

(Gen 2:16-17 NRSV) And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;<sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

(Gen 3 NRSV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;<sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die;<sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.<sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup> He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."<sup>20</sup> The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.<sup>21</sup> And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and

evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--<sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.<sup>24</sup> He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

(Gen 9:3-5 NRSV) Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.<sup>4</sup> Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.<sup>5</sup> For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

(Gen 14:18-20 NRSV) And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.<sup>19</sup> He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth;<sup>20</sup> and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one tenth of everything.

(Gen 18:1-10 NRSV) The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.<sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.<sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.<sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.<sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."<sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."<sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.<sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."<sup>10</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

(Gen 19:1-3 NRSV) The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and bowed down with his face to the ground.<sup>2</sup> He said, "Please, my lords, turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you can rise early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the square."<sup>3</sup> But he urged them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

(Gen 24:31-54 NRSV) He said, "Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside when I have prepared the house and a place for the camels?"<sup>32</sup> So the man came into the house; and Laban unloaded the camels, and gave him straw and fodder for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.<sup>33</sup> Then food was set before him to eat; but he said, "I will not eat until I have told my errand." He said, "Speak on."<sup>34</sup> So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.<sup>35</sup> The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.<sup>36</sup> And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.<sup>37</sup> My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live;<sup>38</sup> but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'<sup>39</sup> I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.'<sup>40</sup> But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and make your way successful. You shall get a wife for my son from my kindred, from my father's house.<sup>41</sup> Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my kindred; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'<sup>42</sup> I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!<sup>43</sup> I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,'<sup>44</sup> and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'--let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'<sup>45</sup> Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'<sup>46</sup> She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels.<sup>47</sup> Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.<sup>48</sup> Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.<sup>49</sup> Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."<sup>50</sup> Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good.<sup>51</sup> Look, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."<sup>52</sup> When Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the LORD.<sup>53</sup> And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments.<sup>54</sup> Then he

and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, "Send me back to my master."

(Gen 25:29-34 NRSV) Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished.<sup>30</sup> Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.)<sup>31</sup> Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright."<sup>32</sup> Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?"<sup>33</sup> Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.<sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

(Gen 26:26-31 NRSV) Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army.<sup>27</sup> Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?"<sup>28</sup> They said, "We see plainly that the LORD has been with you; so we say, let there be an oath between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you"<sup>29</sup> so that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD."<sup>30</sup> So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.<sup>31</sup> In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths; and Isaac set them on their way, and they departed from him in peace.

(Gen 27:4-29 NRSV) Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."<sup>5</sup> Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it,<sup>6</sup> Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "I heard your father say to your brother Esau,<sup>7</sup> 'Bring me game, and prepare for me savory food to eat, that I may bless you before the LORD before I die.'<sup>8</sup> Now therefore, my son, obey my word as I command you.<sup>9</sup> Go to the flock, and get me two choice kids, so that I may prepare from them savory food for your father, such as he likes;<sup>10</sup> and you shall take it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies."<sup>11</sup> But Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, "Look, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a man of smooth skin.<sup>12</sup> Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him, and bring a curse on myself and not a blessing."<sup>13</sup> His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my word, and go, get them for me."<sup>14</sup> So he went and got them and brought them to his mother; and his mother prepared savory food, such as his father loved.<sup>15</sup> Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob;<sup>16</sup> and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.<sup>17</sup> Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.<sup>18</sup> So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you,

my son?"<sup>19</sup> Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me."<sup>20</sup> But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success."<sup>21</sup> Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not."<sup>22</sup> So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."<sup>23</sup> He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.<sup>24</sup> He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am."<sup>25</sup> Then he said, "Bring it to me, that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.<sup>26</sup> Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son."<sup>27</sup> So he came near and kissed him; and he smelled the smell of his garments, and blessed him, and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed."<sup>28</sup> May God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine.<sup>29</sup> Let peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

(Gen 27:37 NRSV) Isaac answered Esau, "I have already made him your lord, and I have given him all his brothers as servants, and with grain and wine I have sustained him. What then can I do for you, my son?"

(Gen 28:18-22 NRSV) So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.<sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.<sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear,<sup>21</sup> so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God,<sup>22</sup> and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you."

(Gen 31:53-55 NRSV) May the God of Abraham and the God of Nahor--the God of their father-- judge between us." So Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac,<sup>54</sup> and Jacob offered a sacrifice on the height and called his kinsfolk to eat bread; and they ate bread and tarried all night in the hill country.<sup>55</sup> Early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and blessed them; then he departed and returned home.

(Gen 40:16-23 NRSV) When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also had a dream: there were three cake baskets on my head,<sup>17</sup> and in the uppermost basket there were all sorts of baked food for

Pharaoh, but the birds were eating it out of the basket on my head."<sup>18</sup> And Joseph answered, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;<sup>19</sup> within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head--from you!--and hang you on a pole; and the birds will eat the flesh from you."<sup>20</sup> On the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, he made a feast for all his servants, and lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants.<sup>21</sup> He restored the chief cupbearer to his cupbearing, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand;<sup>22</sup> but the chief baker he hanged, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.<sup>23</sup> Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

(Gen 41:53-57 NRSV) The seven years of plenty that prevailed in the land of Egypt came to an end;<sup>54</sup> and the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in every country, but throughout the land of Egypt there was bread.<sup>55</sup> When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do."<sup>56</sup> And since the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.<sup>57</sup> Moreover, all the world came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine became severe throughout the world.

(Gen 42:1-3 NRSV) When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you keep looking at one another?<sup>2</sup> I have heard," he said, "that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die."<sup>3</sup> So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt.

(Exo 12:3-20 NRSV) Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.<sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.<sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.<sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.<sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.<sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.<sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.<sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.<sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.<sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land

of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The **blood shall be a sign** for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and **no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.** <sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. <sup>15</sup> **Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread;** on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup> On the first day you shall hold a solemn (holy, sacred) assembly, and on the seventh day a solemn (holy, sacred) assembly; no work shall be done on those days; only what everyone must eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup> You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt: you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a perpetual ordinance. <sup>18</sup> In the first month, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day, you shall eat unleavened bread. <sup>19</sup> For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether an alien or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup> You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your settlements you shall eat unleavened bread.

(Exo 12:43-49 NRSV) The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: This is the ordinance for the passover: **no foreigner shall eat of it,** <sup>44</sup> but any slave who has been purchased may eat of it after he has been circumcised; <sup>45</sup> no bound or hired servant may eat of it. <sup>46</sup> It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the animal outside the house, and you shall **not break any of its bones.** <sup>47</sup> The whole congregation of Israel shall celebrate it. <sup>48</sup> If an alien who resides with you wants to celebrate the passover to the LORD, all his males shall be circumcised; then he may draw near to celebrate it; he shall be regarded as a native of the land. **But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it;** <sup>49</sup> there shall be one law for the native and for the alien who resides among you.

(Exo 13:3-19 NRSV) Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the LORD brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. <sup>4</sup> Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. <sup>5</sup> When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. <sup>6</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. <sup>8</sup> You

shall tell your child on that day, **It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.** <sup>9</sup> It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the LORD may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt. <sup>10</sup> You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year. <sup>11</sup> "When the LORD has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your ancestors, and has given it to you, <sup>12</sup> you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your livestock that are males shall be the Lord's. <sup>13</sup> But every firstborn donkey you shall redeem with a sheep; if you do not redeem it, you must break its neck. Every firstborn male among your children you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup> When in the future your child asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall answer, **'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.'** <sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborn to the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD every male that first opens the womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.' <sup>16</sup> It shall serve as a sign on your hand and as an emblem on your forehead that by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt." <sup>17</sup> When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, "If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt." <sup>18</sup> So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. <sup>19</sup> And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, "God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here."

(Exo 16:3-8 NRSV) The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, **"I am going to rain bread from heaven for you,** and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him--what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

(Exo 16:15 NRSV) When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

(Exo 23:15-16 NRSV) You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread; as I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. No one shall appear before me empty-handed.<sup>16</sup> You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.

(Exo 24:9-12 NRSV) Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,<sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.<sup>11</sup> God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

(Exo 29:33-41 NRSV) They themselves shall eat the food by which atonement is made, to ordain and consecrate them, but no one else shall eat of them, because they are holy.<sup>34</sup> If any of the flesh for the ordination, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.<sup>35</sup> Thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, just as I have commanded you; through seven days you shall ordain them.<sup>36</sup> Also every day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement. Also you shall offer a sin offering for the altar, when you make atonement for it, and shall anoint it, to consecrate it.<sup>37</sup> Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar, and consecrate it, and the altar shall be most holy; whatever touches the altar shall become holy.<sup>38</sup> Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old regularly each day.<sup>39</sup> One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer in the evening;<sup>40</sup> and with the first lamb one-tenth of a measure of choice flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering.<sup>41</sup> And the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, and shall offer with it a grain offering and its drink offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing odor, an offering by fire to the LORD.

(Lev 10:8-10 NRSV) And the LORD spoke to Aaron:<sup>9</sup> Drink no wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons, when you enter the tent of meeting, that you may not die; it is a statute forever throughout your generations.<sup>10</sup> You are

to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean;

(Lev 23:10-14 NRSV) Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.<sup>11</sup> He shall raise the sheaf before the LORD, that you may find acceptance; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall raise it.<sup>12</sup> On the day when you raise the sheaf, you shall offer a lamb a year old, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD.<sup>13</sup> And the grain offering with it shall be two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the LORD; and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin.<sup>14</sup> You shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears until that very day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your settlements.

(Num 6:2-3 NRSV) Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When either men or women make a special vow, the vow of a nazirite, to separate themselves to the LORD,<sup>3</sup> they shall separate themselves from wine and strong drink; they shall drink no wine vinegar or other vinegar, and shall not drink any grape juice or eat grapes, fresh or dried.

(Num 6:20 NRSV) Then the priest shall elevate them as an elevation offering before the LORD; they are a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that is elevated and the thigh that is offered. After that the nazirites may drink wine.

(Num 15:2-11 NRSV) Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving you,<sup>3</sup> and you make an offering by fire to the LORD from the herd or from the flock--whether a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or at your appointed festivals--to make a pleasing odor for the LORD,<sup>4</sup> then whoever presents such an offering to the LORD shall present also a grain offering, one-tenth of an ephah of choice flour, mixed with one-fourth of a hin of oil.<sup>5</sup> Moreover, you shall offer one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering with the burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each lamb.<sup>6</sup> For a ram, you shall offer a grain offering, two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil;<sup>7</sup> and as a drink offering you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine, a pleasing odor to the LORD.<sup>8</sup> When you offer a bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as an offering of well-being to the LORD,<sup>9</sup> then you shall present with the bull a grain offering, three-tenths of an ephah of choice flour, mixed with half a hin of oil,<sup>10</sup> and you shall present as a drink offering half a hin of wine, as an offering by fire, a pleasing odor to the LORD.<sup>11</sup> Thus it shall be done for each ox or ram, or for each of the male lambs or the kids.

(Num 18:11-13 NRSV) This also is yours: I have given to you, together with your sons and daughters, as a perpetual due, whatever is set aside from the gifts of all the elevation offerings of the Israelites; everyone who is clean in your house may eat them.<sup>12</sup> All the best of the oil and all the best of the wine and of the grain, the choice produce that they give to the LORD, I have given to you.<sup>13</sup> The first fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall be yours; everyone who is clean in your house may eat of it.

(Num 18:26-30 NRSV) You shall speak to the Levites, saying: When you receive from the Israelites the tithe that I have given you from them for your portion, you shall set apart an offering from it to the LORD, a tithe of the tithe.<sup>27</sup> It shall be reckoned to you as your gift, the same as the grain of the threshing floor and the fullness of the wine press.<sup>28</sup> Thus you also shall set apart an offering to the LORD from all the tithes that you receive from the Israelites; and from them you shall give the Lord's offering to the priest Aaron.<sup>29</sup> Out of all the gifts to you, you shall set apart every offering due to the LORD; the best of all of them is the part to be consecrated.<sup>30</sup> Say also to them: When you have set apart the best of it, then the rest shall be reckoned to the Levites as produce of the threshing floor, and as produce of the wine press.

(Num 28:2-16 NRSV) **PASSOVER**: Command the Israelites, and say to them: My offering, the food for my offerings by fire, my pleasing odor, you shall take care to offer to me at its appointed time.<sup>3</sup> And you shall say to them, This is the offering by fire that you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs a year old without blemish, daily, as a regular offering.<sup>4</sup> One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight<sup>5</sup> also one-tenth of an ephah of choice flour for a grain offering, mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil.<sup>6</sup> It is a regular burnt offering, ordained at Mount Sinai for a pleasing odor, an offering by fire to the LORD.<sup>7</sup> Its drink offering shall be one-fourth of a hin for each lamb; in the sanctuary you shall pour out a drink offering of strong drink to the LORD.<sup>8</sup> The other lamb you shall offer at twilight with a grain offering and a drink offering like the one in the morning; you shall offer it as an offering by fire, a pleasing odor to the LORD.<sup>9</sup> On the sabbath day: two male lambs a year old without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering--<sup>10</sup> this is the burnt offering for every sabbath, in addition to the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.<sup>11</sup> At the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish;<sup>12</sup> also three-tenths of an ephah of choice flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; and two-tenths of choice flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram;<sup>13</sup> and one-tenth of choice flour mixed with oil as a grain offering for every lamb--a burnt offering of pleasing odor, an offering by fire to the

LORD.<sup>14</sup> Their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb. This is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year.<sup>15</sup> And there shall be one male goat for a sin offering to the LORD; it shall be offered in addition to the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.<sup>16</sup> On the fourteenth day of the first month there shall be a passover offering to the LORD.

(Deu 6:10-13 NRSV) When the LORD your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you--a land with fine, large cities that you did not build,<sup>11</sup> houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant--and when you have eaten your fill,<sup>12</sup> take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.<sup>13</sup> The LORD your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear.

(Deu 7:12-13 NRSV) If you heed these ordinances, by diligently observing them, the LORD your God will maintain with you the covenant loyalty that he swore to your ancestors;<sup>13</sup> he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock, in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you.

(Deu 8:2-20 NRSV) Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments.<sup>3</sup> He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.<sup>4</sup> The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years.<sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you.<sup>6</sup> Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him.<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills,<sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,<sup>9</sup> a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.<sup>10</sup> You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.<sup>11</sup> Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.<sup>12</sup> When you have eaten your fill

and have built fine houses and live in them,<sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied,<sup>14</sup> then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,<sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock,<sup>16</sup> and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.<sup>17</sup> Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."<sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.<sup>19</sup> If you do forget the LORD your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.<sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the LORD is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

(Deu 11:13-15 NRSV) If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today--**loving the LORD your God, and serving him** with all your heart and with all your soul--<sup>14</sup> then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your **grain, your wine, and your oil**;<sup>15</sup> and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

(Deu 12:5-8 NRSV) **Describing principle laws of Israel:** But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes as his habitation to put his name there. **You shall go there,**<sup>6</sup> bringing there your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and flocks.<sup>7</sup> And you shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your households together, rejoicing in all the undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you.<sup>8</sup> You shall not act as we are acting here today, all of us according to our own desires,

(Deu 12:17-18 NRSV) Nor may you eat within your towns the tithe of your **grain, your wine, and your oil, the firstlings of your herds and your flocks, any of your votive gifts that you vow, your freewill offerings, or your donations;**<sup>18</sup> these you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God at the place that the LORD your God will choose, you together with your son and your daughter, your male and female slaves, and the Levites resident in your towns, **rejoicing in the presence of the LORD your God in all your undertakings.**

(Deu 14:22-23 NRSV) Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field.<sup>23</sup> In the presence of the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose as a dwelling for his name, you shall eat the tithe of your **grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the firstlings of your herd and flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.**

(Deu 15:13-15 NRSV) And when you send a male slave out from you a free person, you shall not send him out empty-handed.<sup>14</sup> Provide liberally out of your flock, your threshing floor, and your **wine** press, thus giving to him some of the bounty with which the LORD your God has blessed you.<sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; for this reason I lay this command upon you today.

(Deu 16:3-10 NRSV) You must not eat with it anything leavened. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it--the bread of affliction--because you came out of the land of Egypt in great haste, so that all the days of your life you may remember the day of your departure from the land of Egypt.<sup>4</sup> No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days; and none of the meat of what you slaughter on the evening of the first day shall remain until morning.<sup>5</sup> You are not permitted to offer the passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you.<sup>6</sup> But at the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name, only there shall you offer the passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, the time of day when you departed from Egypt.<sup>7</sup> You shall cook it and eat it at the place that the LORD your God will choose; the next morning you may go back to your tents.<sup>8</sup> For six days you shall continue to eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly for the LORD your God, when you shall do no work.<sup>9</sup> You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain.<sup>10</sup> Then you shall keep the festival of weeks for the LORD your God, contributing a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the LORD your God.

(Deu 16:13-15 NRSV) You shall keep the festival of booths for seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your **wine** press.<sup>14</sup> Rejoice during your festival, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, as well as the Levites, the strangers, the orphans, and the widows resident in your towns.<sup>15</sup> Seven days you shall keep the festival for the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose; for the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and you shall surely celebrate.

(Deu 29:4-6 NRSV) But to this day the LORD has not given you a mind to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear. **51**

have led you forty years in the wilderness. The clothes on your back have not worn out, and the sandals on your feet have not worn out; <sup>6</sup> you have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink--so that you may know that I am the LORD your God.

(Deu 33:26-29 NRSV) There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, majestic through the skies. <sup>27</sup> He subdues the ancient gods, shatters the forces of old; he drove out the enemy before you, and said, "Destroy!" <sup>28</sup> So Israel lives in safety, untroubled is Jacob's abode in a land of grain and wine, where the heavens drop down dew. <sup>29</sup> Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread on their backs.

(Judg 19:17-21 NRSV) When the old man looked up and saw the wayfarer in the open square of the city, he said, "Where are you going and where do you come from?" <sup>18</sup> He answered him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, from which I come. I went to Bethlehem in Judah; and I am going to my home. Nobody has offered to take me in. <sup>19</sup> We your servants have straw and fodder for our donkeys, with bread and wine for me and the woman and the young man along with us. We need nothing more." <sup>20</sup> The old man said, "Peace be to you. I will care for all your wants; only do not spend the night in the square." <sup>21</sup> So he brought him into his house, and fed the donkeys; they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

(Ruth 2:14 NRSV) At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over.

(1 Sam 1:24 NRSV) HANNAH & SAMUEL: When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young.

(1 Sam 16:18-21 NRSV) One of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the LORD is with him." <sup>19</sup> So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the sheep." <sup>20</sup> Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. <sup>21</sup> And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.

(2 Ki 18:31-32 NRSV) Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me; then every one of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree, and drink water from your own cistern, <sup>32</sup> until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and honey, that you may live and not die. Do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you by saying, The LORD will deliver us.

(1 Chr 29:20-23 NRSV) Then David said to the whole assembly, "Bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the LORD and the king. <sup>21</sup> On the next day they offered sacrifices and burnt offerings to the LORD, a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their libations, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel; <sup>22</sup> and they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great joy. They made David's son Solomon king a second time; they anointed him as the Lord's prince, and Zadok as priest. <sup>23</sup> Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD, succeeding his father David as king; he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

(Ezra 6:21-22 NRSV) It was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile, and also by all who had joined them and separated themselves from the pollutions of the nations of the land to worship the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>22</sup> With joy they celebrated the festival of unleavened bread seven days; for the LORD had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work on the house of God, the God of Israel.

(Neh 13:11-12 NRSV) So I remonstrated with the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations. <sup>12</sup> Then all Judah brought the tithes of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

(Est 7:1 NRSV) So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.

(Est 9:17-19 NRSV) This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth day they rested and made that a day of feasting and gladness. <sup>18</sup> But the Jews who were in Susa gathered on the thirteenth day and on the fourteenth, and rested on the fifteenth day, making that a day of feasting and gladness. <sup>19</sup> Therefore the Jews of the villages, who live in the open towns, hold the fourteenth day of the month of Adar as a day for gladness and feasting, a holiday on which they send gifts of food to one another.

(Psa 4:7-8 NRSV) You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. <sup>8</sup> I will both lie

down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

(Psa 104:14-15 NRSV) You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,<sup>13</sup> and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

(Prov 3:9-10 NRSV) Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce;<sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

(Prov 4:17 NRSV) For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

(Prov 9:5 NRSV) "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

(Ecc1 9:7-9 NRSV) Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do.<sup>8</sup> Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head.<sup>9</sup> Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

(Isa 16:10 NRSV) Joy and gladness are taken away from the fruitful field; and in the vineyards no songs are sung, no shouts are raised; no treader treads out wine in the presses; the vintage-shout is hushed.

(Isa 22:12-13 NRSV) In that day the Lord GOD of hosts called to weeping and mourning, to baldness and putting on sackcloth;<sup>13</sup> but instead there was joy and festivity, killing oxen and slaughtering sheep, eating meat and drinking wine. "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

(Isa 25:6-10 NRSV) On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.<sup>10</sup> For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain. The Moabites shall be trodden down in their place as straw is trodden down in a dung-pit.

(Isa 36:16-17 NRSV) Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make your peace with me and come out to me; then everyone of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern,<sup>17</sup> until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

(Isa 55:1-8 NRSV) Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

(Jer 31:10-17 NRSV) Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.<sup>15</sup> Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD: they shall come back from the land of the enemy;<sup>17</sup> there is hope for your future, says the LORD: your children shall come back to their own country.

(Lam 2:11-12 NRSV) My eyes are spent with weeping; my stomach churns; my bile is poured out on the ground because of the destruction of my people, because infants and

babes faint in the streets of the city. <sup>12</sup> They cry to their mothers, "Where is bread and wine?" as they faint like the wounded in the streets of the city, as their life is poured out on their mothers' bosom.

(Hosea 2:7-9 NRSV) She shall pursue her lovers, but not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then she shall say, "I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better with me than now." <sup>8</sup> She did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished upon her silver and gold that they used for Baal. <sup>9</sup> Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season; and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness.

(Joel 2:18-20 NRSV) Then the LORD became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. <sup>19</sup> In response to his people the LORD said: I am sending you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a mockery among the nations. <sup>20</sup> I will remove the northern army far from you, and drive it into a parched and desolate land, its front into the eastern sea, and its rear into the western sea; its stench and foul smell will rise up. Surely he has done great things!

(Joel 2:23-26 NRSV) O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

(Amos 9:14 NRSV) I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

(Mat 5:22-24 NRSV) But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

(Mat 21:33-44 NRSV) "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the

harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

(Mark 12:1-12 NRSV) Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>2</sup> When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup> But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. <sup>6</sup> He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>7</sup> But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>8</sup> So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>11</sup> this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'" <sup>12</sup> When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

(Mat 22:2-14 NRSV) "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed

those murderers, and burned their city.<sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy."<sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet."<sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,<sup>12</sup> and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless."<sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

(Mat 26:25-30 NRSV) Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;<sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."<sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."<sup>30</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

(Mark 14:22-25 NRSV) While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."<sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.<sup>24</sup> He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."<sup>25</sup> Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

(Mark 2:22 NRSV) And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

(Luke 5:37-39 NRSV) And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.<sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.<sup>39</sup> And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, 'The old is good.'"

(Luke 1:13-17 NRSV) But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John."<sup>14</sup> You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,<sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.<sup>16</sup> He will turn

many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.<sup>17</sup> With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

(Luke 7:33-34 NRSV) For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon';<sup>34</sup> the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

(Luke 12:36-40 NRSV) be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.<sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them."<sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.<sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into."<sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

(Luke 13:24-30 NRSV) "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able."<sup>25</sup> When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.'<sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'<sup>27</sup> But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!'<sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out."<sup>29</sup> Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God."<sup>30</sup> Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

(Luke 14:7-24 NRSV) When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.<sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;<sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place."<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you."<sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your

friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.<sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.<sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."<sup>15</sup> One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"<sup>16</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many."<sup>17</sup> At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'<sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.'<sup>19</sup> Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.'<sup>20</sup> Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.'<sup>21</sup> So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'<sup>22</sup> And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'<sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.'<sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner."

(Luke 22:13-30 NRSV) So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;<sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves;<sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."<sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."<sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.<sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"<sup>23</sup> Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.<sup>25</sup> But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors.<sup>26</sup> But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.<sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."<sup>28</sup> "You are those who have stood by me in my trials;<sup>29</sup> and I confer on

you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom,<sup>30</sup> so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

(Luke 24:13-32 NRSV) Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,<sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,<sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.<sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.<sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"<sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him."<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

(John 2:1-11 NRSV) On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.<sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.<sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."<sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.<sup>8</sup> He said

to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

(John 6:30-59 NRSV) So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." <sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I

will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

(Acts 2:13 NRSV) But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

(Acts 2:41-47 NRSV) So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

(Acts 20:7-12 NRSV) On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. <sup>9</sup> A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. <sup>10</sup> But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." <sup>11</sup> Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. <sup>12</sup> Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

(Rom 14:13-23 NRSV) Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. <sup>14</sup> I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. <sup>15</sup> If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup> So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. <sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. <sup>19</sup> Let us then

pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

<sup>20</sup> Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.

Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; <sup>21</sup> it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. <sup>22</sup> The faith that you have, have as your own

conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. <sup>23</sup> But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

(1 Cor 5:1-11 NRSV) It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not found even among pagans; for a man is living with his father's wife. <sup>2</sup> And you are arrogant! Should you not rather have mourned, so that he who has done this would have been removed from among you? <sup>3</sup> For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present I have already pronounced judgment <sup>4</sup> in the name of the Lord Jesus on the man who has done such a thing. When you are assembled, and my spirit is present with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup> you are to hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? <sup>7</sup> Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. <sup>9</sup> I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral persons--<sup>10</sup> not at all meaning the immoral of this world, or the greedy and robbers, or idolaters, since you would then need to go out of the world. <sup>11</sup> But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother or sister who is sexually immoral or greedy, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or robber. Do not even eat with such a one.

(1 Cor 8 NRSV) Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup> but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup> Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup> Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth--as in fact there are many gods and many lords--<sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup> It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not

bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup> But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

(1 Cor 10 NRSV) I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. <sup>15</sup> I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup> Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? <sup>19</sup> What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup> No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. <sup>21</sup> You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup> Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? <sup>23</sup> "All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup> Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other. <sup>25</sup> Eat whatever is sold in the meat market

without raising any question on the ground of conscience,<sup>26</sup> for "the earth and its fullness are the Lord's."<sup>27</sup> If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.<sup>28</sup> But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience--<sup>29</sup> I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else's conscience?<sup>30</sup> If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.<sup>32</sup> Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,<sup>33</sup> just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved.

(1 Cor 11:18-34 NRSV) For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it.<sup>19</sup> Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine.<sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper.<sup>21</sup> For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk.<sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,<sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord.<sup>28</sup> Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.<sup>29</sup> For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.<sup>30</sup> For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged.<sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.<sup>34</sup> If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

(Eph 5:18 NRSV) Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,

(1 Tim 3:8 NRSV) Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money;

(1 Tim 5:23 NRSV) No longer drink only water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

(Titus 1:7 NRSV) For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain;

(Rev 3:20 NRSV) Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

(Rev 19:9 NRSV) And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God."