

**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

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

## Mark 4:35–41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But 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?” <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”