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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB **(Page 1)**

Job 19:1, 23-26

Job answered and said:

Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.

(Pause) The Word of the Lord

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

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Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 (short version)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace.

For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

(Pause) The Word of the Lord

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

(Pause) The Word of the Lord

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

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Lamentations 3:22-26

The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

(Pause) The Word of the Lord

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES (Page 5)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.

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