**Isaiah 55: 1 - 9**

1Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
**2**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.  
**3**Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.  
**4**See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.  
**5**Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**6**Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;  
**7**let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
**8**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
**9**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Psalm 63**

*Leader*: 1O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirst for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

***People*: 2So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

*Leader*: 3Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

***People*: 4So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

*Leader*: 5My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, 6when I think of you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night…

***People*: 7for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. 8My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

*Leader*: 9But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth…

***People*: 10they shall be given over to the power of the sword, they shall be prey for jackals.**

*Leader*: 11But the king shall rejoice in God…

***People*: all who swear in God’s name shall glory; but the mouths**

**of liars will be stopped.**

**Luke 13: 1 -9**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2013&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-25512a)] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

**2**He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?

**3**No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

**4**Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem?

**5**No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

**6**Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

**7**So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’

**8**He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

**9**If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”