

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?³Why do you make
me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

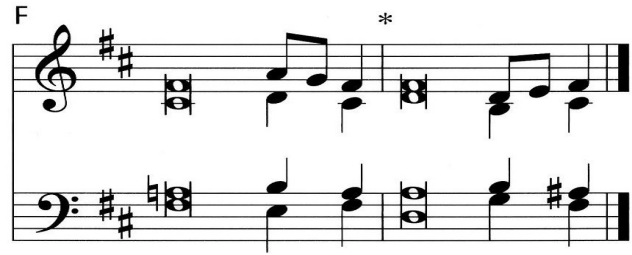
⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the Lord answered me:
"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright
within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith."



Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul waits in | silence; *
from him comes my sal- | vation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress; *
I shall not be greatly | shaken.

³How long will all of you attack a man
to | batter him, *
like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high
position. They take pleasure in | falsehood. *
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly | they curse.

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence, *
for my hope is | from him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress; *
I shall not be | shaken.

⁷On God rests my salvation and my | glory; *
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart be- | fore him; *
God is a refuge | for us.

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a de- | lusion; *
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter | than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on | robbery; *
if riches increase,
set not your | heart on them.

¹¹Once God has spoken;
twice have I | heard this: *
that power belongs to God,
¹²and that to you, O Lord,
belongs | steadfast love.
For you will render | to a man *
according | to his work.

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Luke 17:1–10

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"