

Psalm 39

- 4** "O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!
- 5** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Selah
- 6** Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!
- 7** "And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.
- 8** Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
- 9** I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for it is you who have done it.
- 10** Remove your stroke from me; I am spent by the hostility of your hand.
- 11** When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath! Selah
- 12** "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
- 13** Look away from me, that I may smile again, before I depart and am no more!"

2nd Timothy 2

- 8** Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,
- 9** for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!
- 10** Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
- 11** The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- 12** if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;
- 13** if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself.

John 5

- 1** After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades.
- 3** In these lay a multitude of invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed.
- 5** One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.
- 6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?"
- 7** The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me."
- 8** Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."
- 9** And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.
- 10** So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed."
- 11** But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'"
- 12** They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"
- 13** Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.
- 14** Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."
- 15** The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.