

Psalm 105:1-7; 45b (NRSV)

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,^ε
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
⁷ He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth
⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Praise the LORD!

Romans 8: 26-39 (NRSV)

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^ε with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God,^ε who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^ε intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.^ε

²⁸We know that all things work together for good^ε for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.^ε ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.^ε ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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