



To  
GOD,  
*with Love*

**Psalm**  
**139:13-16**  
**NIV 1984**

**13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**14 I praise you because I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made;**

**your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.**

**15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place.**

**When I was woven together in the depths of the  
earth,**

**16 your eyes saw my unformed body.**

**All the days ordained for me  
were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.**

**Take a moment...**

**...and think about all the  
strengths God used  
when weaving you  
together.**



*From God,  
With Love*

# Psalm 8:1-9 NIV 1984

1 O Lord, our Lord,  
how **majestic** is your name in all the earth!

You have set your **glory**  
above the heavens.

2 From the lips of children and infants  
you have ordained **praise**

because of your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

3 When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,

4 **what is man that you are mindful of him,**  
the son of man that you care for him?

5 *You made him* a little lower than the  
heavenly beings  
and *crowned him with glory and honor.*

6 You made him *ruler over the works of  
your hands;*  
*you put everything under his feet:*

7 all flocks and herds,  
and the beasts of the field,  
8 the birds of the air,  
and the fish of the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Lord,  
how **majestic** is your name in all the earth!

**Matthew**  
**10:29-31**  
**NIV 1984**

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 So don't be afraid; *you are worth more* than many sparrows

## Isaiah 64:8 NIV 1984

8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father.

*We are the clay, you are the potter;*

we are all the work of your hand.

# Matthew 4:1-4

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1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



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## Matthew 4:5-7 NIV 1984

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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Jumping from the highest place	Power over the spiritual world	testing; doubt

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.<sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

**Matthew 4:8-11**  
**NIV 1984**

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**disobedience, unfaithfulness, self-reliance**

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# I Peter 4:7-11

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7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.* 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one *speaking the very words of God.* If anyone serves, he should do it with *the strength God provides,* so that in all things God may be *praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

# Ensuring our gifts are used for God, according to...

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Each one	use whatever gift he has received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-to serve others</li><li>-speaking the very words of God</li><li>-with the strength God provides</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-to praise God</li><li>-to give God glory</li><li>-to recognize His power</li></ul>

...1 Peter 4:7-11

# Romans 12:1-8 NIV 1984

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and **pleasing to God**--this is your spiritual act of **worship**. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to **test and approve what God's will is**--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment**, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and **each member belongs to all the others**. 6 **We have different gifts**, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, **let him use it** in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, **let him serve**; if it is teaching, **let him teach**; 8 if it is encouraging, **let him encourage**; if it is contributing to the needs of others, **let him give generously**; if it is leadership, **let him govern diligently**; if it is showing mercy, **let him do it cheerfully**.

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...Romans 12:1-8

**Do not be  
overcome by evil,  
but overcome evil  
with good.**

**Romans 21:12**

