

Texts on Anger and Sacrifice #6

MT Psalm 1 ¹ אֲשֶׁר־י הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר לֹא הֵלֵךְ בְּעֵצַת רְשָׁעִים:

The blessings of the man who walks not in the way of the wicked

וּבִדְרוֹךְ חַטָּאִים לֹא עָמַד

Nor stands in the path of sinners

וּבְמוֹשֵׁב לְצִידִים לֹא יָשָׁב

Nor sits in the company of scorners

LXX Psalm 2 ¹ Why do the nations (ἔθνη) rage,
and the peoples (λαοὶ) plot in vain?

⁴ He that dwells in heaven shall laugh at them,
and the Lord shall hold them in derision.

⁵ Then shall he address them in his anger,
and terrify them in his fury.

LXX Psalm 3 ¹ Lord, why do so many afflict me?

So many rise up against me.

² So many say to my soul

“There is no salvation for him in his God.”

οὐκ ἔστι σωτηρία αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ Θεῷ αὐτοῦ

⁸ Arise, O Lord, save (σῶσόν με) me, O my God !

For You have smitten all who are my enemies without cause,

You have smashed the teeth of the wicked (MT דִּמְשָׁרִי)

Salvation is of the Lord (τοῦ Κυρίου ἡ σωτηρία),

⁹ And Your blessing is upon Your people

Ephesians 6 ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness on high. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God (τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ), that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Mathew 27 ⁵⁰ And Jesus again crying with a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold the veil of the temple was split (ἔσχίσθη) in two from the top even to the bottom, and the earth quaked (ἡ γῆ ἐσεισθη), and the rocks were split (ἔσχίσθησαν).

LXX Psalm 75 ¹ A psalm of Asaph: a canticle for the Assyrians.

² God is known in Judah: his name is great in Israel.

³ In peace His place was made:

ἐγενήθη ἐν εἰρήνῃ ὁ τόπος αὐτοῦ

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and his abode in Zion:

⁴ There he broke the might of the bow,
the shield, the sword, and the battle.

⁵ You shine forth wondrously from the everlasting hills.

⁶ All the foolish of heart were troubled.

and all the wealthy men have slept their sleep;
finding nothing in their hands.

⁷ At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,

All those on horseback have fallen asleep.

⁸ You are terrifying,

and who can resist You when your wrath is stirred?

⁹ You have made Your judgment heard from heaven.

The earth trembled and then became quiet,

¹⁰ when God arose in judgment,

ἐν τῷ ἀναστῆναι εἰς κρίσιν τὸν Θεὸν

to save all the meek of the earth

τοῦ σῶσαι πάντα τοὺς πραεῖς τῆς γῆς.

LXX Psalm 91 ⁶ O Lord, how great are your works!

How exceeding deep Your thoughts.

⁷ The senseless man shall not know:

nor will the fool understand these things.

⁸ When the wicked shall spring up as grass:

and all the workers of iniquity preen themselves,
only to perish for ever and ever:

⁹ But You, O Lord, art most high forever.

¹⁰ For behold your enemies, O Lord,

behold thy enemies shall perish:

and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

¹¹ But my horn shall be exalted like that of the unicorn:

and my old age in plentiful mercy.

¹² My eye also has looked down upon my enemies:

and my ear shall hear of the downfall
of the vicious that rise up against me.

First Corinthians 2 ⁷ But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸ which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Leo I of Rome, *Sermons* 62.3 — And that he might free the human race from the bonds of mortal transgression, he concealed from the Devil's fury the power of his own majesty and opposed him in the weakness of our own lowliness. For if the cruel and proud enemy had understood the plan of God's mercy, he would have determined rather to soften the minds of the enemies unto gentleness than to enkindle them unto unrighteous hatred, lest he should lose dominion over all his captives, while attacking the freed of the One who owed him nothing. So he was cheated by his own malice; he brought on the Son of God a punishment which was to be turned to the healing of all the sons of men. He shed righteous blood, which was to be a ransom and a cup for the reconciliation of the world. What the Lord chose according to the purpose of His own will, that he took upon him. He submitted himself to the impious hands of angry men, who, preoccupied with their own wickedness, were doing the Redeemer's behest.