

1 Samuel 2:1-10 New Revised Standard Version

2 Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

2“There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

3Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

4The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

5Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

6The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

7The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

8He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

9“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

10The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Psalm 16 New Revised Standard Version

- ¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
- ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- ¹¹You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Mark 12:1-8 New Revised Standard Version

12 Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ²When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.