

## **2 Samuel 6:17-19 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>17</sup> They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. <sup>18</sup> When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, <sup>19</sup> and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

## **Psalm 119:1-16 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
    who walk in the law of the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
    who seek him with their whole heart,  
<sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong,  
    but walk in his ways.  
<sup>4</sup> You have commanded your precepts  
    to be kept diligently.  
<sup>5</sup> O that my ways may be steadfast  
    in keeping your statutes!  
<sup>6</sup> Then I shall not be put to shame,  
    having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.  
<sup>7</sup> I will praise you with an upright heart,  
    when I learn your righteous ordinances.  
<sup>8</sup> I will observe your statutes;  
    do not utterly forsake me.  
<sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their way pure?  
    By guarding it according to your word.  
<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you;  
    do not let me stray from your commandments.  
<sup>11</sup> I treasure your word in my heart,  
    so that I may not sin against you.  
<sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O LORD;  
    teach me your statutes.  
<sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare  
    all the ordinances of your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup> I delight in the way of your decrees  
    as much as in all riches.  
<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts,  
    and fix my eyes on your ways.  
<sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes;  
    I will not forget your word.

## **Ephesians 1:3-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.