

# **OT 1 Job 19:1, 23-27**

A reading from the book of Job.

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down!

Would that they were inscribed in a record:

That with an iron chisel and with lead  
they were cut in the rock forever!

But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;

Whom I myself shall see:

my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him,

And from my flesh I shall see God;

my inmost being is consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 2 [Longer Form] - Wisdom 3:1-9**

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

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and no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction,  
and their going from us, utter destruction.  
But they are at peace.  
For if before men, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.  
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;  
They shall judge the nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord shall be their King forever.  
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

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## **OT 3 Wisdom 4:7-15**

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Just people, though they die early, shall be at rest.

Length of days is not what makes age honorable,  
nor number of years the true measure of life;  
understanding, this is a person's gray hair,  
untarnished life, this is ripe old age.

People who pleased God were loved;

they who lived among sinners were transported—  
Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert their minds  
or deceit beguile their souls;

For the fascination with evil obscures what is right  
and the whirl of desire transforms innocent minds.

Having become perfect in a short while,

they reached the fullness of long careers;  
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,  
therefore God sped them out of the midst of wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,  
nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 4 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
The web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.  
On that day it will be said:  
“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the Lord for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 5 Lamentations 3:17-26**

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the Lord.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
as my reason to have hope:  
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent;  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the Lord, says my soul;  
therefore will I hope in him.  
Good is the Lord to one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 6 Daniel 12:1-3**

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel.

[I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the Lord:]

“At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince,  
guardian of your people;

It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress  
since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape,  
everyone who is found written in the book.

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake;  
Some shall live forever,

others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament,  
and those who lead the many to justice  
shall be like the stars forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 7 2 Maccabees 12:43-46**

A reading from the second book of Maccabees.

Judas Maccabeus, the ruler of Israel,  
then took up a collection among all his soldiers,  
amounting to two thousand silver drachmas,  
which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for a sacrifice  
offered for the sins of his fallen soldiers.

In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way,  
inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view;  
for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again,  
it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward  
that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness,  
it was a holy and pious thought.

Thus he made atonement for the dead  
that they might be freed from their sin.

The Word of the Lord.



## **OT 8** Proverbs 31:10-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.

Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
has an unfailing prize.

She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.

She obtains wool and flax  
and makes cloth with skillful hands.

Like merchant ships,  
she secures her provisions from afar.

She rises while it is still night,  
and distributes food to her household.

She picks out a field to purchase;  
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She is girt about with strength,  
and sturdy are her arms.

She enjoys the success of her dealings;  
at night her lamp is undimmed.

She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.

She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needy.

She fears not the snow for her household;  
all her charges are doubly clothed.

She makes her own coverlets;  
fine linen and purple are her clothing.

Her husband is prominent at the city gates  
as he sits with the elders of the land.

She makes garments and sells them,  
and stocks the merchants with belts.

She is clothed with strength and dignity,  
and she laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
and on her tongue is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household  
and eats not her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her;  
her husband, too, extols her;  
“Many are the women of proven worth,  
but you have excelled them all.”

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the Lord  
is to be praised.

Give her a reward of her labors,  
and let her works  
praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 9 Ecclesiastes 3:1-11**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sow:  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.  
What advantage has the worker from his toil?  
I have considered the task  
of which God has appointed men to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end,  
the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 10 Song of Songs 2:8-14**

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

Hark! My lover – here he comes  
springing across the mountains,  
leaping across the hills.

My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Here he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattices.

My lover speaks; he says to me:

“Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!  
For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of pruning the vines has come,  
and the song of the dove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines in bloom, give forth fragrance.  
Arise my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!”

“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,  
let me see you, let me hear your voice,  
for your voice is sweet, and you are lovely.”

The Word of the Lord.

## **OT 11 Song of Songs 8:6-7**

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

Set me as a seal on your heart,  
as a seal on your arm;  
for stern as death is love,  
relentless as the nether world is devotion;  
its flames are blazing fire.

Deep waters cannot quench love,  
nor floods sweep it away.

Were one to offer all he owns to purchase love,  
he would be roundly mocked.

The Word of the Lord.

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter proceeded to address the people in these words:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears God and acts uprightly  
is acceptable to him.

You know the word that he sent to the Israelites  
as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ,  
who is the Lord of all; what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all he did  
both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be seen,  
not by all but only by us--the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and to testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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## **NT 2 Romans 5:5-11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Hope will not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly.  
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,  
though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.  
But God proves his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
How much more then,  
since we are now justified by his blood,  
will we be saved through him from God's wrath?  
Indeed, if, while we were God's enemies,  
we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life?  
Not only that,  
but we boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 3 Romans 5:17-21**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If, by the transgression of one person, Adam, all died,  
how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace  
and of the gift of justification come to reign in life  
through the one person Jesus Christ?

In conclusion,  
just as a single offense brought condemnation to all,  
so one righteous act brought acquittal and life to all.

For just as through the disobedience of one person  
the many were made sinners,  
so through the obedience of one  
the many will be made righteous.

The law came in order to increase offenses  
but, where sin increased,  
grace has far surpassed it,  
so that, as sin reigned through death,  
grace also might reign through justification  
leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.



## **NT 4 [Longer Form] – Romans 6:3-9**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,  
so shall we be united with him in the resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him,  
so that our sinful body might be done away with,  
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.

For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

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## **NT 5** Romans 8:14-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a spirit of adoption through which we cry,  
“Abba, Father!”

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit  
that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs,  
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,  
if only we suffer with him  
so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of the present are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

Indeed the whole created world eagerly awaits  
the revelation of the children of God;  
for creation was made subject to futility,  
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that creation itself  
would be set free from slavery to corruption  
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that all creation is groaning in labor even until now.

Not only that, but we ourselves,  
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan inwardly  
as we await the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 6** **Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son,

but gave him up for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring any charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,

who also is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,

or nakedness, or peril or the sword?

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly

through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor present things, nor future things,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature

will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 7** Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

None of us lives as our own master,  
and none of us dies as our own master.  
While we live, we are responsible to the Lord,  
and when we die, we die as his servants;  
both in life and death, we are the Lord's.  
For this is why Christ died and came to life again,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.  
For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;  
for it is written:  
"As I live, says the Lord,  
every knee shall bend before me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."  
So then each of us shall give an account of ourselves before God.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 8** [Longer Form] – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through a human being,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the firstfruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.  
Then comes the end,  
when Jesus hands over the kingdom to God the Father.  
Christ must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,  
for Scripture reads that:  
“he subjected everything under his feet.”  
But when it says that everything has been subjected,  
it is clear that it excludes the One  
who subjected everything to him.  
When everything is subjected to God,  
then the Son himself will also be subjected  
to the One who subjected everything to him,  
so that God may be all in all.

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The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 9** **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now I am going to tell you a mystery.

Not all of us shall fall asleep,  
but all of us are to be changed,  
in an instant, in the blink of an eye,  
at the sound of the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,  
the dead will be raised incorruptible,  
and we will be changed.

This corruptible body must be clothed with incorruptibility,  
and this mortal body with immortality.

When this corruptible frame takes on incorruptibility  
and the mortal immortality,  
then will the saying of Scripture be fulfilled:  
“Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

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

The Word of the Lord.



## **NT 10 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We know that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus  
will raise us up along with Jesus  
and place us in his presence.

Everything indeed is ordered to your benefit,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance  
may bring greater glory to God  
because they who give thanks are many.

We do not lose heart,  
because our inner being is renewed each day  
even while our body is wasting away.

The present burden of our trial is light enough  
and earns for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.

We do not fix our gaze on what is seen,  
but on what is unseen.

What is seen is transitory;  
what is unseen lasts forever.

Indeed, we know that when the earthly tent  
in which we dwell is destroyed,  
we have a dwelling provided for us by God,  
a dwelling in heaven that will last forever.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 11 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10**

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Indeed, we know that when the earthly tent  
in which we dwell is destroyed,  
we have a dwelling provided for us by God  
a dwelling in heaven that will last forever.

Therefore we continue to be confident.

We know that, while we dwell in the body,  
we are away from the Lord.

We walk by faith, not by sight.

I repeat, we are full of confidence  
and would much rather be away from the body  
and at home with the Lord.

This being so, we make it our aim to please him  
whether we are with him or away from him.

The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ  
so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad,  
according to his life in the body.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 12 Philippians 3:20-21**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

As you well know,

we have our citizenship in heaven;  
it is from there that we eagerly await  
the coming of our Savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours  
and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body,  
by his power to subject everything to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 13 Philippians 4:4-9**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all,

but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,

whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,

if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.

Keep on doing

what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.”

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 14** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters,

we would have you be clear about those who sleep in death;  
otherwise, you might yield to grief,  
like those who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,  
God will bring forth with him from the dead  
those who also have fallen asleep believing in him.

We say to you,  
as if the Lord himself has said it,  
that we who live, who survive until his coming,  
will in no way have an advantage over those who have fallen asleep.

No, the Lord himself will come down from heaven  
at the word of command,  
at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet;  
and those who have died in Christ will rise first.

Then we, the living, the survivors,  
will be caught up with them in the clouds  
to meet the Lord in the air.

Thenceforth we shall be with the Lord unceasingly.  
Console one another with this message.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 15 2 Timothy 2:8-13**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of David,  
was raised from the dead.

This is the gospel I preach;  
in preaching it I suffer as a criminal,  
even to the point of being thrown into chains--  
but there is no chaining the word of God!

Therefore I bear with all of this  
for the sake of those whom God has chosen,  
in order that they may obtain  
the salvation to be found in Christ Jesus  
and with it eternal glory.

You can depend on this:

If we have died with him,  
we shall also live with him.

If we hold out to the end,  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him  
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful  
he will still remain faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 16** Hebrews 13:1-8

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.

Do not forget to entertain strangers,

for by so doing

some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners,

and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all,

and the marriage should be kept pure,

for God will judge the adulterer

and all the sexually immoral.

Keep your lives free from the love of money

and be content with what you have,

because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can a person do to me?”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you.

Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 17 1 John 3:1-2**

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
in letting us be called the children of God.

Yet that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us  
is that it did not know the Son.

Dearly beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall later be  
has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed,  
we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.



## **NT 18** 1 John 3:14-16

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know that we have passed from death to life  
because we love our brothers and sisters.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer,  
and you know that no murderer  
has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to understand love  
was that Jesus laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives  
for our brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 19 Revelation 14:13**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I heard a voice from heaven saying,

"Write this: Happy now are the dead who die in the Lord."

"Yes," said the Spirit,

they will rest from their labors,

for their good works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 20** Revelation 20:11-21:1

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw a large and white throne  
and the One who was sitting on it.  
The earth and the sky fled from his presence  
until they could no longer be seen.  
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly,  
standing before the throne,  
and scrolls were opened.  
Lastly, among the scrolls, the book of life was opened.  
The dead were judged according to their deeds,  
as recorded in the scrolls.  
The sea gave up its dead;  
then death and the nether world gave up their dead.  
All the dead were judged according to their conduct.  
Then death and the nether world were hurled  
into the pool of fire, which is the second death;  
anyone whose name was not found  
inscribed in the book of the living  
was hurled into this pool of fire.  
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

The Word of the Lord.

## **NT 21** Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

I also saw a holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out:

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

He shall dwell with them and they shall be his people  
and he shall be their God who is always with them.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,  
for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.  
To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.  
The victor will inherit these gifts,  
and I shall be his God,  
and he will be my son.”

The Word of the Lord.