

Matthew 5:1-11

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45

1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. **2** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. **3** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **4** Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. **5** Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, **6** O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. **7** He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. **8** He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, **9** the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, **10** which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, **11** saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." **43** So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. **44** He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, **45** that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 79:1, 8-11

1 O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. **8** Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought

very low. **9** Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. **10** Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants be known among the nations before our eyes. **11** Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die.

Psalm 90

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. **2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **3** You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." **4** For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. **5** You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; **6** in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. **7** For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. **8** You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **9** For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. **10** The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. **11** Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. **12** So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. **13** Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! **14** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. **15** Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. **16** Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. **17** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!