Hosea 11:1-11

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come in wrath.

Like a mother, God loves Israel

11:1	When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
11:2	The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols.
11:3	Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them.
11:4	I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.
11:5	They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.
11:6	The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes.
11:7	My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.
11:8	How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for

I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not

- 11:10 They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.
- 11:11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Psalm 49:1-12

The folly of trust in riches

49:1 Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. 49:2 49:3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of 49:4 the harp. Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my 49:5 persecutors surrounds me, 49:6 those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? 49:7 Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it. For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice 49:8 that one should live on forever and never see the Pit. 49:9 When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and 49:10 leave their wealth to others.

- 49:11 Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.
- 49:12 Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

Colossians 3:1-11

Clothed in Christ

- 3:1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- 3:2 Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth,
- 3:3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
- 3:4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
- 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).
- 3:6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.
- 3:7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.
- 3:8 But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.
- 3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices
- 3:10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

3:11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

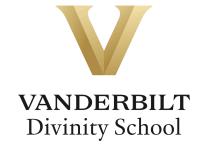
Luke 12:13-21

Be rich toward God, your treasure

- Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide 12:13 the family inheritance with me." 12:14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 12:15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 12:16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to 12:17 store my crops?' 12:18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for 12:19 many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 12:20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'
- 12:21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



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