A Psalm 9. Hope in the judgement.
- The injustices in this sinful world result in suffering. They may also lead to a life of poverty and exclusion.
- God is "a refuge in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9) for the poor and distressed.
- Above all, we have the hope that God will do justice (Psalms 9:8).
- Those suffering injustice in this world can be sure that a fair judgement is coming.

B Psalm 82. Judging with justice.
- God is the supreme Judge, and He delegated judicial duties to people who should judge following His fair law. He called them "gods" (v. 1, 6).
- If the judges don't act with justice, social injustice will take place, and God will demand an explanation (v. 7).
- We may suffer because of a wrong judicial verdict, but we can appeal to a Judge above all judges (v. 8).

C Psalm 101. Fair leaders.
- David understood the implications of the unfair and capricious misbehavior of the leaders of the country (Saul and his counselors).
- Once he was crowned, he surrounded himself with upright people and rejected the proud and those who defame, defraud, lie and do any kind of iniquity (v. 5, 7, 8).
- Justice and mercy are essential for good leaders: "I will not look with approval on anything that is vile." (v. 3 NIV)

D Psalm 146. A merciful God.
- Psalm 146:6-9 encourages us to praise God our Creator, and to trust Him because...

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- The best way we can worship God is by acting as He does, to the best of our ability.

E Proverbs. Mercy and justice.
- Proverbs 10:4. Don't be negligent, or you will become poor.
- Proverbs 13:23. Manage your possessions wisely, even if you don't have much.
- Proverbs 14:31. Don't oppress the poor, be merciful to them.
- Proverbs 15:15-16. Be happy with what you have.
- Proverbs 16:8. Don't benefit yourself by being unfair.
- Proverbs 17:15. Don't justify evil. Don't condemn a righteous person.
- Proverbs 19:17. Give to the poor, you're lending to God.
- Proverbs 22:22-23. Don't rob the poor or oppress the afflicted. God pleads their cause.
- Proverbs 30:7-9. Don't leave God, no matter how rich or poor you are.