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# Monday

## Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:  
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:  
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:  
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:  
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:  
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:  
**of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.**

## **Hebrews 12.18-24**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## Tuesday

### Psalm 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge:  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were born  
or the earth and the world were brought to be:  
from eternity to eternity you are God.
- 3 You turn us back into dust:  
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday passing:  
or like one watch of the night.
- 5 You cut them short like a dream:  
like the fresh grass of the morning;
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes:  
at evening it is withered and dried up.
- 7 And we are consumed by your anger:  
because of your indignation we cease to be.
- 8 You have brought our iniquities before you:  
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.
- 9 Our days decline beneath your wrath:  
and our years pass away like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,  
or if we have strength, four score:  
the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow,  
for it passes quickly away and we are gone.
- 11 Who can know the power of your wrath:  
who can know your indignation like those that fear you?
- 12 Teach us so to number our days:  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:  
take pity on your servants.
- 14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:  
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.
- 15 Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:  
for the years we have suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your work:  
and let their children see your glory.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper the work of our hands,  
O prosper the work of our hands!

### **Romans 6.3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

## Wednesday

### Psalm 9

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
I will tell of all the wonders you have done.
- 2 I will rejoice and be glad in you:  
I will make my songs to your name, O Most High.
- 3 For my enemies are driven back:  
they stumble and perish at your presence.
- 4 You have maintained my cause and my right:  
you sat enthroned as a righteous judge.
- 5 You rebuked the heathen nations,  
you brought the wicked to destruction:  
you blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 The strongholds of the enemy are made  
a perpetual desolation:  
you plucked up their cities,  
and even their memory has perished.
- 7 The Lord confounds them; but the Lord endures  
for ever:  
he has set up his throne for judgement.
- 8 He shall judge the world with righteousness:  
and deal true justice to the peoples.
- 9 The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:  
he is a tower of strength in time of need.
- 10 All who heed your name will trust in you:  
for you have never forsaken those that seek you.
- 11 O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:  
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.
- 12 For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:  
he has not forgotten their cry.
- 13 The Lord has been merciful toward me,  
he saw what I suffered from my foes:  
he raised me up again from the gates of death,
- 14 That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:  
that I might rejoice in your deliverance.
- 15 The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:  
in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;
- 16 The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:  
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to death:  
and all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten:  
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:  
let the nations be judged before you.
- 20 Put them in fear, O Lord:  
**and let the nations know they are but human.**

## **Matthew 21.23-32**

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" <sup>26</sup> But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup> 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." <sup>29</sup> He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

## Thursday

### Psalms 11; 12

#### 11

- 1 In the Lord I have found my refuge:  
how then can you say to me  
'Flee like a bird to the mountains;
- 2 'Look how the wicked make ready the bow,  
and notch their arrows upon the string:  
to shoot from the darkness at the true of heart;
- 3 'If the foundations are destroyed:  
what can the righteous do?'
- 4 The Lord is in his holy place,  
the Lord is enthroned in heaven:  
his eyes search out, his glance tries the children of Adam.
- 5 He tries the righteous and the wicked:  
and those that delight in violence his soul abhors.
- 6 He will rain down coals of fire and brimstone  
upon the wicked:  
a scorching wind shall be their cup to drink.
- 7 For the Lord is righteous and loves righteous acts:  
the upright shall see his face.

#### 12

- 1 Help, Lord, for there is not one godly person left:  
the faithful have vanished from among  
the children of Adam.
- 2 Everyone tells lies to their neighbour:  
they flatter with their lips,  
but speak from a double heart.
- 3 If only the Lord would cut off all flattering lips:  
and the tongue that speaks so proudly!
- 4 They say 'By our tongues we shall prevail:  
our lips are our servants—who is lord over us?'
- 5 Because of the oppression of the poor,  
because of the groaning of the needy:  
'I will arise', says the Lord,  
'and set them in safety from those that  
snarl after them.'
- 6 The words of the Lord are pure,  
as silver refined in a crucible:  
as gold that is seven times purified in the fire.
- 7 You will surely guard us, O Lord:  
and shield us for ever from this evil generation,
- 8 Though the ungodly strut on every side:  
**though the vilest lord it over the children of Adam.**



## **Matthew 21.33-46**

<sup>33</sup> 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

<sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

<sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

<sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

<sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

<sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance."

<sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

<sup>41</sup> They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

<sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

<sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## Friday

### Psalms 15; 16

#### 15

- 1 Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:  
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life  
and does the thing which is right:  
who speaks the truth from the heart,  
and has not slandered with the tongue;
- 3 Who has done no evil to a friend:  
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;
- 4 In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:  
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;
- 5 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:  
and will not go back on that oath;
- 6 Who has not put money to usury:  
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things:  
shall never be overthrown.

#### 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God:  
for in you have I taken refuge.
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:  
and all my good depends on you.
- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:  
the other gods in whom people delight,
- 4 Though the idols are many that they run after:  
their offerings of blood I will not offer,  
nor take their name upon my lips.
- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:  
you hold my lot in your hands.
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:  
and a fair land is my possession.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:  
at night also he has instructed my heart.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me:  
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:  
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life:  
in your presence is the fulness of joy,  
**and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.**

## **Matthew 22.1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.’

## Saturday

### Psalm 18.1-31

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength:  
O Lord my crag, my fortress and my deliverer,
- 2 My God, the rock to which I come for refuge:  
my shield, my mighty saviour, and my high defence.
- 3 I called to the Lord with loud lamentation:  
and I was rescued from my enemies.
- 4 The waves of death encompassed me:  
and the floods of chaos overwhelmed me;
- 5 The cords of the grave tightened about me:  
and the snares of death lay in my path.
- 6 In my anguish I called to the Lord:  
I cried for help to my God.
- 7 From his temple he heard my voice:  
and my cry came even to his ears.
- 8 The earth heaved and quaked,  
the foundations of the hills were shaken:  
they trembled because he was angry.
- 9 Smoke went out from his nostrils:  
and a consuming fire from his mouth.
- 10 He parted the heavens and came down:  
and there was darkness under his feet.
- 11 He rode upon the cherubim and flew:  
he came swooping upon the wings of the wind.
- 12 He made the darkness his covering:  
and his canopy was thick cloud and watery darkness.
- 13 Out of his clouds, from the brightness before him:  
broke hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 The Lord thundered in the heavens:  
the Most High uttered his voice.
- 15 He let loose his arrows, he scattered them on every side:  
he hurled down lightnings  
with the roar of the thunderbolt.
- 16 The springs of the sea were uncovered:  
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
- 17 At your rebuke, O Lord:  
at the blast of the breath of your displeasure.
- 18 He reached down from on high and took me:  
he drew me out of the great waters.
- 19 He delivered me from my strongest enemy:  
from my foes that were mightier than I.
- 20 They confronted me in the day of my calamity:  
but the Lord was my upholder.
- 21 He brought me out into a place of liberty:  
and rescued me because I delighted his heart.
- 22 The Lord rewarded me for my righteous dealing:  
he recompensed me according to  
the cleanness of my hands,

- 23 Because I had kept to the ways of the Lord:  
and had not turned from my God to do evil.
- 24 For I had an eye to all his laws:  
and did not put his commandments from me.
- 25 I was also blameless before him:  
and I kept myself from wrongdoing.
- 26 Therefore the Lord rewarded my innocence:  
because my hands were undefiled in his sight.
- 27 With the faithful you show yourself faithful:  
with the blameless you show yourself blameless;
- 28 With the pure you are pure:  
but with the crooked you show yourself perverse.
- 29 For you will save a humble people:  
but you bring down the high looks of the proud.
- 30 You light my lamp, O Lord my God:  
you make my darkness to be bright.
- 31 For with your help I can charge an armed troop:  
with the help of my God I can leap a city wall.

### **Matthew 22.15-33**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' <sup>21</sup> They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. <sup>23</sup> The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, <sup>24</sup> 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.'" <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. <sup>26</sup> The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Last of all, the woman herself died. <sup>28</sup> In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, <sup>32</sup> "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' <sup>33</sup> And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

## Sunday

### Psalm 146

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:  
while I live I will praise the Lord;
- 2 While I have any being:  
I will sing praises to my God.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes:  
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.
- 4 For when their breath goes from them,  
they return again to the earth:  
and on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 The God who made heaven and earth:  
the sea, and all that is in them,
- 7 Who keeps faith for ever:  
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.
- 8 The Lord gives food to the hungry:  
and sets the captives free.
- 9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:  
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.
- 10 The Lord loves the righteous:  
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.
- 11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:  
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.
- 12 The Lord shall be king for ever:  
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations.  
Praise the Lord.

## Hebrews 10.1-10

<sup>1</sup> Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year after year, make perfect those who approach.

<sup>2</sup> Otherwise, would they not have ceased being offered, since the worshippers, cleansed once for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sin?

<sup>3</sup> But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sin year after year.

<sup>4</sup> For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law),

<sup>9</sup> then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

<sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

