

Isaiah 10

- 1** Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression,
- 2** to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey!
- 3** What will you do on the day of punishment, in the ruin that will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth?

2nd Timothy 1

- 6** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,
- 7** for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
- 8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,
- 9** who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
- 10** and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
- 11** for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher.

Luke 18

- 1** And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.
- 2** He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.
- 3** And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'
- 4** For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,
- 5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"
- 6** And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.
- 7** And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?
- 8** I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"