

**Ecclesiastes 5:10–20**

**10** He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

**11** When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

**12** Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

**13** There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, **14** and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

**15** As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. **16** This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? **17** Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

**18** Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

**19** Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. **20** For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**Psalm 119:9–16**

Beth

**9** How can a young man keep his | way pure?\*

By guarding it according | to your word.

**10** With my whole heart I | seek you;\* let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

**11** I have stored up your word | in my heart,\* that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

**12** Blessèd are you, | O Lord;\* teach me your | statutes!

**13** With my lips | I declare\* all the just decrees | of your mouth.

**14** In the way of your testimonies | I delight\* as much as in all | riches.

**15** I will meditate on your | precepts\* and fix my eyes | on your ways.

**16** I will delight in your | statutes;\* I will not for- | get your word.

**Hebrews 4**

**1** Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. **2** For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. **3** For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter my rest,"  
although his works were finished from the  
foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has  
somewhere spoken of the seventh day in  
this way: "And God rested on the seventh  
day from all his works." <sup>5</sup>And again in this  
passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to  
enter it, and those who formerly received  
the good news failed to enter because of  
disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain  
day, "Today," saying through David so  
long afterward, in the words already  
quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God  
would not have spoken of another day later  
on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest  
for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has  
entered God's rest has also rested from his  
works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that  
rest, so that no one may fall by the same  
sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God  
is living and active, sharper than any  
two-edged sword, piercing to the division  
of soul and of spirit, of joints and of  
marrow, and discerning the thoughts and  
intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is  
hidden from his sight, but all are naked and  
exposed to the eyes of him to whom we  
must give account.

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high  
priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our  
confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high  
priest who is unable to sympathize with our

weaknesses, but one who in every respect  
has been tempted as we are, yet without  
sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw  
near to the throne of grace, that we may  
receive mercy and find grace to help in  
time of need.

### **Mark 10:23–31**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his  
disciples, "How difficult it will be for those  
who have wealth to enter the kingdom of  
God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at  
his words. But Jesus said to them again,  
"Children, how difficult it is to enter the  
kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel  
to go through the eye of a needle than for a  
rich person to enter the kingdom of God."  
<sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished,  
and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"  
<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man  
it is impossible, but not with God. For all  
things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup>Peter  
began to say to him, "See, we have left  
everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said,  
"Truly, I say to you, there is no one who  
has left house or brothers or sisters or  
mother or father or children or lands, for  
my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not  
receive a hundredfold now in this time,  
houses and brothers and sisters and  
mothers and children and lands, with  
persecutions, and in the age to come  
eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will  
be last, and the last first."