

# *A Treasure of Old Testament Wisdom*

The Old Testament is a treasure of history and prophecy, all of which points forward to that day when the Word of God Himself appeared in the flesh to speak directly to mankind.

The Old Testament describes God's creation of the world, declares His sovereignty, and documents His interaction with the human race from the creation of the first man and woman through the accounts of each individual that God appointed to communicate His messages to various target audiences over many centuries of human history.

While there is much wisdom encompassed within the 610,000 words in the Old Testament, most of it is revealed through illustrative case histories rather than by direct statements of declarative instructions and declarations of universal truth.

Other than the Ten Commandments, most of the other "commandments," "statutes," "ordinances," "laws," and "decrees" that the prophets declared as God's spokesmen were clearly intended for very specific target audiences and for very specific times, places, and circumstances.

Following is a representative selection of Old Testament verses that are featured in the book, *The Most Essential Truth in the Bible*.

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## **<sup>1</sup> Genesis**

1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1:27 God *also* created mankind<sup>+</sup> in His *own* image ... He created them *as* male and female.

2:2 On the seventh day, God ended His work that He had made, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had made.

2:7 *When* the Lord formed man *from* the dust of the ground, *He* breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and man became a living soul.

2:15-17 The Lord put man into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.<sup>16</sup> And He commanded the man, saying: Of every tree in the garden you may freely eat,<sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the know-

ledge of good and evil, you shall not eat. For in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die.

2:18 The Lord God said: *It is* not good that a man should be alone. I will make a help meet for him.

2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and be joined<sup>+</sup> to his wife and they shall be one flesh.

3:1-5 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field that the Lord God had made, and he said to the woman: Has God said you shall not eat of every tree of the garden? <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent: We may eat from the fruit of the trees of the garden, <sup>3</sup> except from the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden, *for* God said: You shall not eat from it nor shall you touch it, or else you will die.

4 The serpent said to the woman: You will not die,<sup>5</sup> for God knows that in the day *that* you eat from it, your eyes will be opened and you *yourselves* will be like gods, knowing good and evil.

3:6-7 *Therefore*, when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food and pleasing to the eyes and desired to make *one* wise, she took *some* of the fruit and ate and gave *it* to her husband with her and he ate;<sup>7</sup> and their eyes were opened and they knew that they *were* naked. So they knit<sup>+</sup> fig leaves together and made aprons *to cover* themselves.

3:8-13 When Adam and his wife heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden, they hid themselves from *His* presence ...<sup>11</sup> *God said*: Have you *disobeyed me* and eaten from the tree that I commanded that you should not eat?<sup>12</sup> *Adam said*: The woman that you gave me, gave me *fruit* from the tree and I did eat.<sup>13</sup> The Lord God said to the woman: What have you done? The woman said: The serpent beguiled me and I did eat.

3:16-17 *The Lord* said to the woman: *Because you have done this*, I will greatly multiply your sorrow in your conception. In sorrow you shall bring forth children and your desire *shall be* to your husband and he shall rule over you.<sup>17</sup> *Then* to Adam He said: Because you have listened<sup>+</sup> to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree that I commanded you saying: You shall not eat from it, cursed *is* the ground for your sake. In sorrow shall you eat *from* it all the days of your life.

3:23 *Therefore* the Lord banished<sup>+</sup> mankind<sup>+</sup> out of the garden of Eden ...

6:5-7 *Later*, when God saw *all* the wickedness on the earth ...<sup>6</sup> He regretted<sup>+</sup> that He had made mankind<sup>+</sup> ... *all the rebellion* grieved Him ...<sup>7</sup> and the Lord said, I will destroy mankind<sup>+</sup> from the face of the earth.

6:8 However, *one righteous man*, Noah,

found grace in the eyes of the Lord ... *and God saved Noah and his family* ...

9:1 God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them: Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.

17:2-21 *Later still*, God said to another *righteous man*, Abraham: I will make my covenant between me and you and will multiply you exceedingly.

4 My covenant *is* with you and you shall be a father of many nations.

7 I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants<sup>+</sup> after you for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

18:18 Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.

21:5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born.

22:18 In your descendants, <sup>+</sup> all nations of the earth will be blessed because you have obeyed my voice.

24:1-4 *When* Abraham was old ...<sup>2</sup> *he* said to his eldest servant ...<sup>4</sup> go to my country, to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.

24:67 Isaac took Rebekah into his mother's tent and she became his wife ... and he loved her ...

25:23 The Lord said to *Rebekah*: Two nations *are* in your womb and two kinds<sup>+</sup> of people shall be separated from your bowels, and *one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people, and the elder shall serve the younger.

## 2 Exodus

20:1-17 *The Ten Commandments as found in these verses are presented on page 5 of this book.*

34:14 You shall worship no other god because the Lord, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God.

**3 Leviticus**

18:5 You shall keep my statutes and my judgments: which, if anyone does, they shall live in them: *I am* the Lord.

19:18 You shall not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but *rather* you shall love your neighbor as yourself: *I am* the Lord.

**4 Numbers**

6:24-26 The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**5 Deuteronomy**

1:11 The Lord God of your fathers *will* make you a thousand times as many more as you *are now*, and *He will* bless you *just* as He has promised.

4:2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither diminish *anything* from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

6:5-7 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> These words which I command you shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently ... and shall talk of them *daily* ...

6:16 You shall not tempt the Lord your God ...

8:3 ... mankind<sup>+</sup> does not live by bread only, but by every *word*<sup>+</sup> that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord does mankind<sup>+</sup> live.

10:12 What does the Lord require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul ...

10:20 You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve Him and to Him shall you cleave and swear by His name.

**6 Joshua**

1:8 ... you shall meditate *in the Word* day and night<sup>+</sup> ...

22:5 ... love the Lord your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and cleave to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

24:15 ... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

**7 Judges**

8:23 Gideon said, I will not rule over you and neither shall my son rule over you, but the Lord shall rule over you.

**8 Ruth**

2:12 *May* the Lord repay<sup>+</sup> you and a full reward be given to you by the Lord God of Israel under whose wing you trust.

**9 1 Samuel**

15:22-23 Does the Lord have *as great* a delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken *is better* than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup> For rebellion *is as bad* as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *as bad* as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the Lord, He has also rejected you ...

16:7 *The Lord* does not *see things* as man sees things. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

**10 2 Samuel**

22:4 I will call upon the Lord *who is* worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies.

**11 1 Kings**

3:9 Give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, so that I may discern between good and evil ...

12 **2 Kings**

19:15 ... You are God *and* you alone of all the kingdoms of the earth. *For* you have made the heavens and the earth.

13 **1 Chronicles**

16:8 Give thanks unto the Lord. Call upon His name. Make known His deeds among the people.

16:10-12 Glory in the holy name of the Lord. Let the heart of *those* who seek the Lord rejoice. <sup>11</sup> Seek the Lord and His strength *and* seek His face continually. <sup>12</sup> Remember the marvelous works that He has done, His wonders and the judgments of His mouth.

29:12 *All* riches and honor *come* from the Lord. He reigns over everything. *All* power and might are in His hand *alone* and *it is* in His hand *alone* to make greatness and to give strength.

14 **2 Chronicles**

7:14 If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.

14:11 ... Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on you and in your name we go against the multitude. O Lord, you *are* our God. Do not let *evil* men prevail against you.

36:16 They mocked the messengers of God and despised His words and misused his prophets until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people until *there was* no remedy.

15 **Ezra**

7:10 Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and judgments in Israel.

16 **Nehemiah**

8:10 ... the joy of the Lord is your strength.

17 **Esther**

1:19-20 Let there be a royal commandment from the king ... *that if the* queen<sup>+</sup> refuses<sup>+</sup> to come before the king, then let the king give her royal estate to another who is better than she. <sup>20</sup> And when the king's decree is published throughout his empire, all the wives shall give their husbands honor, both to great and small.

4:16 Gather *everyone* together to fast *and* pray for me *for* three days ... and *then* if I perish, I perish.

18 **Job**

22:22 Receive the law from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart.

19 **Psalms**

1:1-6 Blessed *is* the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord and in His law does he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth fruit in its season. His leaf shall not wither and whatever he does shall prosper. <sup>4</sup> The ungodly *are* not like that, but *rather they are* like chaff that the wind blows<sup>+</sup> away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor *shall* sinners stand in the congregation of the righteous. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the ways of the righteous, but the ways of the ungodly shall perish.

18:2 The Lord *is* my rock and my fortress, my deliverer, my God *and* my strength in whom I will trust. *He is* my buckler, the horn of my salvation *and* my high tower.

19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

23:1-6 The Lord *is* my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yes, *even* though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For you *are* with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows<sup>+</sup>. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

27:4 One *thing* I have desired of the Lord that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

31:23 Love the Lord, all you His saints, *for* the Lord preserves the faithful ...

34:3 O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together.

34:4 Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

37:11 The meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

27:14 Wait on the Lord. Be of good courage and He will strengthen your heart.

46:1 God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

46:10 *The Lord God has said:* Be still and know that I am God.

51:10 Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me.

61:2 From the ends of the earth, when my heart is overwhelmed, I will cry *out* to you: Lead me to the rock *that is* higher than I.

62:5 My soul waits only upon God, for my expectation *is* from Him.

62:11 God has spoken once *and* twice I have heard this: that *all* power *belongs* to God.

84:5 Blessed *are all*<sup>+</sup> whose strength *is* in God ...

84:11 The Lord God *is* a sun and *a* shield. He gives grace and glory. No good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

107:9 He satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

119:11 I have hid your Word in my heart so that I might not sin against you.

119:105 Your Word *is* a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

145:20 The Lord preserves all who love Him, but He will destroy all the wicked.

147:3-5 He heals the broken in heart and binds up their wounds. <sup>4</sup> He tells the number of the stars. He calls them all by name. <sup>5</sup> Great *is* our Lord and of great power. His understanding *is* infinite.

## 20 Proverbs

1:7 The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge. But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.

3:12 *Those* whom the Lord loves, He corrects ...

6:16-19 *Six things* the Lord hates ... seven are an abomination to Him ...

<sup>17</sup> a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

<sup>18</sup> a heart devising wicked imaginations, swift running to mischief,

<sup>19</sup> a false witness ... and one who sows discord among the family<sup>+</sup>.

## Proverbs (continued)

8:17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me early will find me.

8:32-33 Listen<sup>+</sup> ... for blessed *are those who keep my ways*.<sup>33</sup> Listen to instruction and be wise and do not refuse it.

9:9-10 Give *instruction* to the wise and they will be wiser. Teach the just and they will increase in learning.<sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom ...

10:11-12 The mouth of a righteous *person is* a well of life. But violence covers the mouths of the wicked.<sup>12</sup> Hatred stirs up strifes, but love covers all sins.

10:19 In a multitude of words, sin is not absent<sup>+</sup>. But those who refrain their lips *are* wise.

10:27-28 The fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.<sup>28</sup> The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness, but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets, but one who is of a faithful spirit conceals the matter.

11:14 Where no counsel *is*, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

11:17 The merciful do good to their own soul. But *those who are* cruel trouble their own flesh.

11:19 Righteousness *is* to life. *Those who pursue evil pursue it* to their own death.

11:22 A pretty<sup>+</sup> woman without discretion *is like* a jewel of gold in a pig's<sup>+</sup> snout.

11:23 The desire of the righteous *is* good. The expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

11:28 *Those* who trust in riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish ...

11:29 *Those* who trouble their own house will inherit the wind. The fool *will become* a servant to the wise of heart.

11:30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life. One who wins souls *is* wise.

12:2 A good *person* obtains *the* favor of the Lord, but *the Lord* will condemn those of wicked devices.

12:4 A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband, but one who makes ashamed *is* like rotteness in the bones.

12:15<sup>15</sup> The way of fools *is* right in their own eyes, but one who heeds<sup>+</sup> counsel *is* wise.

12:16 A fool's wrath is quickly<sup>+</sup> known, but a prudent *person* covers shame.

12:22 Lying lips *are* an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truly *are* His delight.

12:25 Heaviness in the heart makes one stoop, but a good word makes one glad.

13:7 There are *some* who make themselves rich yet *have* nothing, and *some* who make themselves poor who *have* great riches.

13:10 Contention comes from pride, but from the well advised *comes* wisdom.

13:11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity will diminish, but one who gathers by labor will increase.

13:13 Whoever despises the Word will be destroyed, but one who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

13:18 Poverty and shame *come* to those who refuse instruction, but those who regard reproof will be honored.

14:9 Fools mock at sin. But among the righteous *there is* favor.

14:29 *One who is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding, but *one who is* hasty of spirit exalts folly.

15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.

15:2 The tongue of the wise use knowledge rightly, but the mouths of fools pour out foolishness.

15:3 The eyes of the Lord *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed. But in the multitude of counselors *purposes* are established.

15:29 The Lord *is* far from the wicked. But He hears the prayers of the righteous.

15:31-33 The ear that hears the reproof of life abides among the wise.<sup>32</sup> *Those* who refuse instruction despise their own soul. But *those* who hear and heed reproof gain<sup>+</sup> understanding.<sup>33</sup> The fear of the Lord *is* the instruction of wisdom and before honor *is* humility.

16:3 Commit your work to the Lord and your thoughts will be established.

16:7 When *one's* ways please the Lord, they make even their enemies to be at peace with them.

16:18 *Pride goes* before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

16:20 One who handles a matter wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the Lord *will be* blessed<sup>+</sup>.

16:27 An ungodly person<sup>+</sup> digs up evil and in their lips *are* like a burning fire.

16:28 A contrary<sup>+</sup> person<sup>+</sup> sows strife and a whisperer separates chief friends.

16:32 *One who is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty ...

17:9 Those who cover a transgression seek love, but those who repeat a matter separate friends.

17:17 A friend loves at all times ...

17:22 A merry heart does good *like* a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.

17:27-28 Those who have knowledge spare their words. A man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. <sup>28</sup> Even a fool is considered wise when he remains silent. <sup>+</sup> Those who keep their mouths closed *are esteemed* to have understanding.

18:10 The name of the Lord *is* a strong tower. The righteous run into it and are safe.

18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue ...

18:22 *Whoever* finds a wife finds *something* good and obtains *the* favor of the Lord.

19:5 A false witness will not be unpunished. *One who* speaks lies will not escape.

19:11 Discretion defers anger. *It is to one's* credit<sup>+</sup> to pass over a transgression.

19:20 Hear counsel and receive instruction so that you may be wise in the latter end.

20:3 *It is* an honor to cease from strife, but every fool will *continue* meddling.

20:18 *Every* purpose is established by *wise* counsel ...

21:19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a contentious, angry woman

21:23 *Whoever* keeps the mouth and the tongue *still* keeps the soul from trouble.

22:1 A *good* name *is* better<sup>+</sup> to be chosen than great riches ...

22:6 Train up children in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

22:24 Do not make make a friendship with an angry person<sup>+</sup>.

22:26 Do not be a cosigner<sup>+</sup> for the debts of others.

23:7 For as one thinks in their heart, so *are* they. Eat and drink, one *may* say to you. But their heart *is* not with you.

23:9 Do not speak in the ears of fools, for they will despise the wisdom ...

24:11 If you forbear to deliver *those who are* drawn to death and *those who are* ready to be slain.

24:26 ... kiss *the* lips that give a right answer *or* a forthright response.

25:6 Do not put yourself forth in the presence of the king and do not stand in the place of *those who are* great.

25:11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

25:21-22 If your enemy is hungry, give them bread to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink. <sup>22</sup> For *thereby* you heap coals of fire upon their head, and the Lord will reward you.

26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like them.

26:20 Where no wood is, the fire goes out, so where *there is* no talebearer, strife ceases.

27:2 Let others praise you, not your own mouth ...

27:5 Open rebuke *is* better than secret love.

27:12 A prudent *person* foresees the evil *and* hides. The simple continue<sup>+</sup> on *and* are punished.

27:15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

27:17 Iron sharpens iron. So *also* a friend<sup>+</sup> sharpens the countenance of a friend.

28:6 Better *are* the poor who walk in uprightness than *those* perverse *in their* ways, *even if they are* rich.

28:25 Those who are of a proud heart stir up strife, but those who put their trust in the Lord shall be made whole<sup>+</sup>.

28:26 Those who trust in their own hearts are fools ...

29:18 Where *there is* no vision, people perish. But one who keeps the law *is* blessed<sup>+</sup>.

29:23 A person's pride will bring them low, but honor will uphold the humble in spirit.

30:5 Every Word of God *is* pure.  
He *is* a shield to those  
who put their trust in Him.

## 21 Ecclesiastes

8:11 *The* sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the hearts of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of *your* life ...

10:1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking smell.<sup>+</sup> *So does* a little folly to one who has a reputation for wisdom *and* honor.

## 22 Song of Solomon

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it ...

## 23 Isaiah

8:12 ... do not fear nor be afraid.

26:3 You *Lord*, will keep in perfect peace *the* mind stayed on you *by* trusting in you ...

30:18 ... The Lord *is* a God of judgment. Blessed *are* all who wait for Him.

32:17 The work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness *will be* quietness and assurance forever.

40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of God will stand forever.

40:31 Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew *their* strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

41:10 Do not be afraid for I *am* with you. Do not be dismayed for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

49:15-16 ... *Others* may forget you but will I not forget you. <sup>16</sup>I have engraved you upon the palms of *my* hands.

53:5 He *was* wounded for our transgressions. *He was* bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace *was* upon Him. And with His stripes we are healed.

55:11 So shall my Word be that goes forth out of my mouth. It will not return to me void, but it will accomplish that which I please and it will prosper *in those purposes* to which I send it.

61:3 *I will give to them* beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, *and* the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness *so* that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, *so* that He might be glorified.

63:9 In all their affliction He was afflicted and the angel of His presence saved them. In His love and in His pity He redeemed them and He bore them and carried them all the days of old.

## 24 Jeremiah

3:1 If a man *shall* put away his wife ... and she becomes another man's, shall he *ever* return to her again? Is that land not greatly polluted?

15:16 I found your words and consumed<sup>+</sup> them and your Word became<sup>+</sup> the joy and rejoicing of my heart. For *now* I am called by your name, O Lord God of hosts.

29:8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let prophets and diviners among you deceive you ...

29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.



29:13 You shall seek me and find *me* when you search for me with all your heart.

31:3 The Lord has appeared to me *saying*, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn you.

31:25 I have satiated the weary soul and replenished every sorrowful soul.

32:17 Ah Lord God. Behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and your outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you.

**25 Lamentations**

3:22-23 *It is because of* the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions do not fail. <sup>23</sup> *They are new every morning.* Great *is* your faithfulness.

3:25 The Lord *is* good to those who wait for Him, to the soul *that* seeks Him.

**26 Ezekiel**

36:26 I will give you a new heart and I will put a new spirit in you.

**27 Daniel**

9:4 ... God keeps the covenant and *shows* mercy to those who love Him and to those who keep His commandments.

**28 Hosea**

2:19 I will betroth you to me forever ... in righteousness and in judgment and in loving kindness and in mercies.

6:6 I desire mercy and not sacrifice and knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

**29 Joel**

2:32 Whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered ...

**30 Amos**

5:15 Hate the evil and love the good

**31 Obadiah**

1:12 You should not look *down* on your brother, neither should you rejoice ... in their destruction ...

**32 Jonah**

2:2 I cried *out* to the Lord because<sup>+</sup> of my affliction and He heard me

**33 Micah**

6:8 He has shown you what *is* good. And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?

**34 Nahum**

1:7 The Lord *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who trust in Him.

**35 Habakkuk**

2:4 *The souls of those who* are lifted up are not upright in them. But the just shall live by faith.

3:19 The Lord is my strength ... He will make me to walk in high places ...

**36 Zephaniah**

3:17 The Lord your God in the midst of you *is* mighty. He will save you. He will rejoice over you with joy

**37 Haggai**

2:8 The silver *is* mine and the gold *is* mine, says the Lord of hosts.

**38 Zechariah**

4:6 Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

**39 Malachi**

2:16 The Lord ... hates divorce<sup>+</sup> ... therefore take heed. ... *so* that you do not deal treacherously.

3:6 I *am* the Lord.  
I do not change ...