

# PRAISE THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

## Where do you turn for help and hope?

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Hallelu-Yah

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Isaiah 31v1: Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,

who rely on horses,

who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen,

but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the LORD.

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John 2v23-35: Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

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and gives food to the **hungry**.

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the LORD gives sight to the <u>blind</u>, the LORD lifts up those who are <u>bowed</u> down...

**V9:** The LORD watches over the <u>foreigner</u> and sustains the <u>fatherless</u> and the <u>widow</u>...

Luke 4v18-21: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the **poor**. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the **prisoners** and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 4v18-21: Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

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**V10:** The LORD reigns for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **Praise the LORD**.