



### 1 Peter 1:23-25 NIV

23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached





### Isaiah 40:6-8 NIV

- 6 A voice says, "Cry out."
  - And I said, "What shall I cry?"
  - "All people are like grass,
    - and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.
- 7 The grass withers and the flowers fall,
  - because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
  - Surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."





### James 1:9-11 NIV

9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. 10 But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.





### Job 19:25-27 NIV

- 25 I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
- 26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;
- 27 I myself will see him
  with my own eyes—I, and not another.
  How my heart yearns within me!





### Acts 8:18-21 NIV

18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God.





### Acts 8:26-29 NIV

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."





### Acts 8:30-31 NIV

30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.





### Acts 12:21-24 NIV

21 On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. 22 They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." 23 Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

24 But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.



# I. Qualifications for Being a Messenger 1 Peter 1:23 NIV



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# I. Qualifications for Being a Messenger John 3:16 NIV



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



## II. Being a Messenger is Transitory



1 Peter 1:24 NIV

For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,



# II. Being a Messenger is Transitory Psalm 103:15-16 NIV



15 The life of mortals is like grass,they flourish like a flower of the field;16 the wind blows over it and it is gone,and its place remembers it no more.



## II. Being a Messenger is Transitory Psalm 37:1-2 NIV



- 1 Do not fret because of those who are evil
  - or be envious of those who do wrong;
- 2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.



### III. The Message Endures

### **Forever**





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Hebrews 4:12 NIV

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



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John 16:33 NIV



"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



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1 Corinthians 15:51-53 NIV

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.



### III. The Message Endures Forever



1 Corinthians 15:54-57 NIV

54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55 "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.