

Psalm 26:1-8

¹Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

²**Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

⁴**I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

⁵I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

⁶**I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,**

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸**O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.**

Jeremiah 15:15-21

LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me.

Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering — do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them;

I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not

overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

