Clips from Psalms
Psalms 101:3-4
The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness
A Psalm of David

"I will set no base thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave unto me. A perverse heart shall depart from me: I will know no evil thing."
Sixthly, take careful note of the many contrast in Revelation. There are seven major contrast given in this book. First, there is a contrast between the glory of God and the glory of Satan (see Revelation 4 and 12:3). Those enamored with the glory of God will fear him and keep his commandments. Those enamored with the glory of Satan will be deluded by the passing pleasures of sin. Secondly, there is a more precise contrast drawn between Christ and Satan. Each is described by four adjectives that depict their glory and fearful power (see Revelation 19; 12:9; and 20:2-3). Thirdly, there is a contrast between the life of sin as opposed to the life of righteousness (see Revelation 14:13). Fourthly, there is a more detailed contrast between the church or bride of Christ and Babylon or the world of sinners (see Revelation 12; 17:1-6 and 19:7). Carefully note the attire of each of these two classes of people. The attire of the faithful is that of righteousness (Revelation 19:8). The attire of the harlot Babylon is that of royalty and wealth (see Revelation 17:4). Fifthly, there is a contrast drawn between the number of the saints as opposed to the number of ungodly sinners (Revelation 20:8). Sixthly, there is a contrast between the super of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9) and the horrible supper of God's divine wrath (Revelation 19:17-18). Lastly, there is an unforgettable contrast between the eternal abode of the righteous in heaven versus the eternal abode of the unrighteous in hell (Revelation 21:10 through chapter 22).

Seventhly, approach the book of Revelation knowing that a clash between saints and sinners is inevitable. It should not surprise anyone today when the wicked hate the saints. The gospel of Jesus Christ brings immediate trouble to man's life by way of the wicked. The conflicting lifestyles of the righteous and wicked are destined to clash (see Revelation 6:5-6; 13:7, 17). The clashing of saint and sinner occurs for a figurative 1260 days, 42 months, a time, times, and a half time all of which depicts a generation of humanity (Revelation 11). During these generations of men's lives the gospel will be available and those who preach and hold to it will be outcast in this world. The lives of saints and sinners clash because they have very different approaches to life (see 2 Corinthians 6:14 through 7:1). The wicked are of one mind (Revelation 17:13) as is the saint (Romans 15:4). When the righteous voluntarily do acts of obedience the unrighteous think it strange (see 1 Peter 4:4). When the unrighteous live lives of sin the saints expose their dark deeds and are hated (John 7:7; Revelation 19:15). Satan cannot stand that even one man would have a mind that is opposed to his sinful ways (Revelation 12:17). Those who do not fall in with Satan and his beasts are killed and or made miserable. A clash of warfare is the consequences of these two classes of people going in two different directions (see Revelation 13:7; 16:16; 20:7f). The entire picture of a clash between the powerful forces of God and Satan depicts the greatness of one achieving heaven.

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Psalms 23

"1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."