

Proverbs 22:2, 8-9, 22-23 New Revised Standard Version

- ²The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.
- ⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.
- ⁹Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.
- ²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
- ²³for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Psalms 147 New Revised Standard Version

- ¹Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
- ⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- ⁶The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
- ⁸He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
- ⁹He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
- ¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;^[a]
- ¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- ¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- ¹³For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

¹⁴ He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.
¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
¹⁶ He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
¹⁷ He hurls down hail like crumbs—
who can stand before his cold?
¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances.
Praise the LORD!

John 8:1-11 New Revised Standard Version

8 ¹ while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”