

Isaiah 65

**1** I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name.

**2** I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

Ephesians 2

**17** And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

**18** For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

**20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

**21** in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**22** In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Luke 15

**11** And he said, "There was a man who had two sons.

**12** And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

**13** Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

**14** And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

**15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

**16** And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

**17** "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!

**18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

**19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

**20** And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

**21** And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

**22** But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

**23** And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.

**24** For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

**25** "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

**26** And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

**27** And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

**28** But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,

**29** but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

**30** But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

**31** And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

**32** It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"