

Job 38:1–11

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you
make it known to me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have
understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line
upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
7 when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted
for joy?

8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

9 when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling
band,

10 and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

11 and said, "Thus far shall you come,
and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves
be stayed?"

**Psalm 124**

1 If it had not been the Lord who was
on | our side—*

let Israel | now say—

2 if it had not been the Lord who was |
on our side*

when people rose up

a- | gainst us,

3 then they would have swallowed us |
up alive,*

when their anger was kindled

a- | gainst us;

4 then the flood would have swept |
us away,*

the torrent would have gone |
over us;

5 then over us | would have gone*
the raging | waters.

6 Blessèd | be the Lord,*
who has not given us
as prey | to their teeth!

7 We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the | fowlers;*
the snare is broken,
and we | have escaped!

8 Our help is in the name |
of the Lord,*

who made | heaven and earth.

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.

¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections.

¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Mark 4:35–41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"