THE QUESTION

What do the Beatitudes on hunger, mercy, peace and persecution mean (Matthew 5:6–12)?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Early Christians read these beatitudes as a pattern for daily life. Hungering for righteousness means truly longing for God's goodness. The merciful forgive and share with the needy, and peacemakers calm their own passions and lead others to peace. When persecuted for Christ, believers rejoice, pray for enemies without hating them, and follow Christ's patient example.

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Hungering for righteousness means longing for God

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Alexandria explains that this hunger is a desire for the righteousness of God himself. He calls people truly wretched when they have no share in God and have never tasted his righteousness. Jesus blesses a real, lasting desire for what is right, one that even hunger cannot stop.

1 “Therefore wretched are the opposite kind of poor: having no share in God, having even less share in human possession, and untasting of the righteousness of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 17 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 18, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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2 “So then, just as those who are persecuted are called blessed, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness' sake are also called blessed by Him who approves true desire, a desire that not even famine can stop.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 4.6 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 16, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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The merciful forgive and carry others' burdens

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Polycarp links mercy with forgiving and not judging, as the Lord taught. The Letter to Diognetus shows what mercy looks like in practice. The person who helps a weaker neighbor and shares what God gave him with the needy is imitating God's own kindness.

3 “forgive, and it shall be forgiven to you; be merciful, that you may obtain mercy; with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you again;"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD) **Source 6, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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4 “On the contrary, he who takes upon himself the burden of his neighbor; he who, in whatever respect he may be superior, is ready to benefit another who is deficient; he who, whatever things he has received from God, by sharing these with the needy, becomes a god to those who receive his benefits: he is an imitator of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Mathetes,** *Epistle to Diognetus* (c. 80–200 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Peacemakers first make peace within themselves

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Clement of Alexandria says peacemakers have tamed the anger, lust and other passions that fight inside them. He adds a second kind of peacemaker: one who helps people struggling against sin to turn to faith and peace. Peace starts in the heart and then spreads to others.

5 “Blessed, then, are the peacemakers. They have subdued and tamed the law that wars against the mind's disposition, the threats of anger, the lures of lust, and the other passions that fight against reason.”

later in the same passage

“They also are peacemakers who teach those who fight against the schemes of sin to turn to faith and peace.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 4.6 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 14, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Those persecuted for the faith are blessed

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The Apostolic Constitutions tell the church to take in believers who flee persecution and to help them as martyrs. They call the one who endures for Christ a true man of God. Persecution for the faith is treated as a mark of God's blessing, not a sign of his absence.

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6 “Help them as martyrs, and rejoice that you share in their persecution, knowing that they are considered blessed by the Lord.”

later in the same passage

“For he who is persecuted for the sake of the faith, and bears witness concerning Him, Christ, and endures, is truly a man of God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 38, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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Suffer without hating the persecutors

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Clement of Alexandria adds a condition to the blessing on the persecuted. It belongs to those who do not hate the people hurting them. A Christian bears the wrong without bitterness and without complaining that the trial came at a bad time.

7 “This is so if we do not hate our persecutors, and if we undergo punishments from their hands without hating them, and without thinking that we have been put on trial later than we expected.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 4.6 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 14, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Answer anger with meekness and prayer

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Ignatius gives practical steps for mistreatment. Meet anger with gentleness, boasting with humility, and insults with prayer. Stay firm in the faith but do not copy their behavior. He even hopes kindness will turn enemies into brothers.

8 “Be meek in response to their wrath, humble in opposition to their boasting; return your prayers for their blasphemies; be steadfast in the faith in contrast to their error; and manifest your gentleness for their cruelty.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 4, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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9 “Let us make them brethren by our kindness.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (c. 98–117 AD)
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Christ's patient suffering is the pattern

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Polycarp and Cyprian both point to Jesus as the model. He bore our sins and did not strike back when he was insulted. Believers who suffer for his name are to copy his patience and give glory to God rather than seek revenge.

10 “Let us then be imitators of His patience; and if we suffer for His name’s sake, let us glorify Him.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD)
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11 “Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow His steps, who did no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, threatened not, but gave Himself up to him that judged Him unjustly.'”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Treatises* (c. 248–258 AD)
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Source 36, page 9 Read it in the library ›

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Only suffering for doing right is blessed

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The Apostolic Constitutions draw a clear line. A believer who is slandered and falsely accused is blessed. But one who is truly guilty of wrongdoing gains no blessing and brings shame on the whole church. The beatitude covers suffering for Christ, not suffering for our own sins.

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12 “If, therefore, anyone is slandered and falsely accused, such a person is blessed.”

later in the same passage

“But if anyone is convicted of having done a wicked act, such a person not only harms himself, but also causes the whole body of the Church and its teaching to be blasphemed, as though we Christians do not practice the things that we declare to be good and honest.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** **Source 39, page 9** **Read it in the library ›**
(c. 250–380 AD)
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- Most of these passages speak about persecution; fewer explain mercy and peacemaking in detail.
- They do not give a full step-by-step guide for every kind of mistreatment Christians may face today.
- Clement's reading of peacemaking as inner calm is his own explanation, not one shared word for word by every writer here.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 44 early Christian passages and 281 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–44, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 45–182, in Bible order), then 143 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *44 passages from 16 writers*

Mathetes, *c. 80–200 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *Epistle to Diognetus* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “shalt thou admire those who for righteousness’ sake endure the fire that is but for a moment, and shalt count them happy when thou shalt know [the nature of] that… [continues online] **read ›**

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2 *Epistle to Diognetus* (on point 4) “laws and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives. They love all people and are persecuted by all. They are unknown yet condemned; they are put to… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 3–5*

3 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* **Quote 9, page 5** “let us imitate the Lord, “who, when He was reviled, reviled not again;” when He was crucified, He answered not… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* **Quote 8, page 4** And pray without ceasing on behalf of other people. For there is hope of repentance in them that they may attain to God. See, then, that they are instructed by… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English; on point 4) “let the fierceness of persecution move thee, but let thy spirit be strong and rejoice in God thy Saviour. Amen… [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · sources 6–7*

6 *Epistle to the Philippians* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “merciful, that ye may obtain mercy; with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again;” and once more, “Blessed are the poor, and those that are persecuted… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Epistle to the Philippians* **Quote 10, page 5** we suffer for His name’s sake, let us glorify Him… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 8*

8 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 4) “we who believe on Him are everywhere a reproach, ‘despised of the people;’ for, rejected and dishonoured by your nation, He suffered those indignities which you planned against Him… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · sources 9–11*

9 *Diatessaron* 8 (on point 1) “5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Diatessaron* 8 (1885 English; on point 4) “Matthew 5:10 Blessed are they that were persecuted for righteousness' sake: for the kingdom of heaven is theirs” **read ›**

11 *Diatessaron* 8 (1885 English; on point 4) “5:12 Then rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets before you… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 12–13*

12 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 7) is sought and they attain glory, all who have discredited their martyrdom will be confounded by Christ. From the fact that He cried on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English; on point 4) “the Church alone sustains with purity the reproach of those who suffer persecution for righteousness’ sake, and endure all sorts of punishments, and are put to death because of the… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 14–19*

14 *Stromata* 4.6 **Quotes 5, 7, pages 3, 4** “that, for love of God, we must gnostically despise death. "Blessed are they," He says, "who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for they shall be called the sons of God… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Stromata* 4.12 it is unjust in both cases: both in not rescuing the man who is dragged away to punishment for righteousness' sake, and in having rescued the man who wished to… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Stromata* 4.6 **Quote 2, page 2** “for righteousness' sake, he bears witness that the righteousness he loves is a good thing. If he hungers and thirsts for righteousness' sake, he testifies that righteousness is the best… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Stromata* 4.11 they say, "If God cares for you, why are you persecuted and put to death? Has He handed you over to this?" No, we do not think that the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

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18 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 17 (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** "5:3 How? In spirit. And again, Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after the righteousness of God… [continues online] **read ›**

19 *Fragments* 1 (on point 7) says, "When He was insulted, He did not insult back; when He suffered, He did not threaten." The Lord acted this way because of His goodness and patience. "But He… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 20–27*

20 *Scorpiace* 9 (1885 English; on point 4) "and be exceeding glad, since very great is your reward in heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Scorpiace* 10 (on point 4) there. For where one is, both must be. Opposites always go together. There would even have to be persecution in heaven, since persecution is what gives occasion for confession or… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Against Marcion* 14 (on point 1) "shall neither hunger nor thirst." Therefore they shall be filled, a promise… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *On the Resurrection of the Flesh* 41 (1885 English; on point 4) "remembered the award (which the Lord assigns) in the Gospel: Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *De Fuga in Persecutione* 2 If, because injustice is not from God, but from the devil, and persecution consists of injustice—for what is more unjust than that the bishops of the true God, and… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *De Fuga in Persecutione* 1 brother Fabius, very recently you asked whether or not we ought to flee in persecution, because some report or other had been brought to you. For my part, I immediately… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Scorpiace* 12 (1885 English; on point 4) "when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *De Fuga in Persecutione* 4 then, if it is clear who persecution comes from, we can at once answer your doubts. From these opening remarks alone, we can decide that people should not flee from… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 28–29*

28 *Commentary on Matthew* 10 (1885 English; on point 4) "6:23 Now if any one who attends carefully to these things be hated and attacked, because of his living with rigorous austerity, and his reproof of sinners, as a… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Against Celsus* 41 (on point 6) "kingdom of God. And we read, "Bless those who curse you; bless, and do not curse"; also, "Being reviled, we bless." And even if the insulting words that we pour… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · source 30*

30 *Four Homilies* (on point 1) fugitives. In their place the humble were exalted, that is, the Gentile peoples who hungered for righteousness. For when they recognized their own lowliness and the hunger that pressed on… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 31*

31 *On the Jewish Meats* 1 (on point 1) laws against gluttony as Christ. He is said even to have called the poor blessed, and those who hunger and thirst happy, but the rich miserable. For those who obey… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 32–36*

32 *Epistles* (on point 4) "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed will you be when men persecute you and hate you. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for in the same way their fathers… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Treatises* (on point 4) not strive with all his strength to attain such glory, so that he may become the friend of God, rejoice at once with Christ, and after earthly tortures and punishments… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 4) "as often as you partake in Christ's sufferings, rejoice in all things, that when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy… [continues online] **read ›**

35 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 4) "The Lord desired that we should rejoice and leap for joy in persecutions, because, when persecutions occur, then are given the crowns of faith, then the soldiers of God are… [continues online] **read ›**

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36 *Treatises* **Quote 11, page 5** if we also, beloved brothers, are in Christ; if we put Him on; if He is the way of our salvation; we who follow Christ in the footsteps of salvation… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 37–40*

37 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 7) and tried every kind of injury. They spat on Him, mocked Him, beat Him, struck Him in the face, reviled Him, tested Him, and demanded worthless divination from Him instead… [continues online] **read ›**

38 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 6, page 4** "also those who are persecuted because of the faith, and who flee from city to city, according to the Lord's commandment in Matthew 10:23. Help them as martyrs… [continues online] **read ›**

39 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 12, page 6** "people reproach you, or persecute you, or falsely say every kind of evil against you for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your reward is great in heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

40 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 7) "command that if a bishop, presbyter, or deacon strikes faithful people who have offended, or unbelievers who do wicked things, and thinks to frighten them by such means, he must… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 41*

41 *Divine Institutes* 22 (1885 English; on point 4) "to this that righteousness is hated, that all who wish to follow God are not only held in hatred, but are harassed with all reproaches, and are tormented by manifold… [continues online] **read ›**

Peter of Alexandria, *c. 300–311 AD · sources 42–43*

42 *Canonical Epistle* (1885 English) "you shall be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, Matthew 10:18 but not, you shall bring yourselves, for He would have us pass from place to place… [continues online] **read ›**

43 *Canonical Epistle* in Christ, or in His name they ask for this trial for themselves, even if perhaps they are not obeying His commands. For He taught them to pray that they… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 44*

44 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (on point 4) "righteous were indeed persecuted, but only by the wicked… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *138 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

45 **Genesis 49:23** Against him men took counsel and reviled him, and the archers pressed hard upon him. **read ›**

46 **Deuteronomy 32:43** Rejoice, O heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him; rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people, and let all the sons of God be strong in him; for he avenges the blood of his sons, and he will take vengeance and render justice to the enemies, and he will repay those who hate; and the Lord will cleanse the land of his people. **read ›**

47 **1 Chronicles 16:10** Give praise in his holy name; the heart that seeks his good pleasure shall rejoice. **read ›**

48 **Psalms 34:10** The rich have become poor and gone hungry, but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Pause. (Septuagint Psalm 33:11 (Psalm 34:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

49 **Psalms 64:10** The righteous will be glad in the Lord, and will hope in him; and all the upright in heart will be praised. (Septuagint Psalm 63:11 (Psalm 64:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

50 **Psalms 107:5** Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. (Septuagint Psalm 106:5 (Psalm 107:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

51 **Proverbs 10:3** The Lord will not starve a righteous soul, but he will overturn the life of the ungodly. **read ›**

52 **Proverbs 11:25** Every simple soul is blessed, but a hot-tempered man is not graceful. **read ›**

53 **Proverbs 13:25** The righteous eats and satisfies his soul, but the souls of the ungodly are in want. **read ›**

54 **Proverbs 14:14** The bold of heart will be filled with his own ways, and a good man with his own thoughts. **read ›**

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55 **Proverbs 16:17** The paths of life turn aside from evil, and the ways of righteousness are length of life. He who receives instruction will be among good things, and he who keeps correction will be made wise. He who keeps his own ways guards his own soul, and he who loves his life will spare his mouth. **read ›**

56 **Ecclesiastes 7:18** It is good that you hold fast to this; and indeed from this do not defile your hand; for to those who fear God all things will come forth. **read ›**

57 **Ecclesiastes 7:29** Only, see, this I have found: that God made man upright, but they have sought out many reasonings. Who knows the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a saying? **read ›**

58 **Isaiah 6:9** And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive.’ **read ›**

59 **Isaiah 7:22** and it shall be that, from drinking a great deal of milk, everyone who is left upon the land shall eat butter and honey. **read ›**

60 **Isaiah 9:8** The Lord has sent death upon Jacob, and it has come upon Israel. (Septuagint Isaiah 9:7 (Isaiah 9:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

61 **Isaiah 17:10** For you have forsaken God your Savior, and you have not remembered the Lord your helper; therefore you will plant an unfaithful planting and an unfaithful seed. **read ›**

62 **Isaiah 33:5** Holy is God who dwells on high; Zion has been filled with judgment and righteousness. **read ›**

63 **Isaiah 53:11** And the Lord wills to take away from the toil of his soul, to show him light and to form him with understanding, to justify a righteous one who serves many well; and he himself shall bear their sins. **read ›**

64 **Jeremiah 10:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

65 **Jeremiah 16:15** but, “The Lord lives, who brought up the house of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where they had been driven”; and I will restore them to their land, which I gave to their fathers. **read ›**

66 **Jeremiah 30:8** In that day, said the Lord, I will break the yoke from their neck, and I will burst their bonds; and they shall no longer serve strangers, (Septuagint Jeremiah 37:8 (Jeremiah 30:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

67 **Jeremiah 31:11** For the Lord has redeemed Jacob; he has rescued him from the hand of those stronger than he. (Septuagint Jeremiah 38:11 (Jeremiah 31:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

68 **Jeremiah 31:14** I will enlarge the soul of the priests, the sons of Levi, and fill it with drink, and my people shall be filled with my good things. Thus said the Lord. (Septuagint Jeremiah 38:14 (Jeremiah 31:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

69 **Jeremiah 32:1** The word that came from the Lord to Jeremiah in the tenth year of King Zedekiah; this was the eighteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. (Septuagint Jeremiah 39:1 (Jeremiah 32:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

70 **Jeremiah 33:11** the voice of gladness and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say, ‘Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good, for his mercy is forever’; and they shall bring gifts into the house of the Lord. For I will bring back all the exiles of that land as before, said the Lord. (Septuagint Jeremiah 40:11 (Jeremiah 33:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

71 **Jeremiah 33:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

72 **Jeremiah 35:9** and so as not to build houses to dwell in; and we have had no vineyard or field or seed. (Septuagint Jeremiah 42:9 (Jeremiah 35:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

73 **Jeremiah 37:21** The king gave orders, and they put him into the prison house, and gave him one loaf a day from outside, where they bake, until the bread was gone from the city. And Jeremiah stayed in the court of the prison. (Septuagint Jeremiah 44:21 (Jeremiah 37:21 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

74 **Jeremiah 40:9** Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, saying, “Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans; dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be better for you. (Septuagint Jeremiah 47:9 (Jeremiah 40:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

75 **Jeremiah 41:2** Ishmael and the ten men who were with him rose up and struck down Gedaliah, whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land, (Septuagint Jeremiah 48:2 (Jeremiah 41:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

76 **Jeremiah 41:3** and all the Jews who were with him in Mizpah, and all the Chaldeans who were found there. (Septuagint Jeremiah 48:3 (Jeremiah 41:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

77 **Ezekiel 12:4** And you shall bring out your baggage, baggage for captivity, by day before their eyes; and you shall go out in the evening, as a captive goes out, before them. **read ›**

78 **Ezekiel 27:17** Judah and the children of Israel, these were your merchants, in the sale of grain and ointments and cassia; and they gave the best honey and oil and resin to your mixed trade. **read ›**

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79 **Ezekiel 29:14** and I will turn back the captivity of the Egyptians, and I will settle them in the land of Pathros, in the land from which they were taken; and it shall be a lowly kingdom, **read ›**

80 **Ezekiel 30:10** Thus says the Lord God: I will also destroy the multitude of the Egyptians by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, **read ›**

81 **Daniel 2:9** If then you do not tell me the dream, I know that you have agreed to speak a false and corrupt word before me until the time has passed. Tell me my dream, and I shall know that you will also declare its interpretation to me." **read ›**

82 **Daniel 2:14** Then Daniel answered Arioch with counsel and discretion—Arioch, the king's chief cook, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon: **read ›**

83 **Daniel 10:3** I ate no choice bread, and no meat or wine entered my mouth, and I did not anoint myself with ointment, until three full weeks were fulfilled. **read ›**

84 **Daniel 11:5** And the king of the south shall grow strong; and one of their rulers shall grow strong against him and shall rule with great dominion. **read ›**

85 **Daniel 11:19** And he shall turn his face back toward the strength of his own land, and he shall grow weak and fall and not be found. **read ›**

86 **Daniel 11:23** And because of the alliances made with him he shall work deceit; and he shall go up and overpower them with a small nation. **read ›**

87 **Daniel 11:31** And seeds from him shall arise, and they shall profane the sanctuary of might, and remove the continual offering, and set up an abomination made desolate. **read ›**

88 **Amos 1:1** The words of Amos, which came in Accarim in Tekoa, which he saw concerning Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. **read ›**

89 **Amos 1:15** and its kings shall go into captivity, their priests and their rulers together, says the Lord. **read ›**

90 **Amos 2:12** But you gave the consecrated ones wine to drink, and you commanded the prophets, saying, "You shall certainly not prophesy." **read ›**

91 **Amos 5:1** Hear this word of the Lord, which I take up against you, a lament: The house of Israel has fallen; it shall never rise again. **read ›**

92 **Micah 5:10** And it shall be in that day, says the Lord, that I will utterly destroy the horses from your midst, and I will destroy your chariots; (Septuagint Micah 5:9 (Micah 5:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

93 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:1** Love righteousness, you who judge the earth; think of the Lord in goodness, and seek him in sincerity of heart. **read ›**

94 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:15** For righteousness is immortal. **read ›**

95 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:12** Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is troublesome to us and opposes our works; he blames us for sins against the law, and charges us with sins against our discipline. **read ›**

96 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:1** Then the righteous man will stand with great boldness before the face of those who oppressed him and of those who made light of his labors. **read ›**

97 **Wisdom of Solomon 11:8** showing through the thirst at that time how you had punished their adversaries. **read ›**

98 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:7** For blessed is the wood through which righteousness comes. **read ›**

99 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:1** But for your holy ones there was very great light; and the others, hearing their voice but not seeing their form, counted them blessed because they too had suffered, **read ›**

100 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:2** The Lord alone will be justified. **read ›**

101 **Wisdom of Sirach 24:21** Those who eat me will hunger still, and those who drink me will thirst still. **read ›**

102 **Wisdom of Sirach 27:8** If you pursue what is right, you will obtain it, and put it on like a full-length robe of glory. **read ›**

103 **Wisdom of Sirach 27:28** Mockery and taunts belong to the proud, and vengeance will lie in wait for him like a lion. **read ›**

104 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:7** Children will blame an ungodly father, for they will be disgraced because of him. **read ›**

105 **Baruch 2:18** but the soul that is greatly grieved, that goes bowed down and weak, and the eyes that fail, and the hungry soul will give you glory and righteousness, O Lord. **read ›**

106 **Baruch 4:21** Take courage, my children; cry out to God, and he will deliver you from the power, from the hand of the enemies. **read ›**

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107 **Baruch 4:25** My children, endure with patience the anger that has come upon you from God. Your enemy has pursued you, but you will soon see his destruction, and you will tread upon their necks. **read ›**

108 **Baruch 4:29** For he who brought the evils upon you will bring you everlasting gladness with your salvation." **read ›**

109 **Baruch 4:36** Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the gladness that is coming to you from God. **read ›**

110 **Baruch 5:2** Put on the double cloak of the righteousness that comes from God; set on your head the miter of the glory of the Everlasting. **read ›**

111 **Susanna 1:43** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

112 **1 Maccabees 2:37** saying, "Let us all die in our innocence; heaven and earth bear witness for us that you are destroying us unjustly." **read ›**

113 **1 Maccabees 4:58** There was very great gladness among the people, and the taunts of the nations were turned away. **read ›**

114 **1 Maccabees 7:48** And the people rejoiced greatly, and they kept that day as a day of great gladness. **read ›**

115 **1 Maccabees 11:25** Some lawless men of the nation were bringing charges against him, **read ›**

116 **1 Maccabees 16:17** So he committed a great act of treachery and repaid evil for good. **read ›**

117 **2 Maccabees 6:30** When he was about to die under the blows, he groaned aloud and said, "It is plain to the Lord, who has the holy knowledge, that though I could have been released from death, I am enduring harsh pains in my body from being whipped; but in my soul I suffer these things gladly, because of my fear of him." **read ›**

118 **2 Maccabees 7:18** After him they brought the sixth. When he was about to die, he said, "Do not deceive yourself in vain. For we are suffering these things because of ourselves, since we sinned against our own God; therefore astonishing things have happened. **read ›**

119 **2 Maccabees 7:32** For we are suffering because of our own sins. **read ›**

120 **2 Maccabees 8:35** he was humbled, with the help of the Lord, by those whom he regarded as the least of all. He put off his splendid clothing, made his way alone through the interior like a runaway slave, and came to Antioch, having met with the utmost misfortune in the destruction of his army. **read ›**

121 **2 Maccabees 14:38** For in the former times of separation he had been brought to trial for Judaism, and he had risked body and soul for Judaism with all earnestness. **read ›**

122 **3 Maccabees 6:32** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

123 **3 Maccabees 7:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

124 **3 Maccabees 7:16** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

125 **4 Maccabees 6:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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128 **4 Maccabees 16:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

129 **4 Maccabees 17:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

130 **1 Enoch 15:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

131 **1 Enoch 39:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

132 **1 Enoch 45:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

133 **1 Enoch 46:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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135 **1 Enoch 48:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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139 **1 Enoch 81:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

140 **1 Enoch 81:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

141 **1 Enoch 82:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

142 **1 Enoch 92:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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144 **1 Enoch 94:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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145 **1 Enoch 94:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

146 **1 Enoch 95:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

147 **1 Enoch 108:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

148 **Matthew 2:3** When King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. **read ›**

149 **Matthew 3:14** But John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?” **read ›**

150 **Matthew 5:6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. **read ›**

151 **Matthew 5:10** Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **read ›**

152 **Matthew 5:11** “Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and falsely say every evil word against you for my sake. **read ›**

153 **Matthew 5:12** Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **read ›**

154 **Matthew 6:33** But seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well. **read ›**

155 **Matthew 25:37** “Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? **read ›**

156 **Matthew 27:44** The robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. **read ›**

157 **Luke 2:14** “Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men.” **read ›**

158 **Luke 6:21** Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. **read ›**

159 **Luke 6:23** Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets. **read ›**

160 **Acts 11:5** “I was praying in the city of Joppa, and in a trance I saw a vision: something like a great sheet descending, lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came down to me. **read ›**

161 **Acts 12:6** The same night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains. Guards in front of the door kept the prison. **read ›**

162 **Acts 26:9** I myself therefore thought that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **read ›**

163 **Acts 28:26** saying, ‘Go to this people and say: Hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive. **read ›**

164 **1 Corinthians 4:13** when slandered, we appeal gently. We have become like the refuse of the world, the scrapings of all things, to this very day. **read ›**

165 **1 Corinthians 5:2** And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, so that the one who did this deed might be removed from among you. **read ›**

166 **Philippians 1:11** being filled with the fruits of righteousness that come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. **read ›**

167 **Philippians 2:18** In the same way you also should rejoice, and rejoice with me. **read ›**

168 **2 Thessalonians 1:4** so that we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your perseverance and faithfulness in all your persecutions and the troubles you endure, **read ›**

169 **2 Timothy 2:3** You therefore, endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **read ›**

170 **2 Timothy 3:12** And all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. **read ›**

171 **Hebrews 10:33** partly being publicly exposed to reproaches and distress, and partly becoming partners with those who were treated in this way. **read ›**

172 **1 Peter 1:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved in various trials, **read ›**

173 **1 Peter 2:19** For it is commendable if someone endures pain, suffering unjustly, because of conscience toward God. **read ›**

174 **1 Peter 2:20** For what glory is it if, when you sin, you patiently endure beating? But if when you do well, you patiently endure suffering, this is commendable with God. **read ›**

175 **1 Peter 2:21** For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps, **read ›**

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176 **1 Peter 2:23** who, when reviled, did not revile in return; when suffering, he did not threaten, but entrusted himself to him who judges righteously; **read ›**

177 **1 Peter 3:14** But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. But do not fear their fear, nor be troubled; **read ›**

178 **1 Peter 3:16** having a good conscience, so that, when they speak against you as evildoers, those who malign your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. **read ›**

179 **1 Peter 3:17** For it is better, if it is God's will, that you suffer for doing what is right than for doing evil. **read ›**

180 **1 Peter 4:13** But because you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice, that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. **read ›**

181 **1 Peter 4:14** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified. **read ›**

182 **1 Peter 4:16** But if one of you suffers for being a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this matter. **read ›**

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