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A photograph of a large-scale construction project at sunset. The building's steel framework is completely encased in a dense network of scaffolding. The sky transitions from a bright orange glow on the left to a deep blue on the right. The overall mood is one of industriousness and structural foundation.

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The people of Israel thanked God for his faithfulness to covenant promises:

1. for deliverance from enemies (Pss 18:17; 30:1; 44:1-8)
and from death (Ps 30:8-12; Is 38:18-20)
2. for forgiveness of sin (Pss 32:5; 99:8; 103:3; Is 12:1)
3. for answers to prayer (Pss 28:6; 66:19)
4. for compassion toward the afflicted and oppressed
(34:2; 72:12)
5. for executing justice (Dt 32:4; Ps 99:4)
6. and for continuing guidance (Ps 32:8; Is 30:20, 21)

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⁸ Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

¹¹ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

¹² Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

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¹³ O offspring of Israel his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

¹⁴ He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

¹⁵ Remember his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

¹⁶ the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,

¹⁷ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

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¹⁸ saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan,
as your portion for an inheritance."

¹⁹ When you were few in number,
of little account, and sojourners in it,

²⁰ wandering from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another people,

²¹ he allowed no one to oppress them;
he rebuked kings on their account,

²² saying, "Touch not my anointed ones,
do my prophets no harm!"

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23 Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Tell of his salvation from day to day.

24 Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

25 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

and he is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

but the Lord made the heavens.

27 Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and joy are in his place.

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28 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

29 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

30 tremble before him, all the earth;

yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

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32 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it!

33 Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

34 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

35 Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation,

and gather and deliver us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name

and glory in your praise.

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³⁶ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!”

Then all the people said, “Amen!” and praised the Lord.

Romans 6:17-18: But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Romans 14:6-9: The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.