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Please use a pew Bible to look up the other passages



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## Deuteronomy 10:12-13

<sup>12</sup>And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

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## Psalm 22:22-23

<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

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## Psalm 33:6-9

<sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. <sup>7</sup>He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses. <sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. <sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

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## Proverbs 1:7

<sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

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## Matthew 12:4-7

<sup>4</sup> “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. <sup>5</sup> But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. <sup>6</sup> Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

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## Romans 8:15-16

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.



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## 1 John 4:16-18

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. <sup>17</sup> In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

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## Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth – to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup> He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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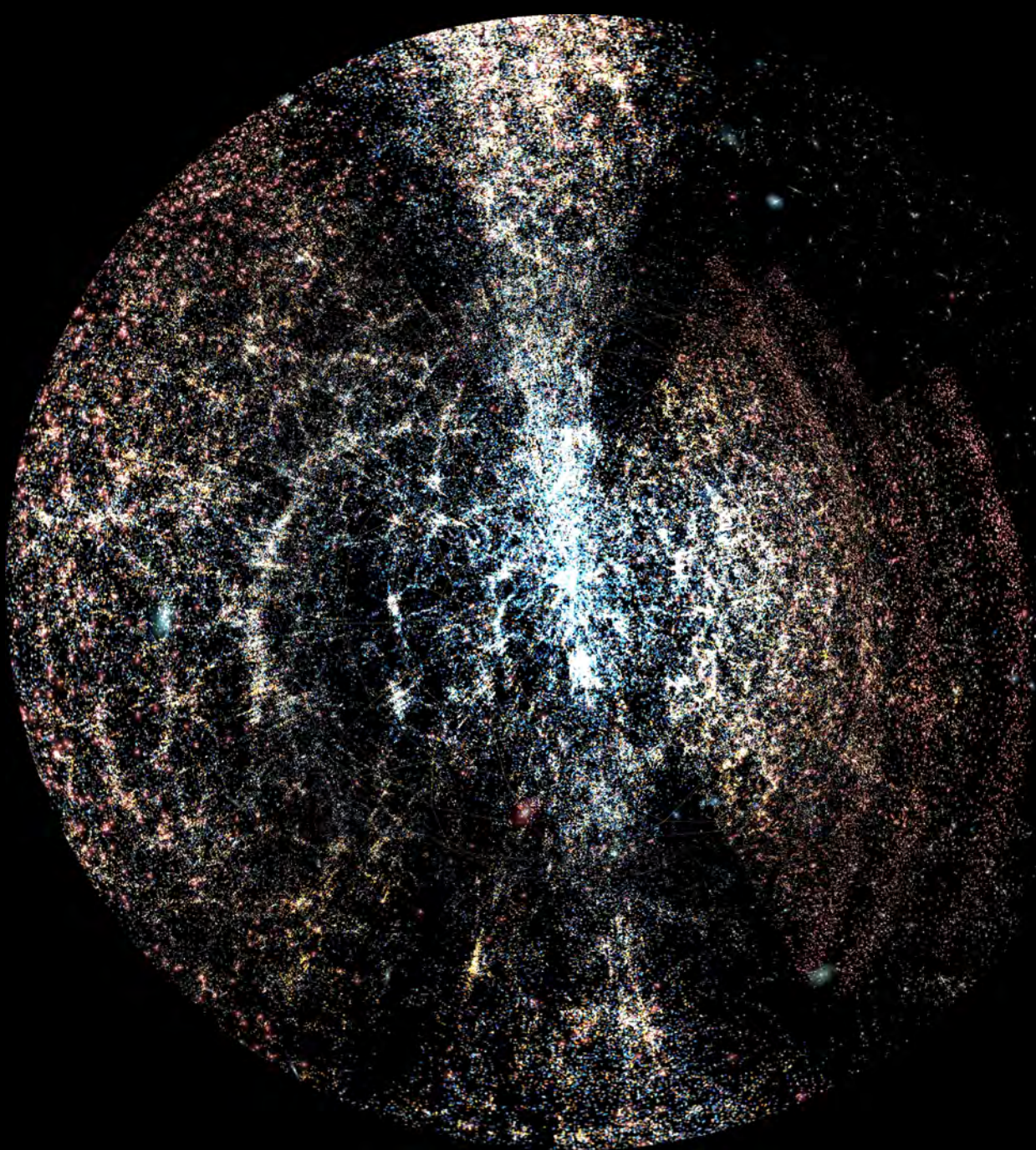
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You. Are. Tiny.

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## Exodus 34:4-7

<sup>4</sup>So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. <sup>5</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.”

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## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



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## Mark 12:29-31

<sup>29</sup>“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

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## John 3:16-17

<sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,  
<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead,  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

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**Are we gonna fearfully love on this city  
with the gospel for the next generation?**





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