**Psalm 30**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+30&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14321a)]

**A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple.[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+30&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14321b)**] Of David.**

**1**I will exalt you, Lord,  
    for you lifted me out of the depths  
    and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
**2**Lord my God, I called to you for help,  
    and you healed me.  
**3**You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;  
    you spared me from going down to the pit.

**4**Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;  
    praise his holy name.  
**5**For his anger lasts only a moment,  
    but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may stay for the night,  
    but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**6**When I felt secure, I said,  
    “I will never be shaken.”  
**7**Lord, when you favored me,  
    you made my royal mountain[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+30&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14327c)] stand firm;  
but when you hid your face,  
    I was dismayed.

**8**To you, Lord, I called;  
    to the Lord I cried for mercy:  
**9**“What is gained if I am silenced,  
    if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
    Will it proclaim your faithfulness?  
**10**Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;  
    Lord, be my help.”

**11**You turned my wailing into dancing;  
    you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
**12**that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.  
    Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

**New Testament Reading - Acts 9:1-22**

**Saul’s Conversion**

**9**Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest **2**and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. **3**As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4**He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

**5**“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. **6**“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

**7**The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. **8**Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. **9**For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

**10**In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

**11**The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. **12**In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

**13**“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. **14**And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

**15**But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. **16**I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

**17**Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18**Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, **19**and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

**Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem**

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. **20**At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. **21**All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” **22**Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

**Epistle Reading - Revelation 5:1-14**

**The Scroll and the Lamb**

**5**Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. **2**And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” **3**But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. **4**I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. **5**Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

**6**Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation+5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30786a)] of God sent out into all the earth. **7**He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. **8**And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. **9**And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
    and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
    and with your blood you purchased for God  
    persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.  
**10**You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
    and they will reign[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=revelation+5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30790b)] on the earth.”

**11**Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. **12**In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
    to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
    and honor and glory and praise!”

**13**Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
    be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!”

**14**The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Gospel Reading - John 21:1-14**

**Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish**

**21**Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26900a)] It happened this way: **2**Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26901b)]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. **3**“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

**4**Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

**5**He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

**6**He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

**7**Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. **8**The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26907c)] **9**When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

**10**Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” **11**So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. **12**Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. **13**Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14**This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.