

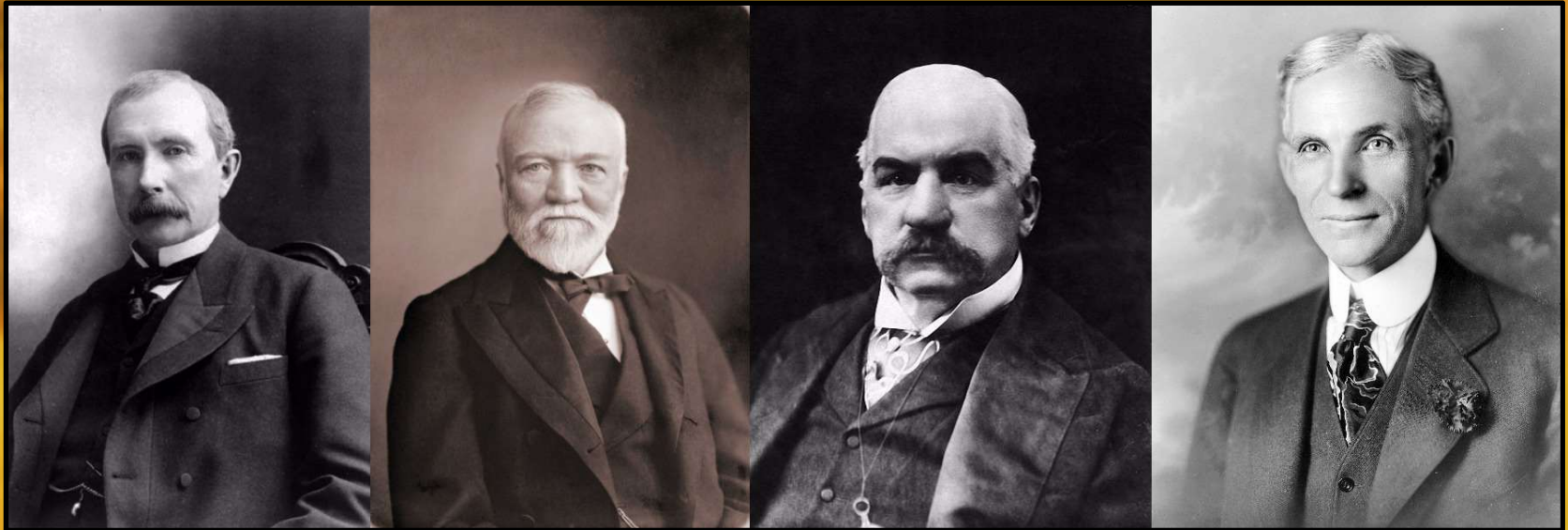
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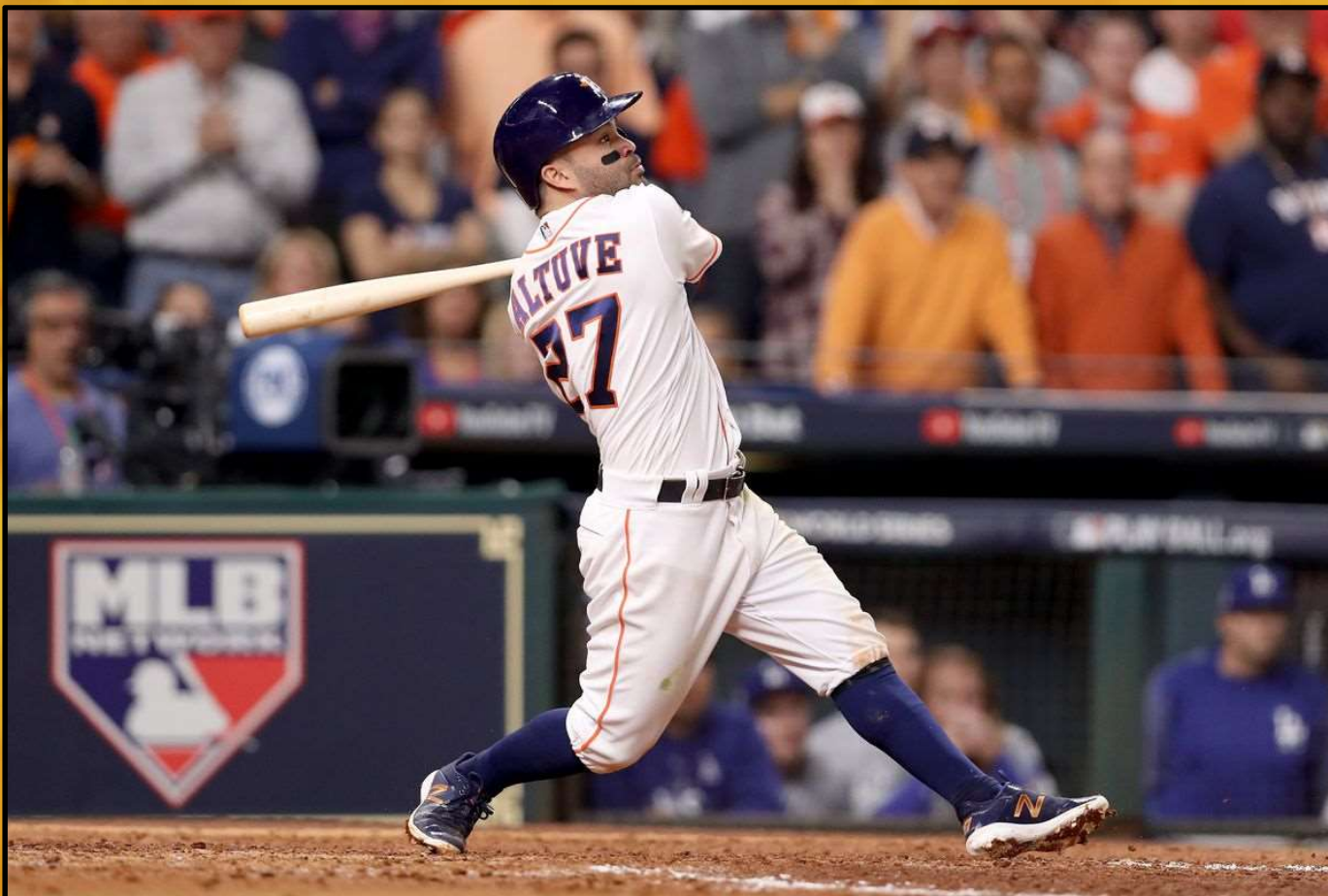
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1. Our goal is eternal

⁶ **2. God is the one who rewards**

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¹ Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;

For I *am* poor and needy.

² Preserve my life, for I *am* holy;

You are my God;

Save Your servant who trusts in You!

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord,

For I cry to You all day long.

⁴ Rejoice the soul of Your servant,

For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive,

And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

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⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

And attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the day of my trouble *I will call upon You,
For You will answer me.*

⁸ Among the gods *there is none like You*, O Lord;
Nor *are there any works like Your works.*

⁹ All nations *whom You have made*
Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰ For *You are great, and do wondrous things;
You alone are God.*

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¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD;

I will walk in Your truth;

Unite my heart to fear Your name.

¹² I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,

And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

¹³ For great *is* Your mercy toward me,

And **You have delivered my soul** from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴ O God, the proud have risen against me,

And a mob of violent *men* have sought my life,

And have not set You before them.

¹⁵ But **You**, O Lord, *are* a **God full of compassion, and gracious,**

Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

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¹⁶ Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me!

Give Your strength to Your servant,
And save the son of Your maidservant.

¹⁷ Show me a sign for good,

That those who hate me may see *it* and be ashamed,
Because **You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

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 - **Daniel 6** – Daniel prayed and made supplications to God
 - **Ephesians 6:18** – Praying always
 - **James 5:16** – Praying fervently
 - **Philippians 4:6-7** – Praying to God brings a peace that surpasses understanding

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- Put first things first
 - **Matthew 6:19-21** – Where our treasure is our heart will be
 - **Colossians 3:1-2** – Seek and set your mind on things above
 - **Luke 10:38-42** – Mary prioritized correctly, Martha did not
 - **Matthew 6:33** – Seek first the kingdom of God

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“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off of your goal.”

-Henry Ford

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