



Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Isaiah 40:6-10, 28-31**

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

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All people are grass,

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when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

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but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

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lift it up, do not fear;

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'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

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The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

## Isaiah 46:3-4

all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
who have been borne by me from your birth,  
carried from the womb;  
even to your old age I am he,  
even when you turn grey I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save.

## Lamentations 3:17-26

My soul is bereft of peace;  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
so I say, 'Gone is my glory,  
and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.'  
is wormwood and gall!  
My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.  
But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'  
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

## Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake who were the Lord's sheep.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
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Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

## **Psalm 90**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,



## Psalm 121

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My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

## Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'  
Our feet are standing  
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To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
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'May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers.'  
For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.

## Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
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If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
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**Matthew 5:1-12a**

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and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

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Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

**John 11:17-27**

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would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you  
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her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.

‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who  
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‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming  
into the world.’

**John 14:2-6, 18-19, 27**

‘In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I  
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'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

**Romans 6:3-8**

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Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed,



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