

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Jeremiah buys a field

32:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

32:2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah,

32:3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

32:6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me:

32:7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'"

32:8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

32:9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver.

32:10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales.

32:11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy,

32:12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.

32:13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying,

32:14"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time.

32:15For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

God, my refuge

91:1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

91:2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

91:3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

91:4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

91:5 You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

91:6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

91:14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

91:15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

91:16 With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Pursuing God's justice

6:6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment,

6:7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it,

6:8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

6:9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

6:11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

6:13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

6:14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

6:15 which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

6:16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

6:17As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

6:18They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,

6:19thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

Poor Lazarus and the rich man

16:19"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

16:20And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

16:21who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

16:22The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

16:23In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

16:24He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.'

16:25But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

16:26Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

16:27He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house--

16:28for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

16:29Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

16:30He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

16:31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'