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... this is the covenant that I will make
...says the LORD:
I will put my law within them, and I will
write it on their hearts; and I will be
their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33ac
Ten Commandments

From a Catholic Church in Paszyn, Poland
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Psalm 119:103-104
Old Woman Reading the Bible

Gerrit Dou
Rijksmuseum
Amsterdam, Netherlands
Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

Genesis 32:24
Jacob and the Angel -- Annette Gandy Fortt, Silver Spring, MD
When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Genesis 32:25
Jacob Wrestles with the Angel, detail

Church of Saint-Sulpice
Paris, France
Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Genesis 32:28
Jacob Wrestles the Angel

Maurice Denis

c. 1893
I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2
Mountain of the Holy Cross

Thomas Moran
National Gallery of Art
Washington, DC
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Psalm 121:3-4
Hawaiian Mother and Child -- Charles Bartlett, c. 1920, watercolor
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Psalm 121:5-6
The Siesta -- Jose Malhoa, Museu Nacional de Belas Artes, Rio de Janiero, Brazil
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 121:7-8
Hands of God, the Holy Spirit, and Lamb of Christ -- Church of the Holy Trinity, Caaupe, Paraguay
All scripture ... is useful for teaching ... and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16ac, 17
Reading the Bible -- Jean-Baptiste Greuze, Louvre Museum, Paris, France
"... there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people ... there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

Luke 18:2b, 3b
Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge,
detail

The Kremlin
Moscow, Russia
For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice ... "

Luke 18:4, 5a
The Unjust Judge and the Importunate Widow

John Everett Millais
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York, NY
And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them."

Luke 18:7a, 8a
Justice as Protector

S. Hirsch, C. Simmons
Federal Courthouse
Aiken, SC
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