**THE CHOSEN**

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

**SEASON 2 – EPISODES 5-8**

**EPISODE 5**

#### **Psalm 139** – For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

**1**You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
**2**You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
**3**You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
**4**Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.
**5**You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
**6**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

**7**Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
**8**If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
**9**If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
**10**even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
**11**If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,”
**12**even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day,
    for darkness is as light to you.

**13**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
**14**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that

 full well.
**15**My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven

 together in the depths of the earth.
**16**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book
    before one of them came to be.
**17**How precious to me are your thoughts,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20139&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16257a)] God! How vast is the sum of them!
**18**Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand-when I awake, I am still with you.

**19**If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!
**20**They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.
**21**Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?
**22**I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.
**23**Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
**24**See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Luke 3:1-20 -** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— **2**during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3**He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4**As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. **5**Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. **6**And all people will see God’s salvation.’”

**7**John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8**Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **9**The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

**10**“What should we do then?” the crowd asked. **11**John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.” **12**Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” **13**“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. **14**Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

**15**The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. **16**John answered them all, “I baptize you with[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+3%3A1-20&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25042b)] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+3%3A1-20&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25042c)] the Holy Spirit and fire. **17**His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” **18**And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

**19**But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, **20**Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

**Luke 4:31-37 - 31**Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. **32**They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority. **33**In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, **34**“Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” **35**“Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. **36**All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” **37**And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

**Luke 6:7, 11 - 7**The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. **11**But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

**Matthew 13:34-35 - 34**Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. **35**So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

**EPISODE 6**

**Psalm 20:7 – 7**Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

**John 8:1-3 – 1**but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. **2**At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. **3**The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group.

**1 Samuel 21:1-6 -** David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek trembled when he met him, and asked, “Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?” **2**David answered Ahimelek the priest, “The king sent me on a mission and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. **3**Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.” **4**But the priest answered David, “I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.” **5**David replied, “Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+21%3A1-6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7778b)] I set out. The men’s bodies are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!” **6**So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the Lord and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

**Luke 6:6-11 - 6**On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. **7**The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. **8**But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there. **9**Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?” **10**He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. **11**But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

**Matthew 12:1-18 -** At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. **2**When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.” **3**He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? **4**He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. **5**Or haven’t you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? **6**I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. **7**If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+12%3A1-18&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23497a)] you would not have condemned the innocent. **8**For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” **9**Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, **10**and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” **11**He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? **12**How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” **13**Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. **14**But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

**God’s Chosen Servant**

**15**Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. **16**He warned them not to tell others about him. **17**This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

**18**“Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

**Psalm 19:7 - 7**The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**EPISODE 7**

**Proverbs 3:5-6 - 5**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
**6**in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**Luke 6:37 - 7**“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

**Matthew 6:5 - 5**“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

**Matthew 6:9-13 - 9**“This, then, is how you should pray:

“‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
**10**your kingdom come,
your will be done,
    on earth as it is in heaven.
**11**Give us today our daily bread.
**12**And forgive us our debts,
    as we also have forgiven our debtors.
**13**And lead us not into temptation,
    but deliver us from the evil one.’”

**EPISODE 8**

**Psalm 139:13-16 - 13**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
**14**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
**15**My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
**16**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**Matthew 5:1-16 - Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount**

**5**Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2**and he began to teach them.

**The Beatitudes**

He said:

**3**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
**4**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
**5**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
**6**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
**7**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
**8**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
**9**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
**10**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11**“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12**Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Salt and Light**

**13**“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

**14**“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15**Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16**In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 7:12 - 12**So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.