

## **Psalm 13 New International Version (NIV)**

- <sup>1</sup>How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?
- <sup>2</sup>How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?  
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- <sup>3</sup>Look on me and answer, LORD my God.  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,  
<sup>4</sup>and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- <sup>5</sup>But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- <sup>6</sup>I will sing the LORD’s praise,  
for he has been good to me.

## **Romans 6:12-23 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.