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Am I my own?



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For the reporters on the Times, those who tell me that “I am my own” are on the side of the angels, while those who cast doubt on that proposition are to be cast into outer darkness where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature

Hebrews 1:1-3

...saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,'  
to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'  
They shall feed along the ways;  
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;  
they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike  
them. . .

for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them

vv. 9-10

*. . .to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him. . .*

*In a time of favor I have answered you;  
in a day of salvation I have helped you;  
I will keep you and give you  
as a covenant to the people,*

*vv. 5, 8*

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

*"In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."*

*Behold, now is the favorable time; behold,  
now is the day of salvation.*

2 Corinthians 6:1, 2

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the LORD has comforted his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;  
my Lord has forgotten me.

vv. 13-14



Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
that she should have no compassion  
on the son of her womb?

Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you.

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms  
of my hands. . . .

vv. 15-16