

BIBLE VERSES ON OPPRESSION

Leviticus 6:1-7

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **2** “If anyone sins and commits a breach of faith against the Lord by deceiving his neighbor in a matter of deposit or security, or through robbery, **or if he has oppressed his neighbor 3** or has found something lost and lied about it, swearing falsely—in any of all the things that people do and sin thereby— **4 if he has sinned and has realized his guilt and will restore what he took by robbery or what he got by oppression** or the deposit that was committed to him or the lost thing that he found **5** or anything about which he has sworn falsely, **he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs on the day he realizes his guilt. 6** And he shall bring to the priest as his compensation to the Lord a ram without blemish out of the flock, or its equivalent, for a guilt offering. **7** And the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven for any of the things that one may do and thereby become guilty.”

Psalm 9:9

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Isaiah 10:1-3

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression, to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey! What will you do on the day of punishment, in the ruin that will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth?

Exodus 22:21-24

“You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. **22** You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. **23** If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, **24** and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

Exodus 23:9

“You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 19:13

“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

Deuteronomy 24:14

“You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns.

Deuteronomy 26:6-8

And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor.**7** Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. **8** And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

Judges 2:18

Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them.

1 King 21:1-29

Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. **2** And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." **3** But Naboth said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." **4** And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" **6** And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" **7** And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. **9** And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. **10** And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." **11** And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, **12** they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. **13** And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. **14** Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead."

15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." **16** And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, **18** "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. **19** And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Have you killed and also taken possession?"' And you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: "In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.'"

20 Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord. **21** Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. **22** And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the anger to which you have provoked me, and because you have made Israel to sin. **23** And of Jezebel the Lord also said, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the walls of Jezreel.' **24** Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat."

25 (There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lordlike Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. **26** He acted very abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the Lord cast out before the people of Israel.)

27 And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. **28** And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, **29** "Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster upon his house."

2 Kings 13:4

Then Jehoahaz sought the favor of the Lord, and the Lord listened to him, for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them.

Nehemiah 5:1-13

Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. **2** For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive."**3** There were also those who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine." **4** And there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards."**5** Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

6 I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. **7** I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, "You are exacting interest, each from his brother." And I held a great assembly against them **8** and said to them, "We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!" They were silent and could not find a word to say. **9** So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?**10** Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest. **11 Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.**" **12 Then they said, "We will restore these and require nothing from them.** We will do as you say." And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. **13** I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said "Amen" and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

Psalms 10:4-11

In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God." **5** His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them. **6** He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."**7 His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;** under his tongue are mischief and iniquity. **8** He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; **9** he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net. **10** The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. **11** He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

Psalms 10:17-18

O LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear To vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, So that man who is of the earth will no longer cause terror.

Psalms 35:10

All my bones will say, "LORD, who is like You, Who delivers the afflicted from him who is too strong for him, And the afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?"

Psalms 55:1-6

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! **2** Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, **3** because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. **4** My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. **5** Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. **6** And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

Psalms 56:1-13

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; **2** my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.

Psalm 72:1-4

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

Psalms 72:12-14

For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. **13** He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. **14** From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Psalms 73:3-9

For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. **4** For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. **5** They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. **6** Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. **7** Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. **8** They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. **9** They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.

Psalm 82:3-4

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. **4** Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Psalm 103:6

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Psalms 105:7-15

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. **8** He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, **9** the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, **10** which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, **11** saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance." **12** When they were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it, **13** wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, **14** he allowed no one to oppress them; he rebuked kings on their account, **15** saying, "Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm!"

Psalms 119:121-122

I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. **122** Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me.

Psalms 146:5-9

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry The LORD sets the prisoners free. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises up those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous; The LORD protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless and the widow, But He thwarts the way of the wicked.

Proverbs 14:31

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

Proverbs 22:16

Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

Proverbs 22:22-23

Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Or crush the afflicted at the gate; For the LORD will plead their case And take the life of those who rob them.

Proverbs 28:3

A poor man who oppresses the poor is a beating rain that leaves no food.

Proverbs 28:15-16

Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people. **16** A ruler who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor, but he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.

Proverbs 29:13-14

The poor man and the oppressor meet together; the Lord gives light to the eyes of both. **14** If a king faithfully judges the poor, his throne will be established forever.

Proverbs 31:8-9

Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Ecclesiastes 4:1

Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them.

Ecclesiastes 5:8

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

Ecclesiastes 7:7

Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart.

Isaiah 1:16-17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, **17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression;** bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Isaiah 9:3-4

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. **4** For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Isaiah 16:3-5

Give counsel; grant justice; make your shade like night at the height of noon; shelter the outcasts; do not reveal the fugitive; **4 let the outcasts of Moab sojourn among you; be a shelter to them from the destroyer.** When the oppressor is no more, and destruction has ceased, and he who tramples underfoot has vanished from the land, **5** then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness."

Isaiah 30:12-13

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Since you have rejected this word And have put your trust in oppression and guile, and have relied on them, Therefore this iniquity will be to you Like a breach about to fall, A bulge in a high wall, Whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant,

Isaiah 33:14-16

The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: "Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?" **15** He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil, **16** he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure.

Isaiah 49:26

"I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh, And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine; And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Isaiah 58:3

'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

Isaiah 59:12-13

For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: **13** transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

Jeremiah 2:34-35

Also on your skirts is found the lifeblood of the guiltless poor; you did not find them breaking in. Yet in spite of all these things **35** you say, 'I am innocent; surely his anger has turned from me.' Behold I will bring you to judgment for saying, 'I have not sinned'

Jeremiah 6:6

For thus says the Lord of hosts: "Cut down her trees; cast up a siege mound against Jerusalem. This is the city that must be punished; there is nothing but oppression within her.

Jeremiah 7:5-7

For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, **6** if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, **7** then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever

Jeremiah 9:6

Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 21:12

O house of David! Thus says the Lord: “Execute justice in the morning, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of your evil deeds.”

Jeremiah 22:3

Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

Jeremiah 22:11-19

For thus says the Lord concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went away from this place: “He shall return here no more, **12** but in the place where they have carried him captive, there shall he die, and he shall never see this land again.” **13** “Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbor serve him for nothing and does not give him his wages, **14** who says, ‘I will build myself a great house with spacious upper rooms,’ who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermilion. **15** Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. **16** He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the Lord. **17** But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence.” **18** Therefore thus says the Lord concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: “They shall not lament for him, saying, ‘Ah, my brother!’ or ‘Ah, sister!’ They shall not lament for him, saying, ‘Ah, lord!’ or ‘Ah, his majesty!’ **19** With the burial of a donkey he shall be buried, dragged and dumped beyond the gates of Jerusalem.”

Jeremiah 25:38

Like a lion he has left his lair, for their land has become a waste because of the sword of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.”

Jeremiah 30:20

Their children shall be as they were of old, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all who oppress them.

Jeremiah 50:33-34

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: The people of Israel are oppressed, and the people of Judah with them. All who took them captive have held them fast; they refuse to let them go. **34** Their Redeemer is strong; the Lord of hosts is his name. He will surely plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babylon.

Lamentations 3:35-36

To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High, To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.

Ezekiel 18:5-9

"If a man is righteous and does what is just and right— **6** if he does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, does not defile his neighbor's wife or approach a woman in her time of menstrual impurity, **7** does not oppress anyone, but restores to the debtor his pledge, commits no robbery, gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment, **8** does not lend at interest or take any profit, withholds his hand from injustice, executes true justice between man and man, **9** walks in my statutes, and keeps my rules by acting faithfully—he is righteous; he shall surely live, declares the Lord God.

Ezekiel 22:29-31

The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice. **30** And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. **31** Therefore I have poured out my indignation upon them. I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I have returned their way upon their heads, declares the Lord God."

Ezekiel 45:8b-10

And my princes shall no more oppress my people, but they shall let the house of Israel have the land according to their tribes. **9** "Thus says the Lord God: Enough, O princes of Israel! Put away violence and oppression, and execute justice and righteousness. Cease your evictions of my people, declares the Lord God. **10** "You shall have just balances, a just ephah, and a just bath

Daniel 4:27

Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity."

Amos 2:6-7a

Thus says the LORD, "For three transgressions of Israel and for four I will not revoke its punishment, Because they sell the righteous for money And the needy for a pair of sandals. those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted;

Amos 3:9-11

Proclaim to the strongholds in Ashdod and to the strongholds in the land of Egypt, and say, "Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria, and see the great tumults within her, and the oppressed in her midst." **10** "They do not know how to do right," declares the Lord, "those who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds." **11** Therefore thus says the Lord God: "An adversary shall surround the land and bring down your defenses from you, and your strongholds shall be plundered."

Amos 4:1-3

"Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, 'Bring, that we may drink!' **2** The Lord God has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks. **3** And you shall go out through the breaches, each one straight ahead; and you shall be cast out into Harmon," declares the Lord.

Micah 2:1-3

Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. **They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.**

Therefore thus says the LORD: behold, against this family I am devising disaster, from which you cannot remove your necks, and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be a time of disaster.

Zechariah 7:8-14

And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, **9** “Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, **10 do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor,** and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.” **11** But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. **12** They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts. **13** “As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,” says the Lord of hosts, **14** “and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate.”

Zechariah 9:8

Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with my own eyes.

Zephaniah 3:1-2

Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled, the oppressing city! **2** She listens to no voice; she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the Lord; she does not draw near to her God.

Zephaniah 3:19

Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

Malachi 3:5

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, **against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless,** against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Luke 19:1-10 - *Context of the passage: Zacchaeus had previously used his authority as chief tax collector to force those under him to pay him more than they should. He was a part of an oppressive system. Observe what happens after meeting Jesus:*

He entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. **3** And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. **4** So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. **5** And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” **6** So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. **7** And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” **8** And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” **9** And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”