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Ancient Testimony Amos 5:18-24 NRSV

Let justice roll down like waters

The Day of the Lord a Dark Day

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Ancient Testimony Matthew 25:1-13 NRSV

Wise and foolish bridesmaids

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25 ‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids[a] took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.[b] **2** Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil
with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at
midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.” **7** Then all those bridesmaids[c] got up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.” **9** But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and
for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.”
10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.
11 Later the other bridesmaids[d] came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.”
12 But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” **13** Keep awake
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.[e]