

**Psalm 118**

**13** I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

**14** The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**15** Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

**16** the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

**17** I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**18** The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**1. Peter 1**

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

**5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

**7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

**9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Matthew 28**

**1** Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

**2** And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

**3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

**4** And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

**5** But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

**6** He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

**7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."

**8** So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.