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| Wisdom 3:1-6.9Selection A4(Short Form) | **A Reading from the Book of Wisdom****The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,**  **and no torment shall touch them.****They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;** **and their passing away was thought an affliction** **and their going forth from us, utter destruction.** **But they are in peace.** **For if to others, indeed, they seem punished,** **yet is their hope full of immortality;** **chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,** **because God tried them** **and found them worthy of himself.** **As gold in the furnace, he proved them,** **and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.** **Those who trust in him shall understand truth,** **and the faithful shall abide with him in love:** **because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,** **and his care is with the elect.****The Word of the Lord** |