

1 Kings 17:8–16

8 Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], **9** "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." **10** So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." **11** And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." **12** And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." **13** And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. **14** For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" **15** And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. **16** The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.



Psalm 146

1 Praise | the Lord! *
Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long | as I live; *
I will sing praises to my God while I
have my | being.

3 Put not your trust in | princes, *
in a son of man,
in whom there is no sal- | vation.

4 When his breath departs he returns |
to the earth; *
on that very day his plans | perish.

5 Blessèd is he whose help is
the God of | Jacob, *
whose hope is in the | Lord his God,
6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is | in them, *
who keeps faith for- | ever;
7 who executes justice
for | the oppressed, *
who gives food to the | hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
8 the Lord opens the eyes |
of the blind. *
The Lord lifts up those who are
bowed down;
the Lord loves the | righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow
and the | fatherless, *
but the way of the wicked
he brings to | ruin.

10 The Lord will reign for- | ever, *
your God, O Zion,
to all generations. | Praise the Lord!

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Mark 12:38–44

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

I have not come
to call the righteous
but sinners
to repentance.

Luke 5:32

