** but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

The word judge is repeated four times in the closing words of this message, and a solemn word it is. **Jesus did not come to judge; He came to save.**

John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

John 8:15-16 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.

But if the sinner will not trust the Savior, the Savior must become the Judge. **The sinner is actually passing judgment on himself, not on the Lord!**

John 3:30-33 He must increase, but I must decrease." He who comes from above **is above all**. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. **He who comes from heaven is above all**. He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. **Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.**

John 3:36 Whoever **believes in the Son has eternal life**; whoever **does not obey the Son** shall not see life, but **the wrath of God remains on him.**

Matthew 7:24-27 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine **and does them** will be like **a wise man who built his house on the rock.** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, **but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.** And everyone who hears these words of mine **and does not do them** will be like **a foolish man who built his house on the sand.** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, **and great was the fall of it."**

1 John 1:5-10 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and **do not practice the truth.** **But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and **the truth is not in us.** **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

John 3:17-21 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but **in order that the world might be saved through him**. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but **whoever does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And **this is the judgment**: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil**. For everyone who does wicked things **hates the light** and does not come to the light, **lest his works should be exposed**. But **whoever does what is true comes to the light**, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Acts 4:8-12 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning **a good deed done** to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by him this man is standing before you well. **This Jesus is the stone that was rejected** by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. **And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**"

2 Corinthians 10:3-7 For though we walk in the flesh, **we are not waging war according to the flesh.** For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but **have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God,** and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete. **Look at what is before your eyes.** If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, **so also are we.**

John 8:31-36 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, **"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."** They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn 98

