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Genesis 18-19, Matthew 25:41-43
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Matthew 3:11-12, Acts 2:3, Jeremiah 20:9
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4. **Displaying Divine approval for our intentions.**
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