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# Exodus 19:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Moses went up the mountain to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain: "This is what you must say to the house of Jacob and explain to the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you will carefully listen to me and keep my covenant, you will be my own possession out of all the peoples, although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>and you will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites."

# Deuteronomy 4:25–40

<sup>25</sup>“When you have children and grandchildren and have been in the land a long time, and if you act corruptly, make an idol in the form of anything, and do what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, angering him, <sup>26</sup>I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that you will quickly perish from the land you are about to cross the Jordan to possess. You will not live long there, but you will certainly be destroyed. <sup>27</sup>The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be reduced to a few survivors among the nations where the Lord your God will drive you. <sup>28</sup>There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see, hear, eat, or smell.

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<sup>29</sup>But from there, you will search for the Lord your God, and you will find him when you seek him with all your heart and all your soul. <sup>30</sup>When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, in the future you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. <sup>31</sup>He will not leave you, destroy you, or forget the covenant with your ancestors that he swore to them by oath, because the Lord your God is a compassionate God.

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<sup>32</sup>“Indeed, ask about the earlier days that preceded you, from the day God created mankind on the earth and from one end of the heavens to the other: Has anything like this great event ever happened, or has anything like it been heard of? <sup>33</sup>Has a people heard God’s voice speaking from the fire as you have, and lived? <sup>34</sup>Or has a god attempted to go and take a nation as his own out of another nation, by trials, signs, wonders, and war, by a strong hand and an outstretched arm, by great terrors, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup>You were shown these things so that you would know that the Lord is God; there is no other besides him. <sup>36</sup>He let you hear his voice from heaven to instruct you. He showed you his great fire on earth, and you heard his words from the fire.

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<sup>37</sup>Because he loved your ancestors, he chose their descendants after them and brought you out of Egypt by his presence and great power, <sup>38</sup>to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you in and give you their land as an inheritance, as is now taking place. <sup>39</sup>Today, recognize and keep in mind that the Lord is God in heaven above and on earth below; there is no other. <sup>40</sup>Keep his statutes and commands, which I am giving you today, so that you and your children after you may prosper and so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you for all time.”

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# **1 Corinthians 9:8**

**<sup>8</sup>Am I saying this from a human perspective? Doesn't the law also say the same thing?**

# **Galatians 3:15**

**<sup>15</sup>Brothers and sisters, I'm using a human illustration. No one sets aside or makes additions to a validated human will.**

# **Romans 6:19**

**<sup>19</sup>I am using a human analogy because of the weakness of your flesh.**

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- (8) Not only should I not be judged, but shouldn't I do even more evil so that God's glory would abound even more?

## 2 Peter 3:14–16

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things, make every effort to be found without spot or blemish in his sight, at peace. <sup>15</sup>Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our dear brother Paul has written to you according to the wisdom given to him. <sup>16</sup>He speaks about these things in all his letters. There are some things hard to understand in them. The untaught and unstable will twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures.

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# Psalm 103

## THE FORGIVING GOD OF DAVID

<sup>1</sup>My soul, bless the Lord,  
and all that is within me, bless his  
holy name.

<sup>2</sup>My soul, bless the Lord,  
and do not forget all his benefits.

<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your iniquity;  
he heals all your diseases.

<sup>4</sup>He redeems your life from the Pit;

he crowns you with faithful love and  
compassion.

<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you with good things;  
your youth is renewed like the eagle.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord executes acts of  
righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>He revealed his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is compassionate and  
gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in faithful  
love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us  
or be angry forever.

<sup>10</sup>He has not dealt with us as our sins  
deserve  
or repaid us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above  
the earth,

so great is his faithful love  
toward those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed  
our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion on his  
children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those  
who fear him.

<sup>14</sup>For he knows what we are  
made of,  
remembering that we are dust.

<sup>15</sup>As for man, his days are like  
grass—  
he blooms like a flower of the  
field;  
<sup>16</sup>when the wind passes over it, it  
vanishes,

and its place is no longer known.,

<sup>17</sup>But from eternity to eternity  
the Lord's faithful love is toward  
those who fear him,  
and his righteousness toward the  
grandchildren

<sup>18</sup>of those who keep his covenant,  
who remember to observe his  
precepts.

<sup>19</sup>The Lord has established his  
throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

<sup>20</sup>Bless the Lord,  
all his angels of great strength,  
who do his word,

obedient to his command.

<sup>21</sup>Bless the Lord, all his armies,  
his servants who do his will.

<sup>22</sup>Bless the Lord, all his works  
in all the places where he rules.  
My soul, bless the Lord!

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