

The Word of God for the People of God

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
Great is your faithfulness.

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good
that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has
imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek
to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or
grieve anyone. Lamentations 3: 19-33

*O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds
among the peoples.*

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

*Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord
rejoice.*

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

*Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the
judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children
of Jacob, his chosen ones.* *Psalms 105: 1-6*

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD
your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.
Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them
to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are
away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand,
fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of
your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He (Jesus) said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with
all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And
a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two
commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22: 36-40