

Amos 3:3-8

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3 Do two walk together
unless they have made an appointment?

4 Does a lion roar in the forest
when it has no prey?

Does a young lion cry out from its den
if it has caught nothing?

5 Does a bird fall into a snare on the earth
when there is no trap for it?

Does a snare spring up from the ground
when it has taken nothing?

6 Is a trumpet blown in a city,
and the people are not afraid?

Does disaster befall a city
unless the LORD has done it?

7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing
without revealing his secret
to his servants the prophets.

8 The lion has roared;
who will not fear?

The Lord GOD has spoken;
who can but prophesy?

Psalm 46

God's Defense of His City and People

To the leader. Of the Korahites. According to Alamo. A Song.

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present[a] help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of the city;[b] it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.[c] Selah

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

10 “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.[d] Selah

Acts 4:13-21

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. 14 When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. 15 So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. 16 They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. 17 But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." 18 So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; 20 for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." 21 After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened.

John 12: 44-50

Summary of Jesus's Teaching

44 Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. 47 I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, 49 for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."