

## **Psalm 105:1-11, 45b New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- <sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.
- <sup>8</sup> He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
- <sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,
- <sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- <sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."  
<sup>45</sup> that they might keep his statutes  
and observe his laws.
- Praise the LORD!

## **Romans 8:35-39 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

- <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
- <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”