

Psalm 18:20-30

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- ²⁰ The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me.
- ²¹ For I have kept the ways of the Lord and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- ²² For all his ordinances were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me.
- ²³ I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt.
- ²⁴ Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
- ²⁵ With the loyal you show yourself loyal; with the blameless you show
blameless;
- ²⁶ with the pure you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you show yourself
shrewd.
- ²⁷ For you deliver a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.
- ²⁸ It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.
- ²⁹ By you I can outrun a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- ³⁰ This God—his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true;
he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.

Matthew 5:38-48

(NRSV)

- ³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as

well, ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 12:13-21

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¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."