

## Wisdom

### **Wisdom 1:1-2:**

*Love righteousness, you who judge the earth;  
think of the Lord in goodness,  
and seek him in integrity of heart;*

<sup>2</sup> *Because he is found by those who do not test him,  
and manifests himself to those who do not disbelieve him.*

### **Wisdom 2:12-19:**

*Let us lie in wait for the righteous one, because he is annoying to us;  
he opposes our actions,*

*Reproaches us for transgressions of the law  
and charges us with violations of our training.*

<sup>13</sup> *He professes to have knowledge of God  
and styles himself a child of the Lord.*

<sup>14</sup> *To us he is the censure of our thoughts;  
merely to see him is a hardship for us,*

<sup>15</sup> *Because his life is not like that of others,  
and different are his ways.*

<sup>16</sup> *He judges us debased;  
he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure.*

*He calls blest the destiny of the righteous  
and boasts that God is his Father.*

<sup>17</sup> *Let us see whether his words be true;  
let us find out what will happen to him in the end.*

<sup>18</sup> *For if the righteous one is the son of God, God will help him  
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.*

<sup>19</sup> *With violence and torture let us put him to the test  
that we may have proof of his gentleness  
and try his patience.*

<sup>20</sup> *Let us condemn him to a shameful death;  
for according to his own words, God will take care of him."*

**Wisdom 3:1-9:**

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.*

<sup>2</sup> *They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction*

<sup>3</sup> *and their going forth from us, utter destruction.*

*But they are in peace.*

<sup>4</sup> *For if to others, indeed, they seem punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;*

<sup>5</sup> *Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.*

<sup>6</sup> *As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.*

<sup>7</sup> *In the time of their judgment they shall shine  
and dart about as sparks through stubble;*

<sup>8</sup> *They shall judge nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord shall be their King forever.*

<sup>9</sup> *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 the elect.*

**Wisdom 10:15-18:**

*The holy people and their blameless descendants—it was she  
who rescued them from the nation that oppressed them.*

<sup>16</sup> *She entered the soul of the Lord's servant,  
and withstood fearsome kings with signs and wonders;*

<sup>17</sup> *she gave the holy ones the reward of their labors,*

*Conducted them by a wondrous road,*

*became a shelter for them by day*

*a starry flame by night.*

<sup>18</sup> *She took them across the Red Sea*

*and brought them through the deep waters.*