

# Readings - from New Living Translation

## Psalm 89: 30-37

**30**

But if King David's descendants forsake my instructions and fail to obey my regulations,

**31**

if they do not obey my decrees  
and fail to keep my commands,

**32**

then I will punish their sin with the rod,  
and their disobedience with beating.

**33**

But I will never stop loving him  
nor fail to keep my promise to him.

**34**

No, I will not break my covenant;  
I will not take back a single word I said.

**35**

I have sworn an oath to David,  
and in my holiness I cannot lie:

**36**

His dynasty will go on forever;  
his kingdom will endure as the sun.

**37**

It will be as eternal as the moon,  
my faithful witness in the sky!"

## Ephesians 2:11-22

**11** Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. **12** In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. **13** But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

**14** For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. **15** He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups.

**16** Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

**17** He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near.

**18** Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

**19** So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. **20** Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. **21** We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

**22** Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

## Mark 6:30-34 & 53-56

**30** The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. **31** Then Jesus said, “Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat.

**32** So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. **33** But many people recognised them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them.

**34** Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

**53** After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore **54** and climbed out. The people recognised Jesus at once, **55** and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was.

**56** Wherever he went—in villages, cities, or the countryside—they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.