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Golden Text:

Ps 75: ¹ We thank You, O True God. Our *souls are overflowing with thanks!* Your name is near; *Your people remember and tell of Your marvelous works and wonders.*

Responsive Reading:

Ps 40: ⁵ You have done so many wonderful things, had so many *tender* thoughts toward us, Eternal my God, that go on and on, ever increasing. Who can compare with You?

Ephesians 2: ¹⁰ For we are the product of His hand, *heaven’s poetry etched on lives*, created in the Anointed, [Christ] Jesus, to accomplish the good works God arranged long ago. ²⁰ You are being built on a *solid* foundation: *the message* of the prophets and *the voices* of God’s chosen emissaries [apostles] with Jesus [Christ], the Anointed Himself, the *precious* cornerstone. ²¹ The building is joined together *stone by stone—all of us chosen and sealed* in Him, rising up to become a holy temple in the Lord. Eph 3: ¹⁴ It is for this reason that I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ after whom all families in heaven above and on earth below receive their names, *and pray:* ¹⁶ *Father*, out of Your *honorable and glorious* riches, strengthen Your people. Fill their souls with the power of Your Spirit ¹⁷ so that through faith [Christ], the Anointed One will reside in their hearts. May love be *the rich soil* where their lives take root. May it be the bedrock where their lives are founded *so that together* ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ with all of Your people they will have the power to understand that the love of [Christ], the Anointed is infinitely long, wide, high, and deep, surpassing everything anyone previously experienced. God, may Your fullness flood through their entire

beings. ²⁰ Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things*, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us, ²¹ to Him be all glory in the church and in Jesus [Christ], the Anointed from this generation to the next, forever and ever.

Section 1

1. Isa 45: ⁵ I am the Eternal One; there is no other God but Me, and even though you don’t know Me, I am preparing you *for victory*.

2. Ps 104: ²⁴ There is so much here, O Eternal One, so much You have made. By the wise way in which You create, *riches and* creatures fill the earth. ³⁰ When You send out Your breath, life is created, and the face of the earth *is made beautiful* and is renewed.

Section 2

3. Isa 40: ⁵ *The Lord will be, really be, among us.* The *radiant* glory of the Lord will be revealed. All flesh together will take it in. *Believe it. None other than God*, the Eternal, has spoken.

4. Gen 1: **God:** ³ Let there be light. And light flashed into being. ⁴ God saw that the light was *beautiful and good*, and He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God named the light “day” and the darkness “night.” Evening gave way to morning. That was day one. **God:** ²⁶ Now let Us conceive *a new creation—* humanity—*made* in Our image, *fashioned* according to Our likeness. And let Us *grant* them authority over all the earth—the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, the domesticated animals and the *small* creeping creatures on the earth. ²⁷ So God did *just that*. He created humanity in His image, created them male and female.

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5. Job 32:⁸ It is the spirit in a man, *not age*, and the breath of the Highest One [Shaddai] *within him* that lends understanding.

Section 3

6. Job 33:⁴ God’s Spirit has fashioned me and the breath of the Highest One [Shaddai] imparts life to me.

7. Jer 1:⁴ ... the Eternal One *first* spoke to me: ⁵ **Eternal One:** Before I even formed you in *your mother’s* womb, I knew all about you. Before you drew your first breath, I had already chosen you to be *My prophet to speak My word* to the nations.

8. Isaiah 43: **Eternal One:** *Remember* who created you, O Jacob? Who shaped you, O Israel? *See*, you have nothing to fear. I, *who made you*, will take you back. I have chosen you, named you as My own. ⁵⁻⁶ So don’t be afraid. I am here. I will reunite you with your children, bringing them back from wherever in the world they are—East, West, North, or South. *No place will be able to hold you when I demand your release*, when I order them, “Bring *My children*—My sons and daughters—from far away. ⁷ Bring the ones who are called by My name; the ones I made, shaped, and created for *My profound glory*.”

9. Ps 145:¹⁰ *All creation will stand in awe of You*, O Eternal One. Thanks will pour from *the mouths of* every one of Your creatures; Your holy people will bless You.

Section 4

10. Jer 2: The word of the Eternal came to me again.

¹¹ Has a nation ever exchanged its gods *for some others*, even if they weren’t really gods in the first place? But *My beloved people have done just that*: they have exchanged their glory to pursue worthless idols in their vain attempt for greater prosperity. ¹³ My people are guilty of two evils: They have abandoned

Me, the spring of living waters; *And instead, they have settled* for dead and stagnant water from cracked, leaky cisterns of their own making.

11. Gal 3:³ Are you so foolish? Do you think you can perfect something God’s Spirit started with any human effort?

12. Isa 45:⁸ Skies above, open up and let the clouds rain down righteousness! Let the earth below sprout triumph and justice. For I, the Eternal, have created them. ¹¹ So the Eternal One, who is the Holy One and Maker of Israel, says, **Eternal One:** *Are you really going to question Me* about what will happen to My children, or lecture Me about what I should do with the ones I made with My own hands?

13. Isa 40:²⁶ Look at the myriad of stars *and constellations* above you. Who set them to burning, *each in its place*? Who knows *those countless lights* each by name? *They obediently shine*, each in its place, because God has the great strength and strong power to make it so.

Section 5

14. Ps 138:⁸ The Eternal will finish what He started in me. Your faithful love, O Eternal One, lasts forever;

15. Ps 86:⁷ When times of trouble come, I will call to You because *I know* You will respond to me. ¹⁰ For You are great, and Your works are wondrous; You are the one True God.

16. John 12: **Jesus** (*crying out before the people*):

⁴⁴ Anyone who believes in Me is not placing his faith in Me, but in the One who sent Me here. ⁴⁵ If one sees Me, he sees the One who sent Me. ⁴⁶ I am here to bring light in this world, freeing everyone who believes in Me from the darkness *that blinds him*.

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17. Matt 8: ¹⁴ Jesus went to Peter’s house, and there He saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed, sick and burning up with a fever. ¹⁵ Jesus touched her hand, and *then she was healed*—the fever vanished. She got up from bed and began to wait on Him.

Section 6

18. Matt 9: ³⁵ Jesus went through many towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues. He preached the good news of the kingdom of God. He healed every disease and sickness. ³⁶ Whenever crowds came to Him, He had compassion for them because they were so deeply distraught, malaised, and heart-broken. They seemed to Him like lost sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ *Jesus understood what an awesome task was before Him*, so He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into His harvest field.”

19. Matt 10: Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him. He endowed them with the authority to heal sickness and disease and to drive demons out of those who were possessed.

20. Luke 9: **John:** ⁴⁹ Master, we found this fellow casting out demons. He said he was doing it in Your name, but he’s not one of our group. So we told him to stop. **Jesus:** ⁵⁰ *What?* No! Don’t think like that! Whoever is not working against you is working with you.

21. Luke 10: The Lord then recruited and deployed 70 more disciples. He sent them ahead, in teams of two, to visit all the towns and settlements between them and Jerusalem. ¹⁷ When the 70 *completed their mission and returned to report on their experiences*, they were elated. **Seventy:** It’s amazing, Lord! When we use Your name, the demons do what we say!

Jesus: ¹⁸ *I know.* I saw Satan falling from above like a lightning bolt. ¹⁹ I’ve given you true authority. You can smash vipers and scorpions under your feet. You can walk all over the power of the enemy. You can’t be harmed. ²⁰ But listen—that’s not the point. Don’t be elated that evil spirits leave when you say to leave. Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Section 7

22. Rev 3: ⁷ ... “These are the words of the holy One, the true One, and the One who possesses the key of David, which opens *the possibilities* so that no one can shut them. The One who closes *all options* so that no one can open: ⁸ “I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door, which no one can shut.

23. Acts 5: ¹² *Those were amazing days*—with many signs and wonders being performed through the apostles among the people.... ¹⁷ *Of course, this popularity elicited a response:* the high priest and his affiliates in the Sadducean party were jealous, ¹⁸ so they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But that night, a messenger of the Lord opened the doors of the prison and led them to freedom. **Messenger of the Lord:** ²⁰ Go to the temple, and stand up to tell the people the whole message about this way of life *from Jesus*. ²¹ At dawn they did as they were told; they returned to their teaching in the temple.... ³⁴ but Gamaliel, a Pharisee in the council respected as a teacher of the Hebrew Scriptures, stood up and ordered the men to be sent out *so the council could confer privately*. **Gamaliel:** ³⁵ Fellow Jews, you need to act with great care in your treatment of these fellows. ³⁸ So here’s my advice: in this case, just let these men go. Ignore them. If this is just another movement arising from human enthusiasm, it will die out soon enough. ³⁹ But then again, if God is in this, you

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won't be able to stop it—unless, of course, you're ready to fight against God! ⁴² And constantly, *whether in public*, in the temple, or in their homes, they kept teaching and proclaiming Jesus as [Christ], the Anointed One, *the Liberating King*.

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