**Psalm 146**

**1**Praise the Lord.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+146&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16343a)]

Praise the Lord, my soul.

**2**I will praise the Lord all my life;  
    I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.  
**3**Do not put your trust in princes,  
    in human beings, who cannot save.  
**4**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
    on that very day their plans come to nothing.  
**5**Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
    whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**6**He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
    the sea, and everything in them—  
    he remains faithful forever.  
**7**He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
    and gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets prisoners free,  
**8**    the Lord gives sight to the blind,  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
    the Lord loves the righteous.  
**9**The Lord watches over the foreigner  
    and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
    but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**10**The Lord reigns forever,  
    your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

**Old Testament Reading - Amos 6:1-7**

**Woe to the Complacent**

**6**Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,  
    and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
you notable men of the foremost nation,  
    to whom the people of Israel come!  
**2**Go to Kalneh and look at it;  
    go from there to great Hamath,  
    and then go down to Gath in Philistia.  
Are they better off than your two kingdoms?  
    Is their land larger than yours?  
**3**You put off the day of disaster  
    and bring near a reign of terror.  
**4**You lie on beds adorned with ivory  
    and lounge on your couches.  
You dine on choice lambs  
    and fattened calves.  
**5**You strum away on your harps like David  
    and improvise on musical instruments.  
**6**You drink wine by the bowlful  
    and use the finest lotions,  
    but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.  
**7**Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;  
    your feasting and lounging will end.

**Epistle Reading - 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

**6**But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7**For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. **8**But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. **9**Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**Final Charge to Timothy**

**11**But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. **12**Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **13**In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you **14**to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15**which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **16**who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

**17**Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **18**Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. **19**In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**Gospel Reading – Luke 16:19-31**

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

**19**“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. **20**At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores **21**and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

**22**“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. **23**In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. **24**So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

**25**“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. **26**And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

**27**“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, **28**for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

**29**“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

**30**“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

**31**“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”