

Malachi 3:1-2

¹ “Behold, I am going to send My ^[a]messenger, and he will ^[b]clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; ^[c]and the ^[d]messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts. ² “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like ^[e]fullers’ soap.

Psalm 91

Security of the One Who Trusts in the LORD.

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust!”

³ For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper
And from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with His pinions,
And under His wings you may seek refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

⁵ You will not be afraid of the terror by night,
Or of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶ Of the pestilence that ^[a]stalks in darkness,
Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side
And ten thousand at your right hand,
But it shall not approach you.

⁸ You will only look on with your eyes
And see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹ ^[b]For you have made the LORD, my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place.

¹⁰ No evil will befall you,
Nor will any plague come near your ^[c]tent.

¹¹ For He will give His angels charge concerning you,
To guard you in all your ways.

¹² They will bear you up in their hands,
That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread upon the lion and cobra,
The young lion and the ^[d]serpent you will trample down.

¹⁴ “Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him *securely* on high, because he has known My name.

¹⁵ “He will call upon Me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in [e]trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
¹⁶ “With [f]a long life I will satisfy him
And [e]let him see My salvation.”

Mathew 16:13-18

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist; and others, [h]Elijah; but still others, [i]Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He *said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are [i]the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon [k]Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are [i]Peter, and upon this [m]rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Mark 1:21-25

²¹ They *went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and *began* to teach. ²² They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴ saying, “What [n]business do we have with each other, Jesus [o]of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”

Mathew 16:4

⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a [d]sign; and a [e]sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.”

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

²² For indeed Jews ask for [p]signs and Greeks search for wisdom; ²³ but we preach [q]Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Deut 6:16-19

¹⁶ “You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested *Him* at Massah. ¹⁷ You should diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you. ¹⁸ You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the

LORD, that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to *give* your fathers, ¹⁹ by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by ^[a]stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the ^[b]command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water that we may drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and ^[c]they grumbled against Moses and said, “Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill ^[d]us and ^[e]our children and ^[f]our livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, “What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me.” ⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He named the place ^[g]Massah and ^[h]Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us, or not?”

Jeremiah 7:1-11

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ² “Stand in the gate of the LORD’S house and proclaim there this word and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!’” ³ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴ Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, ^[a]‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’” ⁵ For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, ⁶ *if* you do not oppress the alien, the ^[b]orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, ⁷ then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

⁸ “Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹ Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and ^[c]offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰ then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—that you may do all these abominations? ¹¹ Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*,” declares the LORD

Romans 6:1-2

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?