

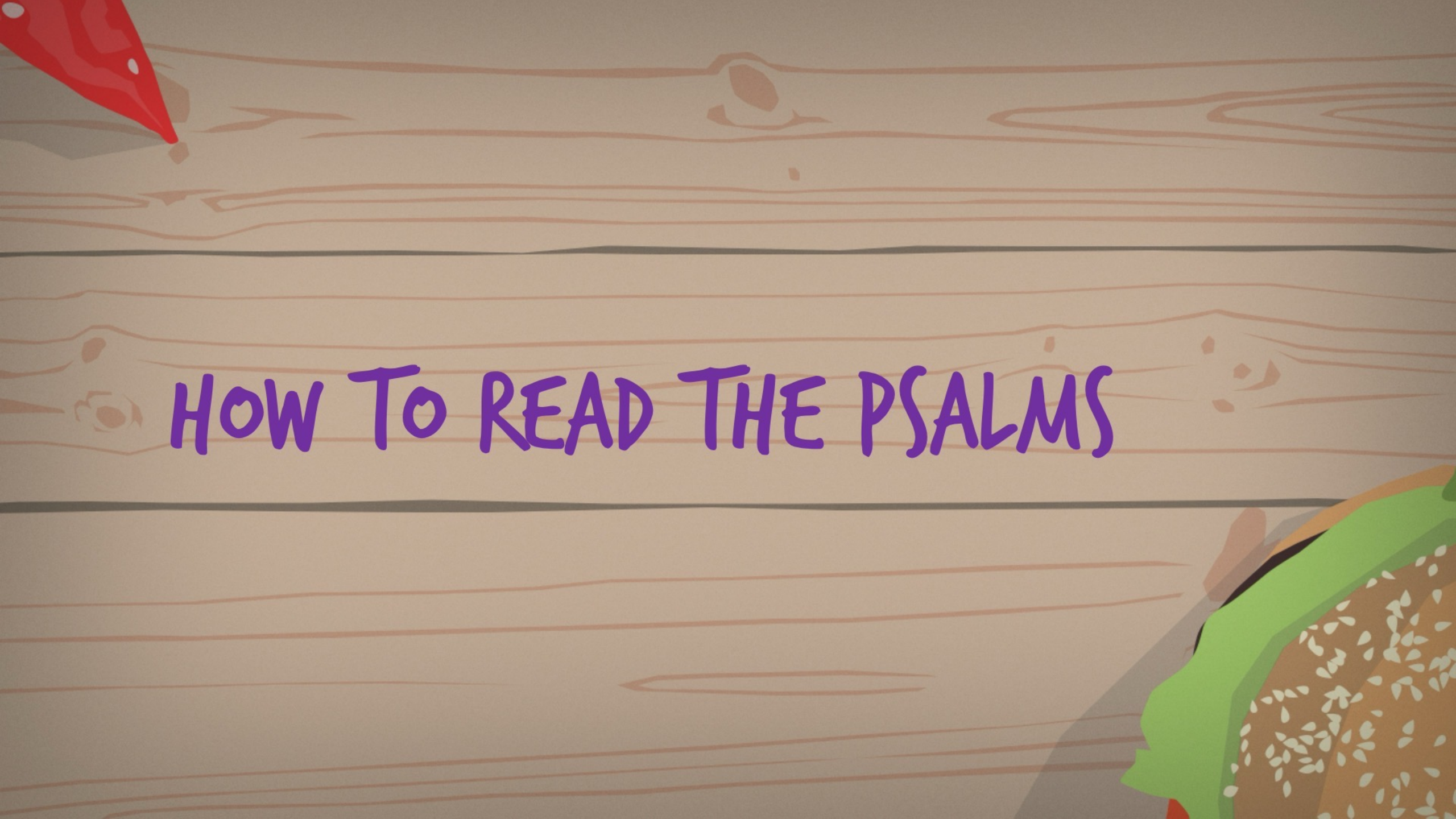


PSALMS

- IN THE SUMMER -

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HOW TO READ THE PSALMS

**The Psalms are “an epitome of the whole
Scriptures”**

Athanasius

The Psalms are “a compendium of all theology”


Basil of Caesarea

**The Psalms are “a little Bible, and the summary
of the Old Testament”**

Martin Luther



HOW TO READ THE PSALMS

- **Prayerfully**
 - **Devotionally**
 - **Emotionally**
 - **Repeatedly**
 - **Christo-centrally**
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**“The Psalter is the prayer book of Jesus Christ
in the truest sense of the word.”**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

And:

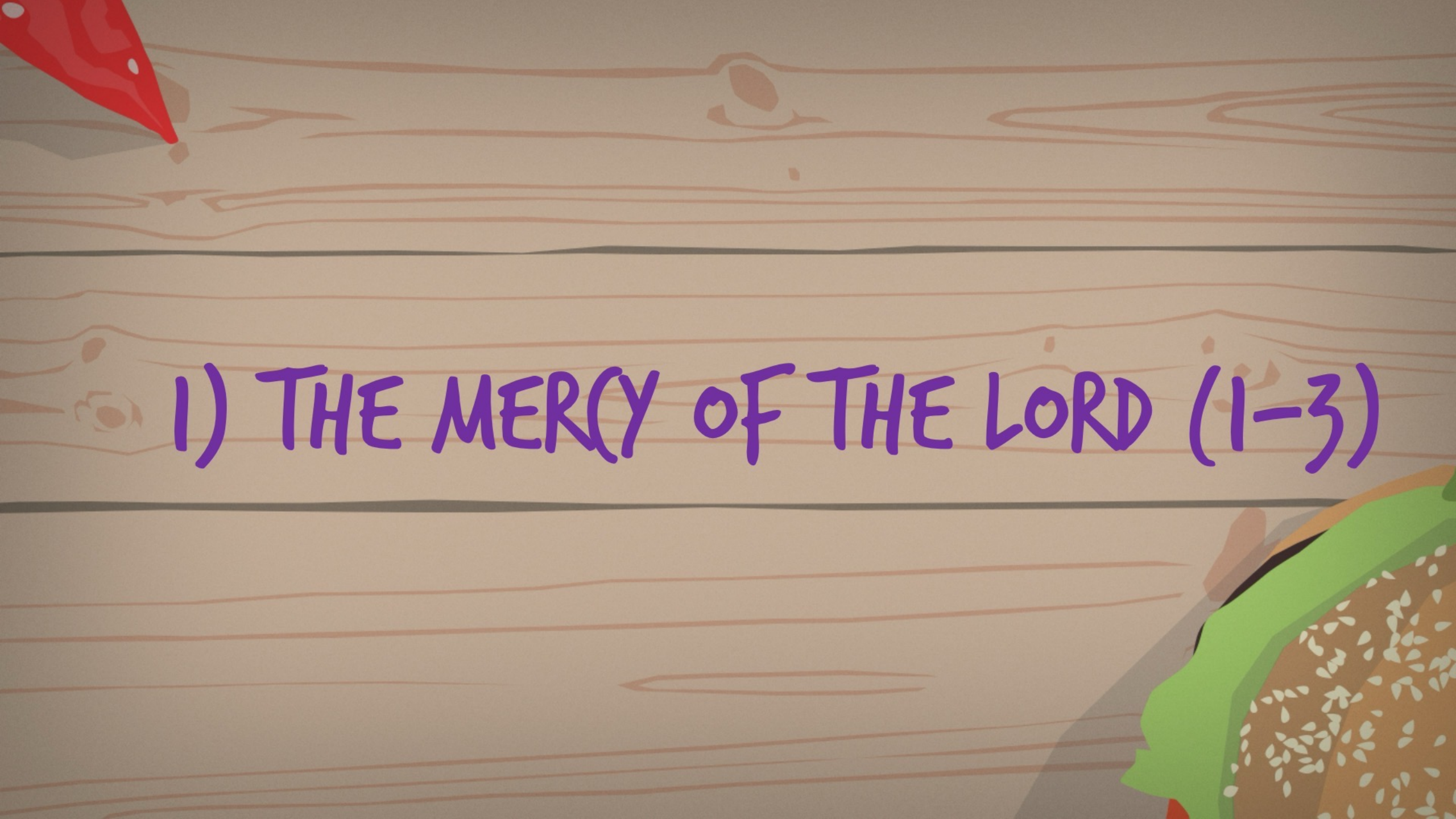
**In the beginning, Lord,
you established the earth,
and the heavens are the works of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain.**

**They will all wear out like clothing;
you will roll them up like a cloak,
and they will be changed like clothing.**

**But you are the same,
and your years will never end. Hebrews 1:10-12**

**“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.**

John 10:11



1) THE MERCY OF THE LORD (1-3)

For the choir director. A psalm of David.

¹Happy is one who is considerate of the poor;
the LORD will save him in a day of adversity.

²The LORD will keep him and preserve him;
he will be blessed in the land.

You will not give him over to the desire of his
enemies.

³The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed;
you will heal him on the bed where he lies.

How **happy** is the one who does not
walk in the advice of the wicked
or stand in the pathway with sinners
or sit in the company of mockers!

Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction,
and he meditates on it day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2

Serve the Lord with reverential awe
and rejoice with trembling.

Pay homage to the Son or he will be angry
and you will perish in your rebellion,
for his anger may ignite at any moment.

All who take refuge in him are happy.

Psalm 2:11-12

Blessed are the humble,
for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5

“There are likely two ideas inherent in this: the spiritual quality of humility and gentleness as well as the need for social justice (seen in Isa 61) as we seek to alleviate the poverty and deprivation of those unfortunates who are forced into humble circumstances.”

Grant Osborne

Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Acts 2:44-47

Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord,
and he will give a reward to the lender.

Proverbs 19:17

The one who shuts his ears to the cry of the poor
will himself also call out and not be answered.

Proverbs 21:13


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1) THE MERCY OF THE LORD (1-3)

2) THE (R)VELTY OF THE ENEMY
(4-9)



⁴I said, "LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you."

⁵My enemies speak maliciously about me:
"When will he die and be forgotten?"

⁶When one of them comes to visit, he speaks
deceitfully;
he stores up evil in his heart;
he goes out and talks.

⁷All who hate me whisper together about me;
they plan to harm me.

⁸“Something awful has overwhelmed him,
and he won't rise again from where he lies!”

⁹Even my friend in whom I trusted,
one who ate my bread,
has raised his heel against me.

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand,
and the rulers conspire together
against the LORD and his Anointed One:

Psalm 2:1-2

“I’m not speaking about all of you; I know those I have chosen. But the Scripture must be fulfilled: The one who eats my bread has raised his heel against me.”

John 13:18

I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.


Genesis 3:15



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2) THE (R)VELTY OF THE ENEMY
(4-9)

3) THE GRA(E OF THE LORD
(10-13)



¹⁰But you, LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up; then I will repay them.

¹¹By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.

¹²You supported me because of my integrity and set me in your presence forever.

¹³Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen and amen.

“Vengeance and retribution belong to me.
In time their foot will slip,
for their day of disaster is near,
and their doom is coming quickly.”
The Lord will indeed vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants
when he sees that their strength is gone
and no one is left — slave or free.

Deuteronomy 32:35-36

Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the emperor as the supreme authority or to governors as those sent out by him to punish those who do what is evil and to praise those who do what is good.

1 Peter 2:13-14

Since it is just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you and to give relief to you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels, when he takes vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9



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