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*Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

iii. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ (4:24).

iv. He is the Creator (4:24).

v. He is not \_\_\_\_\_ (4:25-26).

vi. He will destroy His enemies (4:25-26; 3:23; Psalm 2:8-12).

vii. His plans will be accomplished (4:28).

f. God has not left us alone.

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ii. He has given us the Spirit, who will continue to help us (4:8, 31; 1:8).

iii. He will answer our prayers (4:31).

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