

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Common English Bible (CEB)

<sup>31</sup> The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. <sup>32</sup> It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the LORD!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

Psalm 46 (NRSV)

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Selah

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### Romans 3:19-24, 28 Common English Bible (CEB)

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, in order to shut every mouth and make it so the whole world has to answer to God. <sup>20</sup> It follows that no human being will be treated as righteous in his presence by doing what the Law says, because the knowledge of sin comes through the Law.

<sup>21</sup> But now God's righteousness has been revealed apart from the Law, which is confirmed by the Law and the Prophets. <sup>22</sup> God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him. There's no distinction. <sup>23</sup> All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, <sup>24</sup> but all are treated as righteous freely by his grace... <sup>28</sup> We consider that a person is treated as righteous by faith, apart from what is accomplished under the Law.

### Gospel: John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."