



Christianity

Scriptures Shared by Christians and Jews

Samuel 22:29

You are my lamp O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light.

Psalms 34: 18-19:

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.

Psalms 42:5:

Why are you downcast, O my soul?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise the Lord,
my help and my God.

Psalms 88:1-2

Yahweh, my God, I call for help all day; I cry out to you all night. May my prayer come to you. Hear my cries for help, for my soul is trouble.

Psalms 119:116a:

Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live....

Psalms 139:1-12:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways . . .
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Psalm 145:14:

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Proverbs 23:18:

Surely, there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

Ecclesiastes 7:17b

Do not be a fool—why die before your time?

Isaiah 35:10

And the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 40:28-31:

God gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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Christian Scriptures

Matthew 28:20b

Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

[Note: Although the closing words of Matthews's Gospel were addressed by Jesus to his disciples, they are in keeping with the general Christian notion that Christ is always present in the lives of the faithful. From James Clemons, from *What Does the Bible Say About Suicide?* Page 53]

John 14:18

No, I will not abandon you or leave you as orphans in the storm – I will come to you.

John 14:27

I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:24-25

For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 14:7-12

For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord,
Every knee shall bow to Me,
And every tongue shall confess to God.”
So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

[Note: Two elements related to suicide are to be noted in this passage. First, there is the assurance that true believers belong to the Lord, whether they live or die. Suicides are not specifically excluded nor is any particular form of death or life, regardless of how sinful the individual might be. The second element concerns the easy inclination to judge others' actions, whether it be how they observe the day, whether they eat or abstain from eating or if they live or die. Paul clearly condemns those who so quickly judge other's behavior in apparently trivial matters. By so doing they overlook the essential theological point Paul is making. Conceivably this passage might also come as a form of assurance to Christians contemplating suicide, in which case the final statement might be taken as a word of promise, rather than a threat. From James Clemons, *What Does the Bible Say About Suicide?* Page 56]

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

We are pressed on every side by troubles but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going.”

Romans 15:4:

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Ephesians 1:18-19

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Phillipians 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:20-26 (NIV)

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is

better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.
[Note: Paul is contemplating whether it is better to live or die. He is hard pressed to decide between the two; however, he chooses life.]