

## **Psalm 107**

<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.

<sup>43</sup>Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

## Hosea 11:1-11

**11** When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I 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.

## **Luke 12:13-21**

<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."

## Colossians 3:1-11

**3** So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

<sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!