

## Hosea 11:1-11

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#### God's Compassion Despite Israel's Ingratitude

**11** When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup>The more I<sup>l</sup> called them, the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms,  
but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.  
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities;  
it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes.

<sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God  
and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

<sup>10</sup>They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children  
shall come trembling from the west.

<sup>11</sup>They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of  
Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

## Psalm 107:1-9

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#### Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. <sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; <sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

<sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; <sup>7</sup>he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. <sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## Luke 12:13-21

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#### The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."