

Week 36: Sept. 8 (Sept. 1–Sept. 7)

- “Brace yourself like a man; I will question you and you shall answer me.”
- “Do you have an arm like God’s and can your voice thunder like his?”
- “Who then is able to stand against me? Everything under heaven belongs to me.”
- Job: “Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.”
- “The Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.” Is this fair recompense for what Job went through?
- Begin Ecclesiastes, “the words of the Teacher”
- “Meaningless! Meaningless! says the Teacher”: “What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?”
- “There is nothing new under the sun”
- “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”
- “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.”
- “Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.”
- “Everyone comes naked from their mother’s womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart.”
- “This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us; for this is our lot.”
- “Do not say, ‘Why were the old days better than these?’ For it is not wise to ask such questions.”
- “Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the skillful; but time and chance happen to them all.”
- “Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”
- Begin Song of Songs: “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine”
- 2 Corinthians: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!”
- “We are Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”
- “Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.”

- “For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.”
- “The goal is equality, as it is written: ‘The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.’”
- “The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
- Psalm 46:1 - “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble... He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God’.”
- Psalm 51:17 - “My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.”
- Proverbs 22:24 - “Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.”