

## Chapters 28, 29, 30

God says:

"I will punish priests and prophets  
who mislead the people.

Their mouths utter lies.

They honor me only with lip-service  
while their hearts are far from me.

Religion has become just a mental exercise,  
just a series of human laws."

The Lord appeals to everyone:  
trust in him and cease to do evil.

Salvation is found in conversion and tranquility.  
Strength is found in complete trust in the Lord.

Lord, please help us honor you with our hearts  
as well as our heads

## Chapters 31, 32

How foolish are people who trust in armaments  
but never bother to consult the Lord.

Help and salvation come from the Lord who says:

"Once more I will send the good rain.

Then shall the wilderness be fertile land  
and fertile land will become a forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live  
and integrity in the fertile land.

Integrity will bring peace, and justice will bring security.

My people will live in a peaceful home,  
in safe houses, in quiet dwellings."

Lord, please give our world a bit more peace