

## **Proverbs 8:22-31 New International Version**

<sup>22</sup> “The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,  
before his deeds of old;  
<sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago,  
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,  
when there were no springs overflowing with water;  
<sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place,  
before the hills, I was given birth,  
<sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields  
or any of the dust of the earth.  
<sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in place,  
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above  
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary  
so the waters would not overstep his command,  
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.  
<sup>30</sup> Then I was constantly at his side.  
I was filled with delight day after day,  
rejoicing always in his presence,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his whole world  
and delighting in mankind.

## **Psalms 139:7-18 New International Version**

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.  
<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,”  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

- <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.
- <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, God!  
How vast is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

## **Romans 5:1-5 New International Version**

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.