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Psalm 88: 3-9: **3** For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. **4** I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength, **5** like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand. **6** You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep. **7** Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves. Selah **8** You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; **9** my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you.

Psalm 88:13-14: **13** But I, O Lord, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you. **14** O Lord, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me?

Psalm 88:18 You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me; my companions have become darkness.

Romans 8:31-39 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be[a] against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 43:1-2, 5 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. **2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you, when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. **5** Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

Acts 4:27-28 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, **28** to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

Psalms 88:1-2 O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before you, **2** Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry!