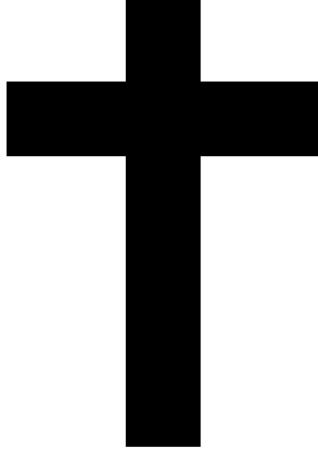


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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

¹ The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren; ³ and Judah begat Perez and Zerah of Tamar; and Perez begat Hezron; and Hezron begat Ram; ⁴ and Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon; and Nahshon begat Salmon; ⁵ and Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab; and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; ⁶ and Jesse begat David the king.

And David the king begat Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Uriah; ⁷ and Solomon begat Rehoboam; and Rehoboam begat Abijah; and Abijah begat Asa; ⁸ and Asa begat Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Uzziah; ⁹ and Uzziah begat Jotham; and Jotham begat Ahaz; and Ahaz begat Hezekiah; ¹⁰ and Hezekiah begat Manasseh; and Manasseh begat Amon; and Amon begat Josiah; ¹¹ and Josiah begat Jechoniah and his brethren, at the time of the carrying away to Babylon.

¹² And after the carrying away to Babylon, Jechoniah begat Shealtiel; and Shealtiel begat Zerubbabel; ¹³ and Zerubbabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; ¹⁴ and Azor begat Zadok; and Zadok begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; ¹⁵ and Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; ¹⁶ and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham unto David are fourteen generations; and from David unto the carrying away to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon unto the Christ fourteen generations.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. ²⁰ But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. ²² Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

²³ Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us. ²⁴ And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife; ²⁵ and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

2

¹ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him. ³ And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born. ⁵ And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written through the prophet,

⁶ And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah,
Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah:
For out of thee shall come forth a governor,
Who shall be shepherd of my people Israel.

⁷ Then Herod privily called the wise men, and learned of them exactly what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search out exactly concerning the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word, that I also may come and worship him. ⁹ And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. ¹⁰ And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ¹¹ And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshiped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned *of God* in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

¹³ Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. ¹⁴ And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt; ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt did I call my son.

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had exactly learned of the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸ A voice was heard in Ramah,
Lamentation and weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children;
And she would not be comforted, because they are not.

¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child's life. ²¹ And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the room of his father Herod,

he was afraid to go thither; and being warned *of God* in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee, ²³ and came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, that he should be called a Nazarene.

3

¹ And in those days cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. ³ For this is he that was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.

⁴ Now John himself had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about the Jordan; ⁶ and they were baptized of him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said unto them, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance: ⁹ and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. ¹⁰ And even now the axe lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ¹¹ I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit: ¹² whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing floor; and he will gather his wheat into the garner; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.

¹³ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. ¹⁴ But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? ¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said unto him, Suffer *it* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffereth him. ¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightaway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him; ¹⁷ and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

4

¹ Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. ² And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. ³ And the tempter came to him and said, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. ⁴ But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. ⁵ Then the devil taketh him into the holy city, and setteth him on the pinnacle

of the temple, ⁶ and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and,

On their hands they shall bear thee up,
Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

⁷ Jesus said unto him, Again it is written, Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God. ⁸ Again, the devil taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; ⁹ and he saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. ¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ¹¹ Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee; ¹³ and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali: ¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁵ The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
Toward the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles,

¹⁶ The people that sat in darkness
Saw a great light,

And to them that sat in the region and shadow of death,
To them did light spring up.

¹⁷ From that time began Jesus to preach, and to say, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

¹⁸ And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men. ²⁰ And they straightaway left the nets, and followed him. ²¹ And going on from thence he saw two other brethren, James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. ²² And they straightaway left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people. ²⁴ And the report of him went forth into all Syria: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with diverse diseases and torments, and possessed with demons, and epileptic, and palsied; and he healed them. ²⁵ And there followed him great multitudes from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan.

5

¹ And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: ² and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are ye when *men* shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.

¹³ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. ¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. ¹⁹ Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least of these commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: ²² but I say unto you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of the hell of fire. ²³ If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, ²⁴ leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. ²⁵ Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art in the way with him; lest haply the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. ²⁶ Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the last penny.

²⁷ Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt not commit adultery: ²⁸ but I say unto you, that everyone that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. ²⁹ And if thy right eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from

thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if thy right hand causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy whole body be cast into hell. ³¹ It was said also, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: ³² but I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away committeth adultery.

³³ Again, ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: ³⁴ but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God; ³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, for thou canst not make one hair white or black. ³⁷ But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil *one*.

³⁸ Ye have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: ³⁹ but I say unto you, Resist not him that is evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if any man would go to law with thee, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. ⁴¹ And whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him two. ⁴² Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

⁴³ Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: ⁴⁴ but I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you; ⁴⁵ that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? ⁴⁷ And if ye salute your friends only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so? ⁴⁸ Ye therefore shall be perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

6

¹ Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: else ye have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. ² When therefore thou doest alms, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward. ³ But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: ⁴ that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret himself shall recompense thee openly.

⁵ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward. ⁶ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee

openly. ⁷ And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. ⁸ Be not therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. ⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

As in heaven, so on the earth.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

As we also forgive our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil *one*.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶ Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen of men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have received their reward.

¹⁷ But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face;

¹⁸ that thou be not seen of men to fast, but of thy Father who is in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee.

¹⁹ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: ²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ²² The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³ But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. ²⁵ Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than raiment? ²⁶ Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto the measure of his life? ²⁸ And why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ²⁹ yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? ³¹ Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ³² For after all

these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. ³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³⁴ Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

7

¹ Judge not, that ye be not judged. ² For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you. ³ And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ⁴ Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye; and lo, the beam is in thine own eye? ⁵ Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

⁶ Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you.

⁷ Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸ for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; ¹⁰ and if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? ¹² All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

¹³ Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby. ¹⁴ How narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it!

¹⁵ But beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruits ye shall know them. Do *men* gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. ²¹ Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

²⁴ Everyone therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds

blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. ²⁶ And everyone that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.

²⁸ And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were astonished at his teaching: ²⁹ for he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

8

¹ And when he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. ² And behold, there came a leper and worshiped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ³ And Jesus stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightaway his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

⁵ And when he was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ⁶ and saying, Lord, my servant lieth in the house sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. ⁷ And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. ⁸ And the centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed. ⁹ For I also am a man under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. ¹⁰ And when Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. ¹¹ And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven: ¹² but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast forth into the outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹³ And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in that hour.

¹⁴ And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother lying sick of a fever. ¹⁵ And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and ministered unto him. ¹⁶ And when even was come, they brought unto him many possessed with demons: and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick: ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, He took our infirmities, and bare our diseases.

¹⁸ Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. ¹⁹ And there came a scribe, and said unto him, Teacher, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. ²⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. ²¹ And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. ²² But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and leave the dead to bury their own dead.

²³ And when he was entered into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the boat was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. ²⁵ And the disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Save us, Lord; we perish. ²⁶ And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?

²⁸ And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with demons, coming forth out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man could pass by that way. ²⁹ And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? ³⁰ Now there was afar off from them a herd of many swine feeding. ³¹ And the demons besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. ³² And he said unto them, Go. And they came out, and went into the herd of swine: and behold, the whole herd of swine rushed down the steep into the sea, and perished in the waters. ³³ And they that fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to them that were possessed with demons. ³⁴ And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart from their borders.

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¹ And he entered into the boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city. ² And behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven thee. ³ And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. ⁴ And Jesus seeing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and walk? ⁶ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. ⁷ And he arose, and departed to his house. ⁸ But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, who had given such authority unto men.

⁹ And as Jesus passed by from thence, he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the place of toll: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as he sat at meat in the house, that behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Teacher with the publicans and sinners? ¹² But when Jesus heard it, he said unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. ¹³ But go ye and learn what *this* meaneth, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice: for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

¹⁴ Then come to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? ¹⁵ And Jesus

said unto them, Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast. ¹⁶ And no man putteth a piece of undressed cloth upon an old garment; for that which should fill it up taketh from the garment, and a worse rent is made. ¹⁷ Neither do *men* put new wine into old wineskins: else the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins will perish: but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.

¹⁸ While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshiped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. ¹⁹ And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his disciples. ²⁰ And behold, a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: ²¹ for she said within herself, If I do but touch his garment, I shall be made whole. ²² But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good cheer; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. ²³ And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd making a tumult, ²⁴ he saith unto them, Give place: for the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. ²⁵ But when the crowd was put forth, he entered in, and took her by the hand; and the damsel arose. ²⁶ And the fame hereof went forth into all that land.

²⁷ And as Jesus passed by from thence, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, Have mercy on us, thou son of David. ²⁸ And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. ²⁹ Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it done unto you. ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. ³¹ But they went forth, and spread abroad his fame in all that land.

³² And as they went forth, behold, there was brought to him a dumb man possessed with a demon. ³³ And when the demon was cast out, the dumb man spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. ³⁴ But the Pharisees said, By the prince of demons casteth he out demons.

³⁵ And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people. ³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd. ³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.

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¹ And he called unto him his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, who was surnamed Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent forth, and charged them, saying, Go not into *any* way of the Gentiles, and enter not into any city of the Samaritans: ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give. ⁹ Get you no gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses; ¹⁰ no wallet for *your* journey, neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staves: for the laborer is worthy of his food. ¹¹ And into whatsoever city or village ye shall enter, search out who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go forth. ¹² And as ye enter into the house, salute it. ¹³ And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, as ye go forth out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet. ¹⁵ Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

¹⁶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you; ¹⁸ yea and before governors and kings shall ye be brought for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, be not anxious how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak. ²⁰ For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you. ²¹ And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child: and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. ²² And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. ²³ But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone through the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

²⁴ A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his lord. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more them of his household! ²⁶ Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hidden, that shall not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the darkness, speak ye in the light; and what ye hear in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops. ²⁸ And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both the soul and the body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father: ³⁰ but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. ³² Everyone therefore who shall

confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: ³⁶ and a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. ³⁷ He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And he that doth not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me. ³⁹ He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

⁴⁰ He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. ⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.

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¹ And it came to pass when Jesus had finished commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and preach in their cities.

² Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said unto him, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? ⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good tidings preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.

⁷ And as these went their way, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind? ⁸ But what went ye out to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft *raiment* are in royal houses. ⁹ But what went ye out to see? a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. ¹⁰ For this is he, of whom it is written,

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
Who shall prepare thy way before thee.

¹¹ Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen one greater than John the Baptist: yet he that is but little in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if ye are willing to receive *it*, this is Elijah, that is to come. ¹⁵ He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the marketplaces, and calling unto their fellows, ¹⁷ and saying, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed unto you, and ye did

not mourn. ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a demon. ¹⁹ The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! And wisdom is justified by her children.

²⁰ Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not. ²¹ Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you. ²³ And thou, Capernaum, who art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down unto Hades: for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in thee, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

²⁵ At that season Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: ²⁶ yea, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in thy sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth the Son, save the Father; neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal *him*. ²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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¹ At that season Jesus went on the sabbath day through the grainfields; and his disciples were hungry and began to pluck ears and to eat. ² But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which it is not lawful to do upon the sabbath. ³ But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, he, and they that were with him; ⁴ how he entered into the house of God, and ate the showbread, which it was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them that were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵ Or have ye not read in the law, that on the sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are guiltless? ⁶ But I say unto you, that something greater than the temple is here. ⁷ But if ye had known what this meaneth, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸ For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

⁹ And he departed thence, and went into their synagogue: ¹⁰ and behold, there was a man having his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? that they might accuse him. ¹¹ And he said unto them, What man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheep, and if this fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? ¹² How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the sabbath day. ¹³ Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And

he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out, and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him.

¹⁵ And Jesus perceiving *it* withdrew from thence: and great multitudes followed him; and he healed them all, ¹⁶ and charged them that they should not make him known: ¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

¹⁸ Behold, my servant whom I have chosen;
My beloved in whom my soul is well pleased:
I will put my Spirit upon him,
And he shall declare judgment to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ He shall not strive, nor cry aloud;
Neither shall anyone hear his voice in the streets.

²⁰ A bruised reed shall he not break,
And smoking flax shall he not quench,
Till he send forth judgment unto victory.

²¹ And in his name shall the Gentiles hope.

²² Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb man both spake and saw. ²³ And all the multitudes were amazed, and said, Can this be the son of David? ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out demons, but by Beelzebul the prince of demons. ²⁵ And knowing their thoughts Jesus said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: ²⁶ and if Satan casteth out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. ²⁸ But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can one enter into the house of the strong *man*, and plunder his goods, except he first bind the strong *man*? and then he will plunder his house. ³⁰ He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. ³¹ Therefore I say unto you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men. ³² And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in the present world, nor in that which is to come. ³³ Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. ³⁵ The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things; and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. ³⁶ And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

³⁸ Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, Teacher, we would see a sign from thee. ³⁹ But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and

there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet: ⁴⁰ for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ⁴³ But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and findeth it not. ⁴⁴ Then he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. ⁴⁵ Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man cometh worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this evil generation.

⁴⁶ And while he was yet speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, seeking to speak to him. ⁴⁷ And one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, seeking to speak to thee. ⁴⁸ But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? ⁴⁹ And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold, my mother and my brethren! ⁵⁰ For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.

13

¹ And on that day Jesus went out from the house, and sat by the seaside. ² And there were gathered unto him great multitudes, so that he entered into the boat, and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach. ³ And he spake to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow; ⁴ and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the wayside, and the birds came and devoured them: ⁵ and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightaway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth: ⁶ and when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked them: ⁸ and others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰ And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? ¹¹ And he answered and said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. ¹² For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath. ¹³ Therefore speak I to them in parables; because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. ¹⁴ And unto them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith,
By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand;
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross,
And their ears are dull of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed;
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And should turn again,
And I would heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not. 18 Hear ye then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, *then* cometh the evil *one*, and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the wayside. 20 And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightaway with joy receiveth it; 21 yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightaway he stumbleth. 22 And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that soweth good seed in his field: 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. 26 But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares? 28 And he said unto them, An enemy hath done this. And the servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we should go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest haply while ye gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32 which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

34 All these things spake Jesus in parables unto the multitudes; and without a parable spake he not unto them: 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world.

³⁶ Then Jesus left the multitudes, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field. ³⁷ And he answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; ³⁸ and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil *one*; ³⁹ and the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. ⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, ⁴² and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

⁴⁴ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: ⁴⁶ who, when he found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: ⁴⁸ which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they cast away. ⁴⁹ So shall it be in the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous, ⁵⁰ and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. ⁵² And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

⁵³ And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

⁵⁴ And coming into his own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? ⁵⁷ And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house. ⁵⁸ And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

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¹ At that season Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus, ² and said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore do these powers work in him. ³ For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. ⁴ For John said unto

him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. ⁵ And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst, and pleased Herod. ⁷ Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she should ask. ⁸ And she, being put forward by her mother, saith, Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist. ⁹ And the king was grieved; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat with him, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰ and he sent and beheaded John in the prison. ¹¹ And his head was brought on a platter, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. ¹² And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it; and they went and told Jesus.

¹³ And when Jesus heard *it*, he withdrew from thence in a boat, to a desert place apart: and when the multitudes heard *thereof*, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴ And Jesus came forth, and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. ¹⁵ And when even was come, his disciples came to him, saying, The place is desert, and the time is already past; send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food. ¹⁶ But Jesus said unto them, They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat. ¹⁷ And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fish. ¹⁸ And he said, Bring them hither to me. ¹⁹ And he commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass; and he took the five loaves, and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. ²⁰ And they all ate, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And they that did eat were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

²² And straightaway Jesus constrained the disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before him unto the other side, till he should send the multitudes away. ²³ And after he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain apart to pray: and when even was come, he was there alone. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the midst of the sea, distressed by the waves; for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking upon the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a ghost; and they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But straightaway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. ²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee upon the waters. ²⁹ And he said, Come. And Peter went down from the boat, and walked upon the waters to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me. ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and took hold of him, and saith unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? ³² And when they had entered into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And they that were in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

³⁴ And when they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place knew him, they sent

into all that region round about, and brought unto him all that were sick; ³⁶ and they besought him that they might only touch the border of his garment: and as many as touched were made whole.

15

¹ Then there come to Jesus the scribes and Pharisees that were from Jerusalem, saying, ² Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. ³ And he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and thy mother: and, He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him die the death. ⁵ But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is given *to God*; and he shall not honor his father or his mother. ⁶ And ye have made void the commandment of God because of your tradition. ⁷ Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

⁸ This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth,
And honoreth me with their lips;
But their heart is far from me.

⁹ But in vain do they worship me,
Teaching *as their* doctrines the precepts of men.

¹⁰ And he called to him the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: ¹¹ Not that which entereth into the mouth defileth the man; but that which proceedeth out of the mouth, this defileth the man. ¹² Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying? ¹³ But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone: they are blind guides of the blind. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit. ¹⁵ And Peter answered and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. ¹⁶ And Jesus said, Are ye also even yet without understanding? ¹⁷ Do ye not yet perceive, that whatsoever goeth into the mouth passeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draft? ¹⁸ But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: ²⁰ these are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not the man.

²¹ And Jesus went out thence, and withdrew into the parts of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanitish woman came out from those borders, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a demon. ²³ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. ²⁴ But he answered and said, I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ²⁵ But she came and worshiped him, saying, Lord, help me. ²⁶ And he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. ²⁷ But she said, Yea, Lord: for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

²⁹ And Jesus departed thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there. ³⁰ And there came unto him great multitudes, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and they cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: ³¹ insomuch that the multitudes wondered, when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing: and they glorified the God of Israel.

³² And Jesus called unto him his disciples, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat: and I would not send them away fasting, lest haply they faint on the way. ³³ And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so many loaves in a desert place as to fill so great a multitude? ³⁴ And Jesus said unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few small fish. ³⁵ And he commanded the multitudes to sit down on the ground; ³⁶ and having taken the seven loaves and the fish, he gave thanks and brake, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. ³⁷ And they all ate, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, seven baskets full. ³⁸ And they that did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ And he sent away the multitudes, and entered into the boat, and came into the borders of Magdala.

16

¹ And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and trying him asked him to show them a sign from heaven. ² But he answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather: for the heaven is red. ³ And in the morning, *It will be* foul weather today: for the heaven is red and lowering. Ye hypocrites, ye know how to discern the face of the heaven; but ye cannot *discern* the signs of the times. ⁴ An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of Jonah the prophet. And he left them, and departed.

⁵ And his disciples came to the other side and forgot to take bread. ⁶ And Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. ⁷ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, We took no bread. ⁸ And Jesus perceiving it said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? ⁹ Do ye not yet perceive, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? ¹⁰ Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? ¹¹ How is it that ye do not perceive that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. ¹² Then understood they that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that I the Son of man am? ¹⁴ And they said, Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵ He saith unto them, But who say

ye that I am? ¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ²⁰ Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

²¹ From that time began Jesus to show unto his disciples, that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. ²² And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall never be unto thee. ²³ But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art a stumbling block unto me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. ²⁴ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it. ²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? ²⁷ For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render unto every man according to his deeds. ²⁸ Verily I say unto you, There are some standing here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

17

¹ And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: ² and he was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his garments became white as the light. ³ And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him. ⁴ And Peter answered, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. ⁵ While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. ⁶ And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. ⁷ And Jesus came and touched them and said, Arise, and be not afraid. ⁸ And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen from the dead. ¹⁰ And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come? ¹¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah indeed cometh first, and shall restore all things: ¹² but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they would.

Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them. ¹³ Then understood the disciples that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

¹⁴ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a man, kneeling to him, ¹⁵ and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is epileptic, and suffereth grievously; for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oftentimes into the water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him hither to me. ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked him; and the demon went out of him: and the boy was cured from that hour.

¹⁹ Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast it out? ²⁰ And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. ²¹ But this kind goeth not out save by prayer and fasting.

²² And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be delivered up into the hands of men; ²³ and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised up. And they were exceeding sorry.

²⁴ And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received the half-shekel came to Peter, and said, Doth not your teacher pay the half-shekel? ²⁵ He saith, Yea. And when he came into the house, Jesus spake first to him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? the kings of the earth, from whom do they receive toll or tribute? from their sons, or from strangers? ²⁶ Peter saith unto him, From strangers. Jesus said unto him, Therefore the sons are free. ²⁷ But, lest we cause them to stumble, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a shekel: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

18

¹ In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? ² And Jesus called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, ³ and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me: ⁶ but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hung upon his neck, and *that* he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

⁷ Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must needs be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh! ⁸ And if thy hand or thy foot causeth thee to stumble, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if thine eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter

into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire. ¹⁰ See that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹ For the Son of man came to save that which was lost. ¹² How think ye? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go seek on the mountains that which goeth astray? ¹³ And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray. ¹⁴ Even so there is no will before your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ And if thy brother sin against thee, go and show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. ¹⁶ But if he hear *thee* not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two witnesses or three every word may be established. ¹⁷ And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the church: and if he refuse to hear the church also, let him be unto thee as the Gentile and the publican. ¹⁸ Verily I say unto you, What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, verily I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

²¹ Then came Peter to him and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times? ²² Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven. ²³ Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, who would make a reckoning with his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, that owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But forasmuch as he had not *wherewith* to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. ²⁷ And the lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him a hundred denarii: and he laid hold on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me what thou owest. ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee. ³⁰ And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay that which was due. ³¹ But when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were exceeding sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. ³² Then his lord called him unto him, and saith to him, Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou besoughtest me: ³³ shouldst not thou also have had mercy on thy fellow servant, even as I had mercy on thee? ³⁴ And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. ³⁵ So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

19

¹ And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan; ² and great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

³ And the Pharisees came unto him, trying him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? ⁴ And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he who made *them* from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh? ⁶ So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. ⁷ They say unto him, Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorcement, and to put her away? ⁸ He saith unto them, Moses for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it hath not been so. ⁹ And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth her when she is put away committeth adultery. ¹⁰ His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man is so with his wife, it is not expedient to marry. ¹¹ But he said unto them, Not all men can receive this saying, but they to whom it is given. ¹² For there are eunuchs, that were so born from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs, that were made eunuchs by men: and there are eunuchs, that made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

¹³ Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should lay his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven. ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

¹⁶ And behold, one came and said unto him, Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good save one, *even* God: but if thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments. ¹⁸ He saith unto him, Which? And Jesus said, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, ¹⁹ Honor thy father and thy mother; and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. ²⁰ The young man saith unto him, All these things have I observed from my youth: what lack I yet? ²¹ Jesus said unto him, If thou wouldest be perfect, go, sell that which thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. ²² But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; for he was one that had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus said unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, It is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁵ And when his disciples heard it, they were astonished exceedingly, saying, Who then can be saved? ²⁶ And Jesus looking upon *them* said to them, With men this

is impossible; but with God all things are possible. ²⁷ Then answered Peter and said unto him, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee; what then shall we have? ²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone that hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many shall be last *that are* first; and first *that are* last.

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¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that was a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. ² And when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing in the marketplace idle; ⁴ and to them he said, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. ⁵ And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle; and he saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? ⁷ They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right ye shall receive. ⁸ And when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and pay them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. ⁹ And when they came that *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they received every man a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received every man a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they murmured against the householder, ¹² saying, These last have spent *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat. ¹³ But he answered and said to one of them, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take up that which is thine, and go thy way; it is my will to give unto this last, even as unto thee. ¹⁵ Or is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? ¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

¹⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and he said unto them, ¹⁸ Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, ¹⁹ and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify; and the third day he shall rise again.

²⁰ Then came to him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons, worshiping *him*, and asking a certain thing of him. ²¹ And he said unto her, What wouldest thou? She saith unto him, Command that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy kingdom. ²² But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?

or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. ²³ And he saith unto them, My cup indeed ye shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give; but *it is for them* for whom it hath been prepared of my Father. ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation concerning the two brethren. ²⁵ But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ But it shall not be so be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; ²⁷ and whosoever would be first among you, let him be your servant: ²⁸ even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

²⁹ And as they went out from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. ³⁰ And behold, two blind men sitting by the wayside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, Lord, thou son of David. ³¹ And the multitude rebuked them, that they should hold their peace: but they cried out the more, saying, Have mercy on us, Lord, thou son of David. ³² And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I should do unto you? ³³ They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. ³⁴ And Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes; and straightaway their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

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¹ And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and came unto Bethsphage, at the mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying unto them, Go into the village that is over against you, and straightaway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me. ³ And if anyone say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightaway he sendeth them. ⁴ Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ Tell ye the daughter of Zion,
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee,
Meek, and riding upon an ass,

And a colt the foal of an ass.

⁶ And the disciples went, and did even as Jesus commanded them, ⁷ and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their garments; and he sat thereon. ⁸ And the most part of the multitude spread their own garments in the way; and others cut branches from the trees, and spread them in the way. ⁹ And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying,

Hosanna to the son of David:

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;

Hosanna in the highest.

¹⁰ And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this? ¹¹ And the multitudes said, This is Jesus the prophet, who is from Nazareth of Galilee.

¹² And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; ¹³ and he saith unto them, It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of robbers. ¹⁴ And the lame and the blind came to him in the temple; and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were moved with indignation, ¹⁶ and said unto him, Hearest thou what these are saying? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea: did ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? ¹⁷ And he left them, and went forth out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

¹⁸ Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he hungered. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only; and he saith unto it, Let there be no fruit from thee henceforward forever. And immediately the fig tree withered away. ²⁰ And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, How did the fig tree immediately wither away? ²¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done. ²² And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

²³ And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? ²⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one question, which if ye tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or from men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why then did ye not believe him? ²⁶ But if we shall say, From men; we fear the multitude; for all hold John as a prophet. ²⁷ And they answered Jesus, and said, We know not. He also said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ But what think ye? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. ²⁹ And he answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented himself, and went. ³⁰ And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye saw it, repented not yourselves afterward, that ye might believe him.

³³ Hear another parable: There was a certain man that was a householder, who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country. ³⁴ And when the season of the fruits drew

near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, to receive his fruits. ³⁵ And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them in like manner. ³⁷ But afterward he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. ³⁸ But the husbandmen, when they saw the son, said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance. ³⁹ And they took him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto those husbandmen? ⁴¹ They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen, who shall render him the fruits in their seasons. ⁴² Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures,

The stone which the builders rejected,
The same was made the head of the corner;
This was from the Lord,
And it is marvelous in our eyes?

⁴³ Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. ⁴⁴ And he that falleth on this stone shall be broken to pieces: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust. ⁴⁵ And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. ⁴⁶ And when they sought to lay hold on him, they feared the multitudes, because they took him for a prophet.

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¹ And Jesus answered and spake unto them again in parables, saying, ² The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son, ³ and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the marriage feast: and they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them that are bidden, Behold, I have made ready my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come to the marriage feast. ⁵ But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise; ⁶ and the rest laid hold on his servants, and treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ And when that king heard *thereof*, he was wroth; and he sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were not worthy. ⁹ Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage feast. ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was filled with guests. ¹¹ But when the king came in to behold the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment: ¹² and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. ¹³ Then said the king to the servants, Bind his feet and hands, take him away, and cast *him* out into the outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹⁴ For many are called, but few chosen.

¹⁵ Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ensnare him in *his* talk. ¹⁶ And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, and carest not for anyone: for thou regardest not the person of men. ¹⁷ Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? ¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why make ye trial of me, ye hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a denarius. ²⁰ And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? ²¹ They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. ²² And when they heard it, they marveled, and left him, and went away.

²³ On that day there came to him the Sadducees, they that say that there is no resurrection: and they asked him, ²⁴ saying, Teacher, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. ²⁵ Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first married and deceased, and having no seed left his wife unto his brother; ²⁶ in like manner the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. ²⁷ And after them all, the woman also died. ²⁸ Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. ²⁹ But Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels of God in heaven. ³¹ But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, ³² I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not God of the dead, but of the living. ³³ And when the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

³⁴ But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, gathered themselves together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, trying him, and saying, ³⁶ Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷ And Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang the whole law and the prophets.

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, What think ye of the Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, *The son* of David. ⁴³ He saith unto them, How then doth David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ The Lord said unto my Lord,

Sit thou on my right hand,

Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet?

⁴⁵ If David then calleth him Lord, how is he his son? ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

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¹ Then spake Jesus to the multitudes and to his disciples, ² saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat: ³ all things therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *these* observe and do: but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not. ⁴ For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they will not move them with their finger. ⁵ But all their works they do to be seen of men: and they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, ⁶ and love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and the salutations in the marketplaces, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. ⁸ But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your master, *even* Christ, and all ye are brethren. ⁹ And call no man your father on the earth: for one is your Father, *even* he who is in heaven. ¹⁰ Neither be ye called masters: for one is your master, *even* the Christ. ¹¹ But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. ¹² And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

¹³ But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, even while for a pretense ye make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive greater condemnation.

¹⁴ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye enter not in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering in to enter.

¹⁵ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is become so, ye make him twofold more a son of hell than yourselves.

¹⁶ Woe unto you, ye blind guides, that say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor. ¹⁷ Ye fools and blind: for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? ¹⁸ And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gift that is upon it, he is a debtor. ¹⁹ Ye fools and blind: for which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? ²⁰ He therefore that sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. ²¹ And he that sweareth by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that hath dwelt therein. ²² And he that sweareth by the heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

²³ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and anise and cumin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: these ye ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone. ²⁴ Ye blind guides, that strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel!

²⁵ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full from extortion and unrighteousness. ²⁶ Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside of them may become clean also.

²⁷ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. ²⁸ Even

so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

²⁹ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye build the sepulchers of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous, ³⁰ and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we should not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. ³¹ Wherefore ye witness to yourselves, that ye are sons of them that slew the prophets. ³² Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. ³³ Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how shall ye escape the judgment of hell? ³⁴ Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them shall ye kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city: ³⁵ that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous unto the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom ye slew between the sanctuary and the altar. ³⁶ Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

³⁷ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chicks under her wings, and ye would not! ³⁸ Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. ³⁹ For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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¹ And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. ² But Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

³ And as he sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? ⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray. ⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray. ⁶ And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places. ⁸ But all these things are the beginning of travail. ⁹ Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then shall many stumble, and shall deliver up one another, and shall hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. ¹² And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold. ¹³ But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come.

¹⁵ When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand), ¹⁶ then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains: ¹⁷ let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house: ¹⁸ and let him that is in the field not return back to take his garments. ¹⁹ But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! ²⁰ And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath: ²¹ for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. ²³ Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, Here; believe *it* not. ²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe *it* not. ²⁷ For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so also shall be the coming of the Son of man. ²⁸ For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

²⁹ But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: ³⁰ and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he shall send forth his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; ³³ even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that he is nigh, *even* at the doors. ³⁴ Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished. ³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. ³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ³⁷ And as *were* the days of Noah, so also shall be the coming of the Son of man. ³⁸ For as in the days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, ³⁹ and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so also shall be the coming of the Son of man. ⁴⁰ Then shall two men be in the field; the one is taken, and the one is left: ⁴¹ two women *shall be* grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left. ⁴² Watch therefore: for ye know not in what hour your Lord cometh. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken through. ⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

⁴⁵ Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath set over his household, to give them their food in due season? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ⁴⁷ Verily I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he hath. ⁴⁸ But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord tarrieth to come; ⁴⁹ and shall begin to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and to drink with the drunken; ⁵⁰ the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, ⁵¹ and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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¹ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ² And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ They that were foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them: ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ Now while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom cometh! Come ye forth to meet him. ⁷ Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are going out. ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, Peradventure there will not be enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰ And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹² But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. ¹³ Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

¹⁴ For *it is as when* a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. ¹⁵ And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and straightaway he went on his journey. ¹⁶ Then he that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents. ¹⁷ In like manner also he that *received* the two, he also gained other two. ¹⁸ But he that received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them. ²⁰ And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents besides them. ²¹ And his lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²² And he also that received the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents besides them. ²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²⁴ And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and

gathering where thou didst not scatter; ²⁵ and I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. ²⁶ But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter; ²⁷ thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. ²⁸ Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath the ten talents. ²⁹ For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away. ³⁰ And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

³¹ But when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory: ³² and before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats; ³³ and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry, and ye gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; ³⁶ naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me. ⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² for I was hungry, and ye did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. ⁴⁴ Then shall they also answer, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? ⁴⁵ Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me. ⁴⁶ And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.

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¹ And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these words, he said unto his disciples, ² Ye know that after two days the passover cometh, and the Son of man is delivered up to be crucified. ³ Then were gathered together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the court of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas; ⁴ and they took counsel together that they might take Jesus by subtlety, and kill him. ⁵ But they said, Not during the feast, lest a tumult arise among the people.

⁶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ there came unto him a woman having an alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment, and she poured it upon his head, as he sat at meat. ⁸ But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? ⁹ For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. ¹⁰ But Jesus perceiving it said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. ¹¹ For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. ¹² For in that she poured this ointment upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵ and said, What are ye willing to give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they weighed unto him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that time he sought opportunity to deliver him *unto them*.

¹⁷ Now on the first *day* of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we should make ready for thee to eat the passover? ¹⁸ And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Teacher saith, My time is at hand; I keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. ¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

²⁰ Now when even was come, he was sitting at meat with the twelve; ²¹ and as they were eating, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. ²² And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began to say unto him each of them, Is it I, Lord? ²³ And he answered and said, He that dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. ²⁴ The Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had not been born. ²⁵ And Judas, who betrayed him, answered and said, Is it I, Rabbi? He saith unto him, Thou hast said.

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took the bread, and gave thanks, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. ²⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins. ²⁹ But I say unto you, that I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

³¹ Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended in me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee. ³³ But Peter answered and said unto him, If all shall be offended in thee, yet I will never be offended. ³⁴ Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. ³⁵ Peter saith unto him, Even if I must die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. And likewise also said all the disciples.

³⁶ Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. ³⁷ And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and sore troubled. ³⁸ Then saith Jesus unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide ye here, and watch with me. ³⁹ And he went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. ⁴⁰ And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. ⁴² Again a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. ⁴³ And he cometh and findeth them sleeping again, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ And he left them, and went away again, and prayed a third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Arise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that betrayeth me.

⁴⁷ And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he: take him. ⁴⁹ And straightaway he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Rabbi; and kissed him. ⁵⁰ And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of them that were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and smote the servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. ⁵² Then saith Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall die by the sword. ⁵³ Or thinkest thou that I cannot now beseech my Father, and he shall send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? ⁵⁵ In that hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a robber with swords and staves to seize me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye took me not. ⁵⁶ But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

⁵⁷ And they that had taken Jesus led him away to *the house of Caiaphas* the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and entered in, and sat with the officers, to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests, and the elders, and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death; ⁶⁰ and they found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. ⁶¹ But afterward came two false witnesses, and said, This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. ⁶² And the high priest stood up, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? ⁶³ But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether

thou art the Christ, the Son of God. ⁶⁴ Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Henceforth ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. ⁶⁵ Then the high priest rent his garments, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy: ⁶⁶ what think ye? They answered and said, He is worthy of death. ⁶⁷ Then did they spit in his face and buffet him: and some smote him with the palms of their hands, ⁶⁸ saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ: who is he that struck thee?

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting without in the court: and a maid came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean. ⁷⁰ But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. ⁷¹ And when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and saith unto them there, This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth. ⁷² And again he denied with an oath, I know not the man. ⁷³ And after a little while they that stood by came and said to Peter, Of a truth thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech maketh thee known. ⁷⁴ Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man. And straightaway the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

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¹ Now when morning was come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: ² and they bound him, and led him away, and delivered him up to Pontius Pilate the governor.

³ Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood. But they said, What is that to us? see thou *to it*. ⁵ And he cast down the pieces of silver into the sanctuary, and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. ⁶ And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is the price of blood. ⁷ And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. ⁸ Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was priced, whom *certain* of the children of Israel did price; ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. ¹² And when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he answered nothing. ¹³ Then saith Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? ¹⁴ And he gave him no answer, not even to one word: insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. ¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was wont to release unto the multitude one prisoner, whom they would. ¹⁶ And they had

then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. ¹⁷ When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ? ¹⁸ For he knew that for envy they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ And while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. ²¹ But the governor answered and said unto them, Which of the two will ye that I release unto you? And they said, Barabbas. ²² Pilate saith unto them, What then shall I do unto Jesus who is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. ²³ And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out exceedingly, saying, Let him be crucified. ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he prevailed nothing, but rather that a tumult was arising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; see ye *to it*. ²⁵ And all the people answered and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children. ²⁶ Then released he unto them Barabbas; but Jesus he scourged and delivered to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium, and gathered unto him the whole band. ²⁸ And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. ²⁹ And they plaited a crown of thorns and put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they knelt down before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! ³⁰ And they spat upon him, and took the reed and smote him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the robe, and put on him his garments, and led him away to crucify him.

³² And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to go *with them*, that he might bear his cross.

³³ And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, The place of a skull, ³⁴ they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted it, he would not drink. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots; ³⁶ and they sat and watched him there. ³⁷ And they set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁸ Then are there crucified with him two robbers, one on the right hand and one on the left. ³⁹ And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, ⁴⁰ and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself: if thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross. ⁴¹ And in like manner also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders and Pharisees, said, ⁴² He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he is the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him. ⁴³ He trusteth in God; let him deliver him now, if he desireth him: for he said, I am the Son of God. ⁴⁴ And the robbers also that were crucified with him cast upon him the same reproach.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lima sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why

hast thou forsaken me? ⁴⁷ And some of them that stood there, when they heard it, said, This man calleth Elijah. ⁴⁸ And straightaway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. ⁴⁹ And the rest said, Let be; let us see whether Elijah cometh to save him. ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent; ⁵² and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared unto many. ⁵⁴ Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that were done, feared exceedingly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. ⁵⁵ And many women were there beholding from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: ⁵⁶ among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ And when even was come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: ⁵⁸ this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given up. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. ⁶¹ And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulcher.

⁶² Now on the morrow, which is *the day* after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together unto Pilate, ⁶³ saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while he was yet alive, After three days I rise again. ⁶⁴ Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest haply his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: and the last error will be worse than the first. ⁶⁵ And Pilate said unto them, Ye have a guard: go, make it *as* sure as ye can. ⁶⁶ So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, the guard being with them.

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¹ Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, came and rolled away the stone from the door, and sat upon it. ³ His appearance was as lightning, and his raiment white as snow: ⁴ and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and became as dead men. ⁵ And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who hath been crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly, and tell his disciples, He is risen from the dead; and lo, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. ⁸ And they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell his disciples, then behold, Jesus met

them, saying, All hail. And they came and took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then saith Jesus unto them, Fear not: go tell my brethren that they depart into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

¹¹ Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city, and told unto the chief priests all the things that were come to pass. ¹² And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave much money unto the soldiers, ¹³ saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. ¹⁴ And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and rid you of care. ¹⁵ So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying was spread abroad among the Jews, *and continueth* until this day.

¹⁶ But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go ye, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the prophets,

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
Who shall prepare thy way before thee;

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight;

⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness, and preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. ⁵ And there went out unto him all the country of Judea, and they of Jerusalem; and they were all baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and *had* a leathern girdle about his loins, and did eat locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, There cometh after me he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you in water; but he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit.

⁹ And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And straightaway coming up from the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him: ¹¹ and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

¹² And straightaway the Spirit driveth him forth into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was there in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

¹⁴ Now after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel.

¹⁶ And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of the same Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. ¹⁸ And straightaway they left their nets, and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little further thence, he saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And straightaway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

²¹ And they go into Capernaum; and straightaway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching: for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, ²⁴ saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, Jesus thou Nazarene? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. ²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. ²⁶ And the unclean spirit,

tearing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? what new teaching is this, that with authority he commandeth even the unclean spirits, and they obey him? ²⁸ And the report of him went out straightaway into all the region of Galilee round about.

²⁹ And straightaway, when they were come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and straightaway they tell him of her: ³¹ and he came and took her by her hand, and raised her up; and straightaway the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

³² And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were possessed with demons. ³³ And all the city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many that were sick with diverse diseases, and cast out many demons; and he suffered not the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and they that were with him followed after him; ³⁷ and when they had found him, they say unto him, All are seeking thee. ³⁸ And he saith unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for to this end came I forth. ³⁹ And he was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ And there cometh to him a leper, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ⁴¹ And Jesus, being moved with compassion, stretched forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou made clean. ⁴² And when he had spoken, straightaway the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And he strictly charged him, and straightaway sent him out, ⁴⁴ and saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. ⁴⁵ But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

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¹ And he entered again into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. ² And straightaway many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room *for them*, no, not even about the door: and he spake the word unto them. ³ And they come, bringing unto him a man sick of the palsy, borne of four. ⁴ And when they could not come nigh unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereon the sick of the palsy lay. ⁵ And Jesus seeing their faith saith unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven thee. ⁶ But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies?

who can forgive sins but one, *even* God? ⁸ And straightaway Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? ¹⁰ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), ¹¹ I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. ¹² And straightaway he arose, and took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

¹³ And he went forth again by the seaside; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the place of toll, and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as he was sitting at meat in his house, that many publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes and the Pharisees, when they saw him eating with the publicans and sinners, said unto his disciples, How *is it* that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

¹⁸ And the disciples of John and those of the Pharisees were fasting; and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and those of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? ¹⁹ And Jesus said unto them, Can the sons of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast in those days. ²¹ And no man seweth a piece of undressed cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and a worse rent is made. ²² And no man putteth new wine into old wineskins; else the new wine doth burst the skins, and the wine is spilled, and the skins will perish: but new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

²³ And it came to pass, that he was going on the sabbath day through the grainfields; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears. ²⁴ And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? ²⁵ And he said unto them, Did ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was hungry, he, and they that were with him? ²⁶ How he entered into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests, and gave also to them that were with him? ²⁷ And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath: ²⁸ so that the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath.

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¹ And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there who had his hand withered. ² And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.

³ And he saith unto the man that had his hand withered, Stand forth. ⁴ And he saith unto them, Is it lawful on the sabbath day to do good, or to do harm? to save a life, or to kill? But they held their peace. ⁵ And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and his hand was restored whole, as the other. ⁶ And the Pharisees went out, and straightaway with the Herodians took counsel against him, how they might destroy him.

⁷ And Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judea, ⁸ and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard what great things he did, came unto him. ⁹ And he spake to his disciples, that a little boat should wait on him because of the crowd, lest they should throng him: ¹⁰ for he had healed many; insomuch that as many as had plagues pressed upon him that they might touch him. ¹¹ And the unclean spirits, whensoever they beheld him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. ¹² And he charged them much that they should not make him known.

¹³ And he goeth up into the mountain, and calleth unto him whom he himself would; and they went unto him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, ¹⁵ and to have authority to heal diseases, and to cast out demons: ¹⁶ and Simon he surnamed Peter; ¹⁷ and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and them he surnamed Boanerges, which is, Sons of thunder: ¹⁸ and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananite, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

And they come into a house. ²⁰ And a multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. ²¹ And when his friends heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. ²² And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebul, and, By the prince of demons casteth he out demons. ²³ And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan hath risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. ²⁷ No one can enter into the house of the strong *man*, and plunder his goods, except he first bind the strong *man*; and then he may plunder his house. ²⁸ Verily I say unto you, All their sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: ²⁹ but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal judgment: ³⁰ because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

³¹ There come then his brethren and his mother; and, standing without, they sent unto him, calling him. ³² And a multitude was sitting about him; and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother, and thy brethren, and thy sisters without seek for thee. ³³ And he answered

them, saying, Who is my mother or my brethren? ³⁴ And looking round on them that sat round about him, he saith, Behold, my mother and my brethren! ³⁵ For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

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¹ And again he began to teach by the seaside. And there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into the boat, and sat in the sea; and all the multitude was by the sea on the land. ² And he taught them many things in parables, and said unto them in his teaching, ³ Hearken: Behold, the sower went forth to sow: ⁴ and it came to pass, as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵ And other fell on the rocky *ground*, where it had not much earth; and straightaway it sprang up, because it had no deepness of earth: ⁶ but when the sun was risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ And other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. ⁸ And other fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing; and brought forth, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold. ⁹ And he said, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰ And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. ¹¹ And he said unto them, Unto you is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things are done in parables: ¹² that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest haply they should turn again, and their sins should be forgiven them. ¹³ And he saith unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how shall ye know all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower soweth the word. ¹⁵ And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown; and when they have heard, straightaway cometh Satan, and taketh away the word which hath been sown in their hearts. ¹⁶ And these in like manner are they that are sown upon the rocky *places*, who, when they have heard the word, straightaway receive it with joy; ¹⁷ and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightaway they stumble. ¹⁸ And these are they that are sown among the thorns; such as hear the word, ¹⁹ and the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. ²⁰ And these are they that were sown upon the good ground; such as hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

²¹ And he said unto them, Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel, or under the bed, *and* not to be put on the stand? ²² For there is not anything hidden, which shall not be manifested; neither was *anything* made secret, but that it should come to light. ²³ If any man hath ears to hear, let him hear. ²⁴ And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you; and more shall be given unto you that hear. ²⁵ For whoso hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath.

²⁶ And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; ²⁷ and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. ²⁸ For the earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the fruit is ripe, straightaway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.

³⁰ And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, is less than all the seeds that are upon the earth, ³² yet when it is sown, groweth up, and becometh greater than all the herbs, and putteth out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow thereof.

³³ And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ and without a parable spake he not unto them: but privately to his disciples he expounded all things.

³⁵ And on that day, when even was come, he saith unto them, Let us go over unto the other side. ³⁶ And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other little boats also were with him. ³⁷ And there ariseth a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that it was now filling. ³⁸ And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they awake him, and say unto him, Teacher, carest thou not that we perish? ³⁹ And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? ⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

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¹ And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. ² And when he was come out of the boat, straightaway there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³ who had his dwelling in the tombs: and no man could bind him, no, not with a chain; ⁴ because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been rent asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: and no man had strength to tame him. ⁵ And always, night and day, in the mountains and in the tombs, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ But when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped him; ⁷ and crying out with a loud voice, he said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, torment me not. ⁸ For he said unto him, Come forth, thou unclean spirit, out of the man. ⁹ And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion; for we are many. ¹⁰ And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. ¹¹ Now there was there on the mountainside a great herd of swine feeding. ¹² And all the demons besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. ¹³ And straightaway Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into

the sea (and they were about two thousand); and they were drowned in the sea. ¹⁴ And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they came out to see what it was that had come to pass. ¹⁵ And they come to Jesus, and behold him that was possessed with demons sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind, *even* him that had the legion: and they were afraid. ¹⁶ And they that saw it declared unto them how it befell him that was possessed with demons, and concerning the swine. ¹⁷ And they began to beseech him to depart from their borders. ¹⁸ And when he was entered into the boat, he that had been possessed with demons besought him that he might be with him. ¹⁹ But Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and *how* he had mercy on thee. ²⁰ And he went his way, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men marveled.

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed over again in the boat unto the other side, a great multitude was gathered unto him; and he was by the sea. ²² And behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and seeing him, he falleth at his feet, ²³ and besought him much, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death: *I pray thee*, that thou come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be made whole; and she shall live. ²⁴ And he went with him; and a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him.

²⁵ And a certain woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, ²⁷ having heard of Jesus, came in the crowd behind, and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, If I touch but his garments, I shall be made whole. ²⁹ And straightaway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her plague. ³⁰ And straightaway Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power *proceeding* from him had gone forth, turned him about in the crowd, and said, Who touched my garments? ³¹ And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? ³² And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. ³³ But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. ³⁴ And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

³⁵ While he yet spake, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Teacher any further? ³⁶ But straightaway Jesus, when he heard the word that was spoken, saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not, only believe. ³⁷ And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue; and he beholdeth a tumult, *many* weeping and wailing greatly. ³⁹ And when he was entered in, he saith unto them, Why make ye a tumult, and weep? the child is not dead, but sleepeth. ⁴⁰ And they laughed him to scorn. But he, having put them all forth, taketh the father of the child and her mother and them that

were with him, and goeth in where the child was lying. ⁴¹ And taking the child by the hand, he saith unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise. ⁴² And straightaway the damsel rose up, and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were amazed with a great amazement. ⁴³ And he charged them much that no man should know this: and he commanded that *something* should be given her to eat.

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¹ And he went out from thence; and he came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. ² And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto him, *that* even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in him. ⁴ And Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. ⁵ And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went round about the villages teaching.

⁷ And he calleth unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits; ⁸ and he charged them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, save a staff only; no wallet, no bread, no money in their purse; ⁹ but *to go* shod with sandals: and, *said he*, Put not on two coats. ¹⁰ And he said unto them, Wheresoever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye depart thence. ¹¹ And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, as ye go forth thence, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony unto them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom or Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city. ¹² And they went out, and preached that *men* should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

¹⁴ And king Herod heard *thereof*; for his name had become known: and he said, John the Baptizer is risen from the dead, and therefore do these powers work in him. ¹⁵ Others said, It is Elijah. And others said, It is a prophet, as one of the prophets. ¹⁶ But Herod, when he heard *thereof*, said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. ¹⁸ For John said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. ¹⁹ And Herodias set herself against him, and desired to kill him; and she could not; ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he did many things; and he heard him gladly. ²¹ And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, and the high captains, and the chief men of Galilee; ²² and when the daughter of Herodias herself

came in and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat at meat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. ²³ And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. ²⁴ And she went out, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. ²⁵ And she came in straightaway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me forthwith on a platter the head of John the Baptist. ²⁶ And the king was exceeding sorry; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat with him, he would not reject her. ²⁷ And straightaway the king sent forth a soldier of his guard, and commanded his head to be brought: ²⁸ and he went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother. ²⁹ And when his disciples heard *thereof*, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

³⁰ And the apostles gather themselves together unto Jesus; and they told him all things, even whatsoever they had done, and whatsoever they had taught. ³¹ And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while. For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. ³² And they went away to a desert place by boat privately. ³³ And *the people* saw them going, and many knew him, and they ran together there on foot from all the cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. ³⁴ And Jesus, when he came forth, saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when the day was now far spent, his disciples having come unto him say, The place is desert, and the day is now far spent; ³⁶ send them away, that they may go into the country and villages round about, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. ³⁷ But he answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give them to eat? ³⁸ And he saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fish. ³⁹ And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. ⁴⁰ And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. ⁴¹ And he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake the loaves; and he gave to his disciples to set before them; and the two fish divided he among them all. ⁴² And they all ate, and were filled. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces, and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And they that ate the loaves were five thousand men.

⁴⁵ And straightaway he constrained his disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before *him* unto the other side to Bethsaida, while he himself sent the multitude away. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he departed into the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when even was come, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw them distressed in rowing, for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking on the sea; and he would have passed by them: ⁴⁹ but they, when they saw him walking on the sea, supposed it to be a

ghost, and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw him, and were troubled. And straightaway he spake with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. ⁵¹ And he went up unto them into the boat; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled; ⁵² for they understood not concerning the loaves, for their heart was hardened.

⁵³ And when they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they were come out of the boat, straightaway *the people* knew him, ⁵⁵ and having run round about that whole surrounding region, they began to carry about on their beds those that were sick, thither where they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wheresoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

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¹ And there are gathered together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem: ² and when they saw some of his disciples eating bread with defiled, that is, unwashed, hands, they found fault. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands diligently, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and *when they come* from the marketplace, except they bathe themselves, they eat not; and many other things there are, which they have received to hold, washings of cups, and pots, and brazen vessels, and couches.) ⁵ Then the Pharisees and the scribes ask him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with unwashed hands? ⁶ And he answered and said unto them, Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoreth me with their lips, But their heart is far from me.

⁷ But in vain do they worship me,

Teaching *as their* doctrines the precepts of men.

⁸ For leaving the commandment of God, ye hold fast the tradition of men, washings of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. ⁹ And he said unto them, Full well do ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition. ¹⁰ For Moses said, Honor thy father and thy mother; and, He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him die the death: ¹¹ but ye say, If a man shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is Corban, that is to say, Given *to God*; ¹² and ye no longer suffer him to do aught for his father or his mother; ¹³ making void the word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things ye do. ¹⁴ And he called to him all the multitude, and said unto them, Hear me all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing from without the man, that going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of him, those are they that defile the man. ¹⁶ If any man hath ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁷ And when he was entered into a house from the multitude, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. ¹⁸ And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Perceive ye not, that whatsoever from without goeth into the man, *it* cannot defile

him; ¹⁹ because it goeth not into his heart, but into his belly, and goeth out into the draft, making all meats clean? ²⁰ And he said, That which proceedeth out of the man, that defileth the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: ²³ all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.

²⁴ And from thence he arose, and went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered into a house, and would have no man know it; and he could not be hidden. ²⁵ For a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by race. And she besought him that he would cast forth the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. ²⁸ But she answered and saith unto him, Yea, Lord; for even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. ²⁹ And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the demon is gone out of thy daughter. ³⁰ And she went away unto her house, and found the demon gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

³¹ And again he went out from the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the borders of Decapolis. ³² And they bring unto him deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to lay his hand upon him. ³³ And he took him aside from the multitude privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue; ³⁴ and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. ³⁵ And straightaway his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. ³⁶ And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it. ³⁷ And they were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

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¹ In those days, when there was a very great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, ² I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: ³ and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way; for some of them are come from far. ⁴ And his disciples answered him, Whence shall one be able to fill these men with bread here in a desert place? ⁵ And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. ⁶ And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. ⁷ And they had a few small fish: and having blessed *them*, he commanded to set them also before them. ⁸ And they ate, and were filled: and they took up, of broken pieces that remained over, seven baskets. ⁹ And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he

sent them away. ¹⁰ And straightaway he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

¹¹ And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, trying him. ¹² And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation. ¹³ And he left them, and entering again into a boat departed to the other side.

¹⁴ And they forgot to take bread; and they had not in the boat with them more than one loaf. ¹⁵ And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. ¹⁶ And they reasoned one with another, saying, We have no bread. ¹⁷ And Jesus perceiving it saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? do ye not yet perceive, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? ¹⁸ Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? ¹⁹ When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. ²⁰ And when the seven among the four thousand, how many basketfuls of broken pieces took ye up? And they said, Seven. ²¹ And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

²² And he cometh unto Bethsaida. And they bring to him a blind man, and beseech him to touch him. ²³ And he took hold of the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught. ²⁴ And he looked up, and said, I see men; for I behold *them* as trees, walking. ²⁵ Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw them all clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him away to his home, saying, Neither enter into the village, nor tell *it* to anyone in the village.

²⁷ And Jesus went forth, and his disciples, into the villages of Caesarea Philippi: and on the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Who do men say that I am? ²⁸ And they answered, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but others, One of the prophets. ²⁹ And he saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. ³⁰ And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

³¹ And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he spake the saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. ³³ But he turning about, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan; for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. ³⁴ And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, Whosoever will follow after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his own life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. ³⁶ For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? ³⁷ Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? ³⁸ For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful

generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

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¹ And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power.

² And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them; ³ and his garments became glistering, exceeding white as snow, so as no fuller on earth can whiten them. ⁴ And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter answereth and saith to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. ⁶ For he knew not what he should say; for they were sore afraid. ⁷ And there came a cloud overshadowing them: and there came a voice out of the cloud, This is my beloved Son: hear ye him. ⁸ And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one anymore, but Jesus only with themselves.

⁹ And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Son of man should have risen again from the dead. ¹⁰ And they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean. ¹¹ And they asked him, saying, *How is it* that the scribes say that Elijah must first come? ¹² And he answered and said unto them, Elijah indeed cometh first, and restoreth all things: and how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and be set at nought? ¹³ But I say unto you, that Elijah is come, and they have also done unto him whatsoever they would, even as it is written of him.

¹⁴ And when he came to the disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and scribes questioning with them. ¹⁵ And straightaway all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. ¹⁶ And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? ¹⁷ And one of the multitude answered and said, Teacher, I brought unto thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; ¹⁸ and wheresoever it taketh him, it dasheth him down: and he foameth, and grindeth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able. ¹⁹ And he answereth him and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him unto me. ²⁰ And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightaway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. ²¹ And he asked his father, How long a time is it since this hath come unto him? And he said, From a child. ²² And oftentimes it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. ²³ And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. ²⁴ And straightaway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, I believe, Lord; help thou mine unbelief. ²⁵ And when Jesus

saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. ²⁶ And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out: and *the boy* became as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose. ²⁸ And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, *How is it* that we could not cast it out? ²⁹ And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer and fasting.

³⁰ And they went forth from thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. ³¹ For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after he is killed, he shall rise again the third day. ³² But they understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And he came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house he asked them, What were ye reasoning among yourselves on the way? ³⁴ But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another on the way, who *was* the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he saith unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all. ³⁶ And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them: and taking him in his arms, he said unto them, ³⁷ Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

³⁸ And John answered him, saying, Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in thy name, who followeth not us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us. ³⁹ But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man who shall do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For he that is not against you is for you. ⁴¹ For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye are Christ's, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. ⁴² And whosoever shall cause one of the little ones that believe on me to stumble, it were better for him if a millstone were hung about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. ⁴³ And if thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having thy two hands to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire; ⁴⁴ where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁵ And if thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life halt, rather than having thy two feet to be cast into hell, into the unquenchable fire; ⁴⁶ where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁷ And if thine eye cause thee to stumble, cast it out: it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire; ⁴⁸ where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. ⁴⁹ For everyone shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. ⁵⁰ Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.

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¹ And he arose from thence, and cometh into the borders of Judea by the other side of the Jordan: and multitudes come together unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

² And there came unto him Pharisees, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife? trying him. ³ And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? ⁴ And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. ⁵ And Jesus answered and said unto them, For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. ⁷ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh: so that they are no more two, but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. ¹⁰ And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. ¹¹ And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her: ¹² and if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

¹³ And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked those that brought *them*. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms, laid his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¹⁷ And as he was going forth into the way, there ran one to him, and knelt to him, and asked him, Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? ¹⁸ And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good save one, *even* God. ¹⁹ Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor thy father and mother. ²⁰ And he answered and said unto him, Teacher, all these things have I observed from my youth. ²¹ And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me, taking up the cross. ²² But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁶ And they were astonished exceedingly, saying among themselves, Then who can be saved? ²⁷ And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God. ²⁸ Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have

left all, and followed thee. ²⁹ Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's sake, ³⁰ but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. ³¹ But many *that are* first shall be last; and last first.

³² And they were on the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were to happen unto him, ³³ *saying*, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles: ³⁴ and they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him; and the third day he shall rise again.

³⁵ And there come near unto him James and John, the sons of Zebedee, saying, Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall ask. ³⁶ And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? ³⁷ And they said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy glory. ³⁸ But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I drink? and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? ³⁹ And they said unto him, We are able. And Jesus said unto them, The cup that I drink indeed ye shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: ⁴⁰ but to sit on my right hand and on *my* left hand is not mine to give; but *it is for them* for whom it hath been prepared. ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved with indignation concerning James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they who are accounted to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever would become great among you, shall be your minister; ⁴⁴ and whosoever would become first among you, shall be servant of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

⁴⁶ And they come to Jericho: and as he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, a son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus the blind *man*, was sitting by the wayside begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me. ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁹ And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good cheer: rise, he calleth thee. ⁵⁰ And he, casting away his garment, rose up, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus answereth, and saith unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And the blind man said unto him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight. ⁵² And Jesus said unto

him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And straightaway he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

11

¹ And when they draw nigh unto Jerusalem, unto Bethsphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth two of his disciples, ² and saith unto them, Go your way into the village that is over against you: and straightaway as ye enter into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man hath ever sat; loose him, and bring him. ³ And if anyone say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightaway he will send him hither. ⁴ And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door without in the open street; and they loose him. ⁵ And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? ⁶ And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt unto Jesus, and cast on him their garments; and he sat upon him. ⁸ And many spread their garments upon the way; and others cut branches from the trees, and spread them in the way. ⁹ And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna;

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David,

That cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

¹¹ And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things, it being now eventide, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

¹² And on the morrow, when they were come out from Bethany, he hungered. ¹³ And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season of figs. ¹⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit from thee henceforward forever. And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵ And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; ¹⁶ and he would not suffer that any man should carry a vessel through the temple. ¹⁷ And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? but ye have made it a den of robbers. ¹⁸ And the scribes and the chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching.

¹⁹ And when even was come, he went forth out of the city.

²⁰ And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. ²¹ And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. ²² And answering, Jesus saith unto them, Have faith in God. ²³ For verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith cometh

to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. ²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye ask for, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. ²⁵ And whensoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against anyone; that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

²⁷ And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders; ²⁸ and they say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things? ²⁹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. ³⁰ The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? answer me. ³¹ And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? ³² But should we say, From men—they feared the people: for all held John to be a prophet indeed. ³³ And they answer and say unto Jesus, We know not. And Jesus answereth and saith unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

12

¹ And he began to speak unto them in parables. A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and dug a pit for the winepress, and built a tower; and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country. ² And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. ⁴ And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled. ⁵ And again he sent another; and him they killed: and many others; beating some, and killing some. ⁶ Having yet therefore one son, his well-beloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son. ⁷ But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. ⁸ And they took him, and killed him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard. ⁹ What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. ¹⁰ Have ye not read even this scripture:

The stone which the builders rejected,
The same was made the head of the corner;

¹¹ This was from the Lord,
And it is marvelous in our eyes?

¹² And they sought to lay hold on him; and they feared the multitude; for they perceived that he spake the parable against them: and they left him, and went away.

¹³ And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, that they might catch him in talk. ¹⁴ And when they were come, they say unto him, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and carest not for anyone; for thou regardest not the person of men, but of a truth teachest the way of God: Is it lawful to give tribute unto

Caesar, or not? ¹⁵ Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why make ye trial of me? bring me a denarius, that I may see it. ¹⁶ And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. And they marveled at him.

¹⁸ And there come unto him Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying, ¹⁹ Teacher, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave a wife behind him, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed; ²¹ and the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed; and the third likewise: ²² and the seven took her, and left no seed. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they shall rise again, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. ²⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Is it not for this cause that ye err, that ye know not the scriptures, nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels that are in heaven. ²⁶ But as touching the dead, that they are raised; have ye not read in the book of Moses, in *the place concerning* the Bush, how God spake unto him, saying, I *am* the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? ²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

²⁸ And one of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together, and knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? ²⁹ And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God, the Lord is one: ³⁰ and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹ And a second like it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. ³² And the scribe said unto him, Of a truth, Teacher, thou hast well said that he is one; and there is none other but he: ³³ and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

³⁵ And Jesus answered and said, as he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶ for David himself said in the Holy Spirit,

The Lord saith unto my Lord,

Sit thou on my right hand,

Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

³⁷ David himself therefore calleth him Lord; and whence is he his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

³⁸ And he said unto them in his teaching, Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and *to have* salutations in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at feasts: ⁴⁰ they that devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers; these shall receive greater condemnation.

⁴¹ And Jesus sat down over against the treasury, and beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. ⁴² And there came a poor widow, and she cast in two mites, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, This poor widow hath cast in more than all they that are casting into the treasury: ⁴⁴ for they all did cast in of their superfluity; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

13

¹ And as he went forth out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Teacher, behold, what manner of stones and what manner of buildings! ² And Jesus answered and said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down.

³ And as he sat on the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished? ⁵ And Jesus answered them and began to say, Take heed that no man lead you astray. ⁶ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am *he*; and shall lead many astray. ⁷ And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled: for *these things* must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. ⁸ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in diverse places; and there shall be famines and troubles: these things are the beginnings of travail.

⁹ But take ye heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in synagogues shall ye be beaten; and before governors and kings shall ye stand for my sake, for a testimony unto them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached unto all the nations. ¹¹ But when they shall lead you *to judgment*, and deliver you up, be not anxious beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. ¹³ And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

¹⁴ But when ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where he ought not (let him that readeth understand), then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains: ¹⁵ and let him that is on the housetop not go down to the house, nor enter in, to take anything out of his house: ¹⁶ and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak. ¹⁷ But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! ¹⁸ And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. ¹⁹ For those

days shall be tribulation, such as there hath not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never shall be. ²⁰ And except the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved; but for the elect's sake, whom he chose, he shortened the days. ²¹ Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ; or, Lo, there; believe *it* not: ²² for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²³ But take ye heed: behold, I have told you all things beforehand.

²⁴ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, ²⁵ and the stars of heaven shall be falling, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken. ²⁶ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then shall he send forth his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

²⁸ Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; ²⁹ even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that he is nigh, *even* at the doors. ³⁰ Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, until all these things be accomplished. ³¹ Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. ³² But of that day or hour knoweth no one, not even the angels that are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

³³ Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. ³⁴ *It is as when* a man, sojourning in another country, having left his house, and given authority to his servants, and to each one his work, commanded also the porter to watch. ³⁵ Watch therefore: for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning; ³⁶ lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. ³⁷ And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

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¹ Now after two days was *the feast of* the passover and the unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him with subtlety, and kill him: ² but they said, Not during the feast, lest haply there shall be a tumult of the people.

³ And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster cruse of ointment of pure nard very costly; and she brake the cruse, and poured it over his head. ⁴ But there were some that had indignation among themselves, and saying, To what purpose hath this waste of the ointment been made? ⁵ For this might have been sold for above three hundred denarii, and given to the poor. And they murmured against her. ⁶ But Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. ⁷ For ye have the poor always with you, and whensoever ye will ye can do them good: but me ye have not always. ⁸ She hath done what she could; she hath anointed my body beforehand for the burying. ⁹ Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this

gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

¹⁰ And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went away unto the chief priests, that he might deliver him unto them. ¹¹ And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently deliver him *unto them*.

¹² And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the passover, his disciples say unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and make ready that thou mayest eat the passover? ¹³ And he sendeth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him; ¹⁴ and wheresoever he shall enter in, say to the master of the house, The Teacher saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? ¹⁵ And he will himself show you a large upper room furnished *and* ready: there make ready for us. ¹⁶ And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening he cometh with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they sat and were eating, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you shall betray me, *even* he that eateth with me. ¹⁹ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another, Is it I? ²⁰ And he answered and said unto them, *It is* one of the twelve, he that dippeth with me in the dish. ²¹ The Son of man indeed goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had not been born.

²² And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. ²³ And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them: and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Verily I say unto you, I shall no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.

²⁷ And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended in me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered abroad. ²⁸ Howbeit, after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee. ²⁹ But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I. ³⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that thou today, *even* in this night, before the cock crow twice, shalt deny me thrice. ³¹ But he spake the more vehemently, If I must die with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner also said they all.

³² And they come unto a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I pray. ³³ And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly amazed, and sore troubled. ³⁴ And he saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death: abide ye here, and watch. ³⁵ And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. ³⁶ And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; remove this cup from

me: howbeit not what I will, but what thou wilt. ³⁷ And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest thou not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. ³⁹ And again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And when he returned, he found them sleeping again, for their eyes were heavy; and they knew not what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Arise, let us be going: behold, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

⁴³ And straightaway, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, being one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; take him, and lead him away safely. ⁴⁵ And when he was come, straightaway he came to him, and saith unto him, Rabbi, Rabbi; and kissed him. ⁴⁶ And they laid their hands on him, and took him. ⁴⁷ But a certain one of them that stood by drew his sword, and smote the servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves to seize me? ⁴⁹ I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but *this is done* that the scriptures might be fulfilled. ⁵⁰ And they all left him, and fled.

⁵¹ And a certain young man followed him, having a linen cloth cast about him, over *his* naked *body*: and the young men lay hold on him; ⁵² but he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

⁵³ And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and there come together with him all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. ⁵⁴ And Peter had followed him afar off, even within, into the court of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers, and warming himself in the light of the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council sought witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found it not. ⁵⁶ For many bare false witness against him, and their witness agreed not together. ⁵⁷ And there stood up certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, ⁵⁸ We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands. ⁵⁹ And not even so did their witness agree together. ⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? ⁶¹ But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and saith unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? ⁶² And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. ⁶³ And the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What further need have we of witnesses? ⁶⁴ Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be worthy of death. ⁶⁵ And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the officers did strike him with the palms of their hands.

⁶⁶ And as Peter was in the court beneath, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest; ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and saith, Thou also wast with the Nazarene, *even* Jesus. ⁶⁸ But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest: and he went out into the porch; and the cock crowed. ⁶⁹ And the maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is *one* of them. ⁷⁰ But he again denied it. And after a little while again they that stood by said to Peter, Of a truth thou art *one* of them; for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech is alike. ⁷¹ But he began to curse, and to swear, I know not this man of whom ye speak. ⁷² And the second time the cock crowed. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

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¹ And straightaway in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him up to Pilate. ² And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered and said unto him, Thou sayest. ³ And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ And Pilate again asked him, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. ⁵ But Jesus no more answered anything; insomuch that Pilate marveled.

⁶ Now at the feast he used to release unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they asked *of him*. ⁷ And there was one called Barabbas, *lying* bound with them that had made insurrection with him, men who in the insurrection had committed murder. ⁸ And the multitude cried out and began to ask him *to do* unto them as he had always done. ⁹ And Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? ¹⁰ For he perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the multitude, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. ¹² And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call King of the Jews? ¹³ And they cried out again, Crucify him. ¹⁴ And Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. ¹⁵ And Pilate, wishing to content the multitude, released unto them Barabbas, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

¹⁶ And the soldiers led him away within the court, which is the Praetorium; and they call together the whole band. ¹⁷ And they clothe him with purple, and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on him; ¹⁸ and they began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! ¹⁹ And they smote his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and bowing their knees worshiped him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple, and put on him his own garments. And they lead him out to crucify him.

²¹ And they compel one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go *with them*, that he might bear his cross.

²² And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. ²³ And they gave him wine to drink

mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. ²⁴ And when they had crucified him, they part his garments among them, casting lots upon them, what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. ²⁶ And the superscription of his accusation was written above, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷ And with him they crucify two robbers; one on his right hand, and one on his left. ²⁸ And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was reckoned with transgressors ²⁹ And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ha! thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, ³⁰ save thyself, and come down from the cross. ³¹ In like manner also the chief priests mocking *him* among themselves with the scribes said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe him. And they that were crucified with him reproached him.

³³ And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lima sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ³⁵ And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elijah. ³⁶ And one ran, and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let be; let us see whether Elijah cometh to take him down. ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. ³⁸ And the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood by over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. ⁴⁰ And there were also women beholding from afar: among whom were both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; ⁴¹ who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women that came up with him unto Jerusalem.

⁴² And when even was now come, because it was the Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³ there came Joseph of Arimathea, a councilor of honorable estate, who also himself was looking for the kingdom of God; and he boldly went in unto Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ And Pilate wondered if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned it of the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And he bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld where he was laid.

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¹ And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun was risen. ³ And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb? ⁴ and looking up, they see that the stone is rolled away for it

was exceeding great. ⁵ And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed. ⁶ And he saith unto them, Be not amazed: ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who hath been crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold, the place where they laid him! ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. ⁸ And they went out, and fled from the tomb; and trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to anyone; for they were afraid.

⁹ Now when he was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹ And they, when they heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, disbelieved.

¹² And after these things he was manifested in another form unto two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country. ¹³ And they went away and told it unto the rest: neither believed they them.

¹⁴ Afterward he was manifested unto the eleven themselves as they sat at meat; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he was risen. ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

¹⁹ So then the Lord, after he had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

¹ Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, ² even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, ³ it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed.

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the course of Abijah: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷ And they had no child, because that Elizabeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.

⁸ Now it came to pass, while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, ⁹ according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw *him*, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zechariah: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. ¹⁴ And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And many of the children of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he shall go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient *to walk* in the wisdom of the just; to make ready for the Lord a people prepared *for him*. ¹⁸ And Zechariah said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. ¹⁹ And the angel answered and said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. ²⁰ And behold, thou shalt be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they marveled while he tarried in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: and he continued making signs unto them, and remained dumb. ²³ And it came to pass, when the days of his ministration were fulfilled, he departed unto his house.

²⁴ And after these days Elizabeth his wife conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵ Thus hath the Lord done unto me in the days wherein he looked upon *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. ²⁹ And when she saw *him*, she was greatly troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. ³² He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: ³³ and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. ³⁴ And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? ³⁵ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, Elizabeth thy kinswoman, she also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her that was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing shall be impossible with God. ³⁸ And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

³⁹ And Mary arose in these days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; ⁴⁰ and entered into the house of Zechariah and saluted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it came to pass, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; ⁴² and she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb. ⁴³ And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come unto me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the voice of thy salutation came into mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed *is* she that believed; for there shall be a fulfillment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord. ⁴⁶ And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ For he hath looked upon the low estate of his handmaid:
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

⁴⁹ For he that is mighty hath done to me great things;
And holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is unto generations of generations
On them that fear him.

⁵¹ He hath shown strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart.

⁵² He hath put down princes from *their* thrones,
And hath exalted them of low degree.

⁵³ The hungry he hath filled with good things;

And the rich he hath sent empty away.

⁵⁴ He hath given help to Israel his servant,
That he might remember mercy

⁵⁵ (As he spake unto our fathers)

Toward Abraham and his seed forever.

⁵⁶ And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned unto her house.

⁵⁷ Now Elizabeth's time was fulfilled that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. ⁵⁸ And her neighbors and her kinsfolk heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy toward her; and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And it came to pass on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him Zechariah, after the name of his father. ⁶⁰ And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. ⁶¹ And they said unto her, There is none among thy kindred that is called by this name. ⁶² And they made signs to his father, what he would have him called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marveled all. ⁶⁴ And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue *loosed*, and he spake, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ And all that heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, What then shall this child be? And the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ Blessed *be* the Lord, the God of Israel;

For he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people,

⁶⁹ And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old),

⁷¹ Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

⁷² To show mercy toward our fathers,

And to remember his holy covenant;

⁷³ The oath which he sware unto Abraham our father,

To grant unto us ⁷⁴ that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies

Should serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

⁷⁶ And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High:

For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways;

⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation unto his people

In the remission of their sins,

⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God,

Whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

⁷⁹ To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death;

To guide our feet into the way of peace.

⁸⁰ And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel.

2

¹ Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. ² This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; ⁵ to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him *as his wife*, being great with child. ⁶ And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. ⁹ And lo, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: ¹¹ for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *is* the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in the manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good pleasure among men.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, that the men, the shepherds, said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known abroad concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child. ¹⁸ And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

²¹ And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called JESUS, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²² And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. ²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought

in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, ²⁸ then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

²⁹ Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Lord,

According to thy word, in peace;

³⁰ For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

³¹ Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples;

³² A light for revelation to the Gentiles,

And the glory of thy people Israel.

³³ And Joseph and his mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him; ³⁴ and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against; ³⁵ yea and a sword shall pierce through thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed. ³⁶ And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, ³⁷ and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years), who departed not from the temple, worshiping with fastings and supplications night and day. ³⁸ And she, coming up at that very hour, gave thanks unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that were looking for redemption in Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

⁴⁰ And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

⁴¹ And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast; ⁴³ and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew it not; ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and among their acquaintance: ⁴⁵ and when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. ⁴⁶ And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions: ⁴⁷ and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when they saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing. ⁴⁹ And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? knew ye not that I must be in my Father's house? ⁵⁰ And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

3

¹ Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee,

and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came unto John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he came into all the region round about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins; ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;
And the crooked shall become straight,
And the rough ways smooth;

⁶ And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

⁷ He said therefore to the multitudes that went out to be baptized of him, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. ⁹ And even now the axe also lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ¹⁰ And the multitudes asked him, saying, What then shall we do? ¹¹ And he answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath food, let him do likewise. ¹² And there came also publicans to be baptized, and they said unto him, Teacher, what shall we do? ¹³ And he said unto them, Extort no more than that which is appointed you. ¹⁴ And soldiers also asked him, saying, And we, what shall we do? And he said unto them, Extort from no man by violence, neither accuse *anyone* wrongfully; and be content with your wages.

¹⁵ And as the people were in expectation, and all men reasoned in their hearts concerning John, whether haply he were the Christ; ¹⁶ John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and *in* fire: ¹⁷ whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.

¹⁸ With many other exhortations therefore preached he good tidings unto the people; ¹⁹ but Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother's wife, and for all the evil things which Herod had done, ²⁰ added this also to them all, that he shut up John in the prison.

²¹ Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that, Jesus also having been baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

²³ And Jesus himself, when he began *to teach*, was about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the *son* of Heli, ²⁴ the

son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, ²⁵ the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, ²⁶ the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, ²⁷ the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, ²⁸ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er, ²⁹ the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, ³⁰ the son of Simeon, the son of Judas, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, ³¹ the son of Melea, the son of Mainan, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, ³² the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, ³³ the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, ³⁴ the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, ³⁵ the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, ³⁶ the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷ the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸ the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led in the Spirit into the wilderness ² during forty days, being tempted of the devil. And he did eat nothing in those days: and when they were completed, he afterward hungered. ³ And the devil said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command this stone that it become bread. ⁴ And Jesus answered unto him, saying, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. ⁵ And the devil, leading him up into a high mountain, showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said unto him, To thee will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: for it hath been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. ⁷ If thou therefore wilt worship before me, it shall all be thine. ⁸ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ⁹ And he led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: ¹⁰ for it is written,

He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee:

¹¹ and,

On their hands they shall bear thee up,

Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹² And Jesus answered and said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God.

¹³ And when the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him for a season.

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame went out concerning him through all the region round about.

¹⁵ And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And there was delivered unto him the book of Isaiah the prophet. And he unrolled the book, and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor:
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

²⁰ And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ And he began to say unto them, Today hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears. ²² And all bare him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son? ²³ And he said unto them, Doubtless ye will say unto me this parable, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thine own country. ²⁴ And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is acceptable in his own country. ²⁵ But of a truth I say unto you, There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; ²⁶ and unto none of them was Elijah sent, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian. ²⁸ And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things; ²⁹ and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. ³⁰ But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

³¹ And he came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the sabbath day: ³² and they were astonished at his teaching; for his word was with authority. ³³ And in the synagogue there was a man, that had a spirit of an unclean demon; and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ saying, Ah! what have we to do with thee, Jesus thou Nazarene? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. ³⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no hurt. ³⁶ And amazement came upon all, and they spake together, one with another, saying, What is this word, that with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out? ³⁷ And there went forth a rumor concerning him into every place of the region round about.

³⁸ And he rose up out of the synagogue, and entered into the house of Simon. And Simon's wife's mother was holden with a great fever; and they besought him for her. ³⁹ And he stood over her, and rebuked

the fever; and it left her: and immediately she rose up and ministered unto them.

⁴⁰ And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with diverse diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Christ, the Son of God. And rebuking them, he suffered them not to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴² And when it was day, he came out and went into a desert place: and the multitudes sought after him, and came unto him, and would have stayed him, that he should not go from them. ⁴³ But he said unto them, I must preach the good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also: for to this end am I sent.

⁴⁴ And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

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¹ Now it came to pass, while the multitude pressed upon him to hear the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; ² and he saw two boats standing by the lake: but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets. ³ And he entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes out of the boat. ⁴ And when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draft. ⁵ And Simon answered and said unto him, Master, we toiled the whole night, and took nothing: but at thy word I will let down the net. ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish; and their net was breaking; ⁷ and they beckoned unto their partners, who were in the other boat, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. ⁹ For he was amazed, and all that were with him, at the draft of the fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so were also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all, and followed him.

¹² And it came to pass, while he was in one of the cities, behold, a man full of leprosy: and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. ¹³ And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightaway the leprosy departed from him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no man: but go thy way, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. ¹⁵ But so much the more went abroad the report concerning him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ But he withdrew himself in the deserts, and prayed.

¹⁷ And it came to pass on one of those days, that he was teaching; and there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, who were come out of every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem: and the power

of the Lord was *present* to heal them. ¹⁸ And behold, men bring on a bed a man that was palsied: and they sought to bring him in, and to lay him before him. ¹⁹ And not finding by what *way* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went up to the housetop, and let him down through the tiles with his couch into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And seeing their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? ²² But Jesus perceiving their reasonings, answered and said unto them, Why reason ye in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk? ²⁴ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he said unto him that was palsied), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go unto thy house. ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his house, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God; and they were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today.

²⁷ And after these things he went forth, and beheld a publican, named Levi, sitting at the place of toll, and said unto him, Follow me. ²⁸ And he forsook all, and rose up and followed him.

²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his house: and there was a great multitude of publicans and of others that were sitting at meat with them. ³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with the publicans and sinners? ³¹ And Jesus answered and said unto them, They that are in health have no need of a physician; but they that are sick. ³² I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

³³ And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make supplications; likewise also the *disciples* of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink? ³⁴ And he said unto them, Can ye make the sons of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵ But the days will come; and when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then will they fast in those days. ³⁶ And he spake also a parable unto them: No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old garment; else he rendeth the new, and also the *piece* from the new agreeth not with the old. ³⁷ And no man putteth new wine into old wineskins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and itself will be spilled, and the skins will perish. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins; and both are preserved. ³⁹ And no man having drunk old *wine* straightaway desireth new; for he saith, The old is better.

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¹ Now it came to pass on a second-first sabbath, that he was going through the grainfields; and his disciples plucked the ears, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands. ² But certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which it is not lawful to do on the sabbath day? ³ And Jesus answered them and said, Have ye not read even this, what David did, when he was hungry, he, and they that were with him; ⁴ how he entered into the house of God, and took and ate the showbread, and

gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests alone? ⁵ And he said unto them, The Son of man is lord even of the sabbath.

⁶ And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered. ⁷ And the scribes and the Pharisees watched, whether he would heal on the sabbath; that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man that had his hand withered, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. ⁹ Then Jesus said unto them, I will ask you something, Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good, or to do harm? to save a life, or to kill? ¹⁰ And he looked round about on them all, and said unto him, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other. ¹¹ But they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

¹² And it came to pass in these days, that he went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to God. ¹³ And when it was day, he called his disciples; and he chose from them twelve, whom also he named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew and Thomas, James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas *the son* of James, and Judas Iscariot, who also became a traitor; ¹⁷ and he came down with them, and stood on a level place, and a multitude of his disciples, and a great number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; ¹⁸ and they that were vexed by unclean spirits: and they were healed. ¹⁹ And all the multitude sought to touch him; for power came forth from him, and healed *them* all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *are* ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed *are* ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are* ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. ²² Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap *for joy*: for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same manner did their fathers unto the prophets. ²⁴ But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. ²⁵ Woe unto you, ye that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you, ye that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe, when men shall speak well of you! for in the same manner did their fathers to the false prophets.

²⁷ But I say unto you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, ²⁸ bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. ²⁹ To him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and from him that taketh away thy cloak withhold not thy coat also. ³⁰ And give to everyone that asketh thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. ³¹ And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. ³² And if ye love them that love you, what thank have ye? for even sinners love

those that love them. ³³ And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? for even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive back, what thank have ye? for even sinners lend to sinners, to receive again as much. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do *them* good, and lend, never despairing; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be sons of the Most High: for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. ³⁶ Be ye therefore merciful, even as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ And judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: release, and ye shall be released: ³⁸ give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with the same measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.

³⁹ And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind guide the blind? shall they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ The disciple is not above his teacher: but everyone when he is perfected shall be as his teacher. ⁴¹ And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not thy brother, Brother, let me cast out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. ⁴³ For there is no good tree that bringeth forth corrupt fruit; nor a corrupt tree that bringeth forth good fruit. ⁴⁴ For each tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. ⁴⁵ The good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

⁴⁶ And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? ⁴⁷ Everyone that cometh unto me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock: and when a flood arose, the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: for it had been founded upon the rock. ⁴⁹ But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation; against which the stream brake, and straightaway it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

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¹ Now when he had ended all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

² And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick and at the point of death. ³ And when he heard concerning Jesus, he sent unto him elders of the Jews, asking him that he would come and save his servant. ⁴ And they, when they came to Jesus, besought him earnestly, saying, He is worthy that thou shouldst do this for him; ⁵ for he loveth our nation, and himself built us our synagogue. ⁶ And Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not

thyself; for I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: ⁷ wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say the word, and my servant shall be healed. ⁸ For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. ⁹ And when Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. ¹⁰ And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

¹¹ And it came to pass on the next day, that he went to a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and a great multitude. ¹² Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, there was carried out one that was dead, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. ¹⁴ And he came nigh and touched the bier: and the bearers stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. ¹⁵ And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ And fear took hold on all: and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet is arisen among us: and, God hath visited his people. ¹⁷ And this report went forth concerning him in the whole of Judea, and in all the region round about.

¹⁸ And the disciples of John told him of all these things. ¹⁹ And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? ²⁰ And when the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? ²¹ And in that same hour he cured many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits; and on many that were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye have seen and heard; that the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good tidings preached to them. ²³ And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.

²⁴ And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind? ²⁵ But what went ye out to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that are gorgeously appareled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. ²⁶ But what went ye out to see? a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, Who shall prepare thy way before thee.

²⁸ For I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: yet he that is but little in the kingdom of God is greater than he. ²⁹ And all the people when they heard, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him.

³¹ Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation, and to what are they like? ³² They are like unto children that sit in the marketplace, and call one to another, and say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed unto you, and ye did not weep. ³³ For John the Baptist is come eating no bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a demon. ³⁴ The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! ³⁵ And wisdom is justified of all her children.

³⁶ And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him, and he entered into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. ³⁷ And behold, a woman in the city, who was a sinner, when she knew that he was sitting at meat in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster cruse of ointment, ³⁸ and standing at his feet behind *him*, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee that had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him, that she is a sinner. ⁴⁰ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Teacher, say on. ⁴¹ A certain lender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² And when they had not *wherewith* to pay, he forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? ⁴³ And Simon answered and said, He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. ⁴⁴ And turning to the woman, he said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thy house, thou gavest no water for my feet: but she hath wetted my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵ Thou gavest me no kiss: but she, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but she hath anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little. ⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. ⁴⁹ And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that even forgiveth sins? ⁵⁰ And he said unto the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

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¹ And it came to pass soon afterward, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good tidings of the kingdom of God, and with him the twelve, ² and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered unto them of their substance.

⁴ And when a great multitude came together, and they of every city resorted unto him, he spake by a parable: ⁵ The sower went forth to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trodden under foot, and the birds of the heaven devoured it. ⁶ And other fell on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And other fell amidst the thorns; and the thorns

grew with it, and choked it. ⁸ And other fell into the good ground, and grew, and brought forth fruit a hundredfold. As he said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

⁹ And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? ¹⁰ And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to the rest in parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² And those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And those on the rock *are* they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection. ¹⁵ And that in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bring forth fruit with patience.

¹⁶ And no man, when he hath lighted a lamp, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but putteth it on a stand, that they that enter in may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is hidden, that shall not be made manifest; nor *anything* secret, that shall not be known and come to light. ¹⁸ Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he thinketh he hath.

¹⁹ And there came to him his mother and brethren, and they could not come at him for the crowd. ²⁰ And it was told him, saying, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. ²¹ But he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these that hear the word of God, and do it.

²² And it came to pass on one of those days, that he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples; and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake: and they launched forth. ²³ But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filling *with water*, and were in jeopardy. ²⁴ And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. And he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And being afraid they marveled, saying one to another, Who then is this, that he commandeth even the winds and the water, and they obey him?

²⁶ And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. ²⁷ And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had demons for a long time, and ware no clothes, and abode not in *any* house, but in the tombs. ²⁸ And when he saw Jesus, he also cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I beseech thee, torment me not. ²⁹ For he was commanding the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For oftentimes it had seized him: and he was kept under guard,

and bound with chains and fetters; and breaking the bands asunder, he was driven of the demon into the deserts. ³⁰ And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; for many demons were entered into him. ³¹ And they entreated him that he would not command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they entreated him that he would give them leave to enter into them. And he gave them leave. ³³ And the demons came out from the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the lake, and were drowned. ³⁴ And when they that fed them saw what had come to pass, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ And they went out to see what had come to pass; and they came to Jesus, and found the man, from whom the demons were gone out, sitting, clothed and in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus: and they were afraid. ³⁶ And they also that saw it told them how he that was possessed with demons was made whole. ³⁷ And all the people of the country of the Gadarenes round about asked him to depart from them; for they were holden with great fear: and he entered into the boat, and returned. ³⁸ But the man from whom the demons were gone out prayed him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ Return to thy house, and declare how great things God hath done for thee. And he went his way, publishing throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done for him.

⁴⁰ And it came to pass when Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed him; for they were all waiting for him. ⁴¹ And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him to come into his house; ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as he went the multitudes thronged him.

⁴³ And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, who had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed of any, ⁴⁴ came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately the issue of her blood staid. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, Who is it that touched me? And when all denied, Peter said, and they that were with him, Master, the multitudes press thee and crush thee, and sayest thou, Who is it that touched me? ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, Someone did touch me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from me. ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared unto him in the presence of all the people for what cause she touched him, and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good cheer: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

⁴⁹ While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Teacher. ⁵⁰ But Jesus hearing it, answered him, saying, Fear not: only believe, and she shall be made whole. ⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he suffered no man to enter in, save Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the maiden and her mother. ⁵² And all were weeping, and bewailing her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. ⁵³ And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that

she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he, putting them all out and taking her by the hand, called, saying, Maiden, arise. ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately: and he commanded that *something* be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed: but he charged them to tell no man what had been done.

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¹ And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. ² And he sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. ³ And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor wallet, nor bread, nor money; neither have two coats apiece. ⁴ And into whatsoever house ye enter, there abide, and thence depart. ⁵ And as many as will not receive you, when ye depart from that city, shake off even the dust from your feet for a testimony against them. ⁶ And they departed, and went throughout the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was much perplexed, because that it was said by some, that John was risen from the dead; ⁸ and by some, that Elijah had appeared; and by others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. ⁹ And Herod said, John I beheaded: but who is this, about whom I hear such things? And he sought to see him.

¹⁰ And the apostles, when they were returned, declared unto him what things they had done. And he took them, and withdrew apart to a desert place of a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ But the multitudes perceiving it followed him: and he received them, and spake to them of the kingdom of God, and them that had need of healing he cured. ¹² And the day began to wear away; and the twelve came, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and the country round about, and lodge, and get provisions: for we are here in a desert place. ¹³ But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fish; except we should go and buy food for all this people. ¹⁴ For they were about five thousand men. And he said unto his disciples, Make them sit down in companies by fifties. ¹⁵ And they did so, and made them all sit down. ¹⁶ And he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake; and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. ¹⁷ And they ate, and were all filled: and there was taken up that which remained over to them of broken pieces, twelve baskets.

¹⁸ And it came to pass, as he was praying apart, the disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Who do the multitudes say that I am? ¹⁹ And they answered and said, John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the old prophets is risen again. ²⁰ And he said unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Peter answered and said, The Christ of God. ²¹ But he charged them, and commanded *them* to tell this to no man; ²² saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and rise again the third day. ²³ And he said unto all, If any

man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁴ For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. ²⁵ For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own self? ²⁶ For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own glory, and *the glory* of the Father, and of the holy angels. ²⁷ But I tell you of a truth, There are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

²⁸ And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, that he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment *became* white *and* dazzling. ³⁰ And behold, there talked with him two men, who were Moses and Elijah; ³¹ who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. ³³ And it came to pass, as they were parting from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah: not knowing what he said. ³⁴ And while he said these things, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear ye him. ³⁶ And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in those days any of the things which they had seen.

³⁷ And it came to pass, on the next day, when they were come down from the mountain, a great multitude met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the multitude cried out, saying, Teacher, I beseech thee to look upon my son; for he is mine only child: ³⁹ and behold, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth, and it hardly departeth from him, bruising him sorely. ⁴⁰ And I besought thy disciples to cast it out; and they could not. ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? bring thy son hither. ⁴² And as he was yet a coming, the demon dashed him down, and tare *him* grievously. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all astonished at the majesty of God.

But while all were marveling at all the things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples, ⁴⁴ Let these words sink into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered up into the hands of men. ⁴⁵ But they understood not this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

⁴⁶ And there arose a reasoning among them, which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But when Jesus saw the reasoning of their heart, he took a little child, and set him by his side, ⁴⁸ and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this little child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever

shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

⁴⁹ And John answered and said, Master; we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. ⁵⁰ And Jesus said unto him, Forbid *him* not: for he that is not against us is for us.

⁵¹ And it came to pass, when the days were well-nigh come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, ⁵² and sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. ⁵³ And they did not receive him, because his face was *as though he were* going to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we bid fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did? ⁵⁵ But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. ⁵⁶ For the Son of man came not to destroy men's lives but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

⁵⁷ And it came to pass, as they went on the way, a certain man said unto him, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest, Lord. ⁵⁸ And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. ⁵⁹ And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. ⁶⁰ But Jesus said unto him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God. ⁶¹ And another also said, I will follow thee, Lord; but first suffer me to bid farewell to them that are at my house. ⁶² But Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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¹ Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was about to come. ² Therefore said he unto them, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no wallet, nor shoes; and salute no man on the way. ⁵ And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house. ⁶ And if a son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him: but if not, it shall turn to you again. ⁷ And in that same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. ⁸ And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: ⁹ and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. ¹⁰ But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go out into the streets thereof and say, ¹¹ Even the dust from your city, that cleaveth to us, we wipe off against you: nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. ¹² I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. ¹³ Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto

thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you. ¹⁵ And thou, Capernaum, who art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down unto Hades. ¹⁶ He that heareth you heareth me; and he that rejecteth you rejecteth me; and he that rejecteth me rejecteth him that sent me.

¹⁷ And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name. ¹⁸ And he said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I give you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

²¹ In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father; Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: yea, Father; for so it was well-pleasing in thy sight. ²² And turning to the disciples, he said, All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth who the Son is, save the Father; and who the Father is, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal *him*. ²³ And turning to the disciples, he said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see: ²⁴ for I say unto you, that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not.

²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, making trial of him, and saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? ²⁶ And he said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? ²⁷ And he answered and said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. ²⁸ And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? ³⁰ And Jesus made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² And in like manner a Levite also, when he was at the place, came and saw him, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, ³⁴ and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on *them* oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee. ³⁶ Which now of these three, thinkest thou, proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers? ³⁷ Then he said, He

that showed mercy on him. Then Jesus said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

³⁸ Now it came to pass, as they went on their way, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Jesus' feet, and heard his word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was cumbered about much serving; and she came up to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. ⁴¹ But Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things: ⁴² but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

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¹ And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples. ² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say,

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

As in heaven, so on the earth.

³ Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins;

For we ourselves also forgive everyone that is indebted to us.

And bring us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil *one*.

⁵ And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

⁶ for a friend is come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him; ⁷ and he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee?

⁸ I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him as many as he needeth.

⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

¹⁰ For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

¹¹ And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

¹⁴ And he was casting out a demon, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the demon was gone out, the dumb man spake; and the multitudes marveled.

¹⁵ But some of them said, By Beelzebub the prince of demons casteth he out demons. ¹⁶ And others, trying *him*, sought of him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation;

and a house *divided* against a house falleth. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is

divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. ²⁰ But if I by the finger of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you. ²¹ When the strong *man* fully armed guardeth his own court, his goods are in peace: ²² but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. ²³ He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. ²⁴ The unclean spirit when he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and finding none, he saith, I will turn back unto my house whence I came out. ²⁵ And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. ²⁶ Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* seven other spirits more evil than himself; and they go and dwell there: and the last state of that man cometh worse than the first.

²⁷ And it came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the breasts which thou didst suck. ²⁸ But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

²⁹ And when the multitudes were gathering together unto him, he began to say, This generation is evil: it seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰ For even as Jonah became a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and shall condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

³³ And no man, when he hath lighted a lamp, putteth it in a cellar, neither under the bushel, but on the stand, that they which enter in may see the light. ³⁴ The lamp of the body is the eye: when therefore thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness. ³⁶ If therefore thy whole body be full of light, having no part dark, it shall be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining doth give thee light.

³⁷ Now as he spake, a certain Pharisee asked him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. ³⁸ And when the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that he had not first bathed himself before dinner. ³⁹ And the Lord said unto him, Now ye the Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness. ⁴⁰ Ye foolish ones, did not he that made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, all things are clean unto you.

⁴² But woe unto you Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and every herb, and pass over justice and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. ⁴³ Woe unto you Pharisees!

for ye love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as the tombs which appear not, and the men walking over *them* know it not.

⁴⁵ And answering, one of the lawyers saith unto him, Teacher, in saying this thou reproachest us also. ⁴⁶ And he said, Woe unto you lawyers also! for ye load men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. ⁴⁷ Woe unto you! for ye build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. ⁴⁸ So ye bear witness and consent unto the works of your fathers: for they killed them, and ye build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send unto them prophets and apostles; and *some* of them they shall kill and persecute; ⁵⁰ that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary: yea, I say unto you, it shall be required of this generation. ⁵² Woe unto you lawyers! for ye took away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

⁵³ And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press upon *him* vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things; ⁵⁴ laying wait for him, seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

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¹ In the mean time, when the many thousands of the multitude were gathered together, insomuch that they trod one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² But there is nothing covered up, that shall not be revealed; and hidden, that shall not be known. ³ Wherefore whatsoever ye have said in the darkness shall be heard in the light; and what ye have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. ⁴ And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, who after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? and not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. ⁷ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. ⁸ And I say unto you, Everyone who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: ⁹ but he that denieth me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven. ¹¹ And when they bring you before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, be not anxious how or what ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: ¹² for the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what ye ought to say.

¹³ And one out of the multitude said unto him, Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me. ¹⁴ But he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. ¹⁶ And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: ¹⁷ and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? ¹⁸ And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. ²⁰ But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? ²¹ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

²² And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor yet for the body, what ye shall put on. ²³ Life is more than food, and the body than raiment. ²⁴ Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add unto the measure of his life one cubit? ²⁶ If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God doth so clothe the grass, which today is in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more *shall he clothe* you, O ye of little faith? ²⁹ And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. ³⁰ For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. ³¹ Yet seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. ³² Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell that which ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth destroyeth. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵ Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning; ³⁶ and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightaway open unto him. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and shall come and serve them. ³⁸ And if he shall come in the second watch, and come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have left his house to be broken through. ⁴⁰ Be ye therefore ready also: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

⁴¹ And Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto

us, or even unto all? ⁴² And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall set over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. ⁴⁴ Of a truth I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he hath. ⁴⁵ But if that servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; ⁴⁶ the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ And that servant, who knew his lord's will, and made not ready, nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*; ⁴⁸ but he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. And to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.

⁴⁹ I came to cast fire to the earth; and what do I desire, if it is already kindled? ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! ⁵¹ Think ye that I am come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: ⁵² for there shall be from henceforth five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. ⁵³ Father shall be divided against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

⁵⁴ And he said to the multitudes also, When ye see a cloud rising out of the west, straightaway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it cometh to pass. ⁵⁵ And when ye see a south wind blowing, ye say, There will be a scorching heat; and it cometh to pass. ⁵⁶ Ye hypocrites, ye know how to interpret the face of the earth and the heaven; but how is it that ye do not interpret this time? ⁵⁷ And why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right? ⁵⁸ For as thou art going with thine adversary before the magistrate, on the way give diligence to be quit of him; lest haply he drag thee unto the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison. ⁵⁹ I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the very last mite.

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¹ Now there were some present at that very season who told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said unto them, Think ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they have suffered such things? ³ I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, think ye that they were offenders above all the men that dwell in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish.

⁶ And he spake this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit thereon, and found none. ⁷ And he said unto the vinedresser, Behold, these three years I come

seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why doth it also cumber the ground? ⁸ And answering, he saith unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: ⁹ and if it bear fruit, *well*; but if not, thereafter thou shalt cut it down.

¹⁰ And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath day. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman that had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years; and she was bowed together, and could in no wise lift herself up. ¹² And when Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. ¹³ And he laid his hands upon her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. ¹⁴ And the ruler of the synagogue, being moved with indignation because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, answered and said to the multitude, There are six days in which men ought to work: in these therefore come and be healed, and not on the day of the sabbath. ¹⁵ The Lord then answered him, and said, Ye hypocrites, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo, *these* eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the sabbath? ¹⁷ And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame: and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

¹⁸ And he said, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I liken it? ¹⁹ It is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his own garden; and it grew, and became a great tree; and the birds of the heaven lodged in the branches thereof.

²⁰ Again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? ²¹ It is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

²² And he went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and journeying on unto Jerusalem. ²³ And one said unto him, Lord, are they few that are saved? And he said unto them, ²⁴ Strive to enter in by the narrow gate: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us; and he shall answer and say to you, I know you not whence ye are; ²⁶ then shall ye begin to say, We did eat and drink in thy presence, and thou didst teach in our streets; ²⁷ and he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. ²⁸ There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves cast forth without. ²⁹ And they shall come from the east and west and north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, there are last who shall be first, and there are first who shall be last.

³¹ On that same day there came certain Pharisees, saying to him, Get thee out, and go hence: for Herod would fain kill thee. ³² And he said unto them, Go and say to that fox, Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I am perfected. ³³ Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen *gathereth* her own brood under her wings, and ye would not! ³⁵ Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until *the time* shall come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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¹ And it came to pass, when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him. ² And behold, there was before him a certain man that had the dropsy. ³ And Jesus answered and spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath? ⁴ But they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go. ⁵ And he answered them and said, Which of you shall have a son or an ox fallen into a well, and will not straightaway draw him up on the sabbath day? ⁶ And they could not answer him again unto these things.

⁷ And he spake a parable unto those that were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats; saying unto them, ⁸ When thou art bidden of any man to a marriage feast, sit not down in the chief seat; lest haply a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him, ⁹ and he that bade thee and him shall come and say to thee, Give this man place; and then thou shalt begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he that hath bidden thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have glory in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. ¹¹ For everyone that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

¹² And he said to him also that had bidden him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors; lest haply they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. ¹³ But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: ¹⁴ and thou shalt be blessed; because they have not *wherewith* to recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just.

¹⁵ And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat dinner in the kingdom of God. ¹⁶ But he said unto him, A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many: ¹⁷ and he sent forth his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. ¹⁸ And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I must needs go out and see it; I pray thee have me excused. ¹⁹ And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. ²⁰ And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. ²¹ And that servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and lame and blind. ²² And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. ²³ And the

lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I say unto you, that none of those men that were bidden shall taste of my supper. For many are called, but few chosen.

²⁵ Now there went with him great multitudes: and he turned, and said unto them, ²⁶ If any man cometh unto me, and hateth not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, that desireth to build a tower, doth not first sit down and count the cost, whether he have wherewith to complete it? ²⁹ Lest haply, when he hath laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all that behold begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. ³¹ Or what king, as he goeth to encounter another king in war, sitteth not down first and taketh counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an embassy, and asketh conditions of peace. ³³ So therefore whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the land nor for the dunghill: *men* cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

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¹ Now all the publicans and sinners were drawing near unto him to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

³ And he spake unto them this parable, saying, ⁴ What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? ⁵ And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. ⁷ I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, *more* than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.

⁸ Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it? ⁹ And when she hath found it, she calleth together her friends and her neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. ¹⁰ Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

¹¹ And he said, A certain man had two sons: ¹² and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of *thy* substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance with riotous living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ And he went

and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: ¹⁹ and I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. ²⁰ And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: and I am no more worthy to be called thy son. ²² But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: ²³ and bring the fatted calf, *and* kill it, and let us eat, and make merry: ²⁴ for this my son was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. ²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called to him one of the servants, and inquired what these things might be. ²⁷ And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. ²⁸ But he was angry, and would not go in: therefore his father came out, and entreated him. ²⁹ But he answered and said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, and I never transgressed a commandment of thine; and *yet* thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: ³⁰ but when this thy son came, who hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou killedst for him the fatted calf. ³¹ And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that is mine is thine. ³² But it was meet to make merry and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

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¹ And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he was wasting his goods. ² And he called him, and said unto him, What is this that I hear of thee? render the account of thy stewardship; for thou canst be no longer steward. ³ And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, seeing that my lord taketh away the stewardship from me? I have not strength to dig; to beg I am ashamed. ⁴ I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. ⁵ And calling to him each one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? ⁶ And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bond, and sit down quickly and write fifty. ⁷ Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, A hundred measures of wheat. And he saith unto him, Take thy bond, and write fourscore. ⁸ And his lord commended the unrighteous steward because he had done wisely: for the sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of the light. ⁹ And I say unto you, Make to

yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles. ¹⁰ He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much: and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much. ¹¹ If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? ¹² And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

¹⁴ And the Pharisees also, who were lovers of money, heard all these things; and they scoffed at him. ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ¹⁶ The law and the prophets *were* until John: from that time the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every man entereth violently into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one tittle of the law to fall.

¹⁸ Everyone that putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and everyone that marrieth one that is put away from a husband committeth adultery.

¹⁹ Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, faring sumptuously every day: ²⁰ and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, full of sores, ²¹ and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; yea, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom: and the rich man also died, and was buried. ²³ And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame. ²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things: but now here he is comforted, and thou art in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they that would pass from hence to you may not be able; nor may they cross over from thence to us. ²⁷ And he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house; ²⁸ for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹ Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰ And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one go to them from the dead, they will repent. ³¹ And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, if one rise from the dead.

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¹ And he said unto the disciples, It is impossible but that occasions of stumbling should come; but woe unto him, through whom they come!

² It were well for him if a millstone were hung about his neck, and he

were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³ Take heed to yourselves: and if thy brother sin against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sin against thee seven times in the day, and seven times in the day turn again, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

⁵ And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. ⁶ And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye would say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou planted in the sea; and it would obey you. ⁷ But who is there of you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say straightaway, when he is come in from the field, Come and sit down to meat; ⁸ and will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? ⁹ Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded? I think not. ¹⁰ Even so ye also, when ye shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; for we have done that which it is our duty to do.

¹¹ And it came to pass, as he was on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: ¹³ and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. ¹⁴ And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; ¹⁶ and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? ¹⁸ Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger? ¹⁹ And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

²⁰ And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: ²¹ neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, Lo, there! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.

²² And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. ²³ And they shall say to you, Lo, here! or, Lo, there! go not away, nor follow after *them*: ²⁴ for as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall the Son of man be in his day. ²⁵ But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation. ²⁶ And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise also as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: ³⁰ after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed. ³¹ In that day, he that shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not

go down to take them away: and let him that is in the field likewise not return back. ³² Remember Lot's wife. ³³ Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose it shall preserve it. ³⁴ I say unto you, In that night there shall be two men on one bed; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. ³⁵ Two women shall be grinding together; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. ³⁷ And answering, they say unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

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¹ And he spake also a parable unto them to the end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; ² saying, There was in a city a judge, who feared not God, and regarded not man: ³ and there was a widow in that city; and she came oft unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. ⁴ And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, and regard not man; ⁵ yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest she wear me out by her continual coming. ⁶ And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge saith. ⁷ And shall not God avenge his elect, that cry to him day and night, though he is long-suffering over them? ⁸ I say unto you, that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

⁹ And he spake this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set all others at nought: ¹⁰ Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed thus, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. ¹² I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. ¹³ And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. ¹⁴ I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

¹⁵ And they were bringing unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus calling them unto him, said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

¹⁸ And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? ¹⁹ And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, *even* God. ²⁰ Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother. ²¹ And he said, All these things have I observed from my youth up. ²² And when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, One thing thou lackest yet: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. ²³ But when he heard these things, he became exceeding sorrowful; for he was very rich. ²⁴ And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall

they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁶ And they that heard it said, Then who can be saved? ²⁷ But he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. ²⁸ And Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. ²⁹ And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, ³⁰ who shall not receive manifold more in this time, and in the world to come eternal life.

³¹ And he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written through the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of man. ³² For he shall be delivered up unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and shamefully treated, and spit upon: ³³ and they shall scourge and kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. ³⁴ And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hidden from them, and they perceived not the things that were said.

³⁵ And it came to pass, as he drew nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside begging: ³⁶ and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. ³⁸ And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. ³⁹ And they that went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁰ And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, ⁴¹ saying, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. ⁴² And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole. ⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

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¹ And he entered and was passing through Jericho. ² And behold, a man called by name Zacchaeus; and he was a chief publican, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the crowd, because he was little of stature. ⁴ And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. ⁶ And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He is gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner. ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold. ⁹ And Jesus said unto him, Today is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

¹¹ And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and *because* they supposed that the kingdom of God was immediately to appear. ¹² He said therefore,

A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. ¹³ And he called ten servants of his, and gave them ten pounds, and said unto them, Trade ye *herewith* till I come. ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent an embassy after him, saying, We will not that this man reign over us. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, when he was come back again, having received the kingdom, that he commanded these servants, unto whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know who had gained what by trading. ¹⁶ And the first came before him, saying, Lord, thy pound hath made ten pounds more. ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Well done, thou good servant: because thou wast found faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath made five pounds. ¹⁹ And he said unto him also, Be thou also over five cities. ²⁰ And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is thy pound, which I kept laid up in a napkin:* ²¹ for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that which thou laidst not down, and reapest that which thou didst not sow. ²² And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I am an austere man, taking up that which I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow; ²³ then wherefore gavest thou not my money into a bank, and I at my coming should have required it with interest? ²⁴ And he said unto them that stood by, Take away from him the pound, and give it unto him that hath the ten pounds. ²⁵ And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds. ²⁶ For I say unto you, that unto everyone that hath shall be given; but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him. ²⁷ But those mine enemies, that would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay before me.

²⁸ And when he had thus spoken, he went on before, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ And it came to pass, when he drew nigh unto Bethsphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of his disciples, ³⁰ saying, Go your way into the village over against you; in which as ye enter ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat: loose him, and bring him. ³¹ And if anyone ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, The Lord hath need of him. ³² And they that were sent went away, and found even as he had said unto them. ³³ And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? ³⁴ And they said, The Lord hath need of him. ³⁵ And they brought him to Jesus: and they threw their garments upon the colt, and set Jesus thereon. ³⁶ And as he went, they spread their garments in the way. ³⁷ And as he was now drawing nigh, *even* at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen; ³⁸ saying, Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

³⁹ And some of the Pharisees from the multitude said unto him, Teacher, rebuke thy disciples. ⁴⁰ And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out.

⁴¹ And when he drew nigh, he saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hidden from thine eyes. ⁴³ For the days shall come upon thee, when thine enemies shall cast up a bank about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, ⁴⁴ and shall dash thee to the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

⁴⁵ And he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought, ⁴⁶ saying unto them, It is written, My house is a house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of robbers.

⁴⁷ And he was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him: ⁴⁸ and they could not find what they might do; for the people all hung upon him, listening.

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¹ And it came to pass, on one of those days, as he was teaching the people in the temple, and preaching the gospel, there came upon him the priests and the scribes with the elders; ² and they spake unto him, saying, Tell us: By what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority? ³ And he answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one question; and tell me: ⁴ The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? ⁵ And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why did ye not believe him? ⁶ But if we shall say, From men; all the people will stone us: for they are persuaded that John was a prophet. ⁷ And they answered, that they knew not whence *it was*. ⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

⁹ And he began to speak unto the people this parable: A man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country for a long time. ¹⁰ And at the season he sent unto the husbandmen a servant, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. ¹¹ And he sent yet another servant: and him also they beat, and handled him shamefully, and sent him away empty. ¹² And he sent yet a third: and him also they wounded, and cast him forth. ¹³ And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; it may be they will reverence him when they see him. ¹⁴ But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. ¹⁵ And they cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do unto them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid. ¹⁷ But he looked upon them, and said, What then is this that is written,

The stone which the builders rejected,

The same was made the head of the corner?
¹⁸ Everyone that falleth on that stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.

¹⁹ And the chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on him in that very hour; and they were afraid: for they perceived that he spake this parable against them. ²⁰ And they watched him, and sent forth spies, who feigned themselves to be righteous, that they might take hold of his speech, so that they might deliver him up to the rule and to the authority of the governor. ²¹ And they asked him, saying, Teacher, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, and acceptest not the person of *any*, but of a truth teachest the way of God: ²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar; or not? ²³ But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why make ye trial of me? ²⁴ Show me a denarius. Whose image and superscription hath it? And they answered and said, Caesar's. ²⁵ And he said unto them, Render then unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. ²⁶ And they were not able to take hold of his saying before the people: and they marveled at his answer, and held their peace.

²⁷ And there came to him certain of the Sadducees, they that deny that there is a resurrection; and they asked him, ²⁸ saying, Teacher, Moses wrote unto us, that if a man's brother die, having a wife, and he die childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. ²⁹ There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died childless; ³⁰ and the second took her to wife, and he died childless: ³¹ and the third likewise took her; and likewise the seven also: they left no children, and died. ³² And last of all the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection therefore whose wife of them shall she be? for the seven had her to wife. ³⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, The sons of this world marry, and are given in marriage: ³⁵ but they that are accounted worthy to attain to that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: ³⁶ for neither can they die anymore: for they are equal unto the angels; and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in *the place concerning the Bush*, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him. ³⁹ And certain of the scribes answered and said, Teacher, thou hast well said. ⁴⁰ And they durst not anymore ask him any question.

⁴¹ And he said unto them, How say they that the Christ is David's son? ⁴² Even David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,

⁴³ Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

⁴⁴ David therefore calleth him Lord, and how is he his son?

⁴⁵ And in the hearing of all the people he said unto his disciples, ⁴⁶ Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and love salutations in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at feasts; ⁴⁷ who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these shall receive greater condemnation.

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¹ And he looked up, and saw the rich men that were casting their gifts into the treasury. ² And he saw also a certain poor widow casting

in thither two mites. ³ And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than they all: ⁴ for all these did of their superfluity cast in unto the gifts of God; but she of her want did cast in all the living that she had.

⁵ And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. ⁷ And they asked him, saying, Teacher, when therefore shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when these things are about to come to pass? ⁸ And he said, Take heed that ye be not led astray: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *he*; and, The time is at hand: go ye not therefore after them. ⁹ And when ye shall hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must needs come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.

¹⁰ Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ and there shall be great earthquakes in diverse places, and famines, and pestilences; and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ And it shall turn out unto you for a testimony. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer: ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay or to withstand. ¹⁶ But ye shall be delivered up even by parents, and kinsfolk, and friends, and brethren; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death. ¹⁷ And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. ¹⁸ And not a hair of your head shall perish. ¹⁹ In your patience win ye your souls.

²⁰ But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. ²¹ Then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein. ²² For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! for there shall be great distress upon the land, and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

²⁵ And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the billows roaring; ²⁶ men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. ²⁷ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.

²⁹ And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees: ³⁰ when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh. ³¹ Even so ye also, when ye see

these things coming to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh. ³² Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all things be accomplished. ³³ Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

³⁴ But take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly; ³⁵ for as a snare shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. ³⁶ Watch ye therefore at every season, making supplication, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all *these* things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

³⁷ And every day he was teaching in the temple; and every night he went out, and lodged in the mount that is called Olivet. ³⁸ And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, to hear him.

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¹ Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. ² And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death; for they feared the people.

³ And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. ⁴ And he went away, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might deliver him unto them. ⁵ And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. ⁶ And he consented, and sought opportunity to deliver him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

⁷ And the day of unleavened bread came, on which the passover must be sacrificed. ⁸ And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and make ready for us the passover, that we may eat. ⁹ And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we make ready? ¹⁰ And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house whereinto he goeth. ¹¹ And ye shall say unto the master of the house, The Teacher saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. ¹³ And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

¹⁴ And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: ¹⁶ for I say unto you, I shall not anymore eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ And he received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: ¹⁸ for I say unto you, that I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁰ In like manner also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, *even* that which is poured out for you. ²¹ But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. ²² And the Son of man indeed goeth, as it hath been determined: but woe unto that man through whom he is

betrayed! ²³ And they began to question among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

²⁴ And there arose also a contention among them, which of them was accounted to be greatest. ²⁵ And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Benefactors. ²⁶ But ye *shall not be* so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. ²⁷ For which is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am in the midst of you as he that serveth. ²⁸ But ye are they that have continued with me in my temptations; ²⁹ and I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto me, ³⁰ that ye may eat and drink at my table; and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: ³² but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren. ³³ And he said unto him, Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to death. ³⁴ And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

³⁵ And he said unto them, When I sent you forth without purse, and wallet, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing. ³⁶ He said therefore unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet; and he that hath none, he shall sell his cloak, and buy a sword. ³⁷ For I say unto you, that this which is written must yet be fulfilled in me, And he was reckoned with transgressors: for the things concerning me have fulfillment. ³⁸ And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

³⁹ And he came out, and went, as his custom was, unto the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. ⁴¹ And he was parted from them about a stone's cast; and he knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, Father, if thou be willing to remove this cup from me—nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. ⁴³ And there appeared unto him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. ⁴⁵ And when he rose up from his prayer, he came unto the disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶ and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

⁴⁷ And while he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them; and he drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? ⁴⁹ And when they that were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? ⁵⁰ And a certain one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and struck off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye *them* thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. ⁵² And Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and elders, that were come against him, Are ye come out, as against a

robber, with swords and staves? ⁵³ When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched not forth your hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

⁵⁴ And they seized him, and led him *away*, and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed afar off. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them. ⁵⁶ And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light *of the fire*, and looking steadfastly upon him, said, This man also was with him. ⁵⁷ But he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. ⁵⁸ And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou also art *one* of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. ⁵⁹ And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this man also was with him; for he is also a Galilean. ⁶⁰ But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, a cock crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto him, Before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice. ⁶² And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

⁶³ And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and beat him. ⁶⁴ And having blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy: who is he that struck thee? ⁶⁵ And many other things spake they against him, reviling him.

⁶⁶ And as soon as it was day, the assembly of the elders of the people was gathered together, chief priests and scribes; and they led him up into their council, saying, ⁶⁷ If thou art the Christ, tell us. But he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: ⁶⁸ and if I also ask *you*, ye will not answer me, nor let *me* go. ⁶⁹ From henceforth shall the Son of man be seated at the right hand of the power of God. ⁷⁰ And they all said, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. ⁷¹ And they said, What further need have we of witness? for we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.

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¹ And the whole company of them rose up, and brought him before Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this man perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a king. ³ And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest. ⁴ And Pilate said unto the chief priests and the multitudes, I find no fault in this man. ⁵ But they were the more urgent, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee even unto this place. ⁶ But when Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. ⁷ And when he knew that he was of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him unto Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem in these days.

⁸ Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was of a long *time* desirous to see him, because he had heard many things concerning him; and he hoped to see some miracle done by him. ⁹ And he questioned him in many words; but he answered him nothing. ¹⁰ And the chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing

him. ¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers set him at nought, and mocked him, and arraying him in gorgeous apparel sent him back to Pilate. ¹² And Pilate and Herod became friends with each other that very day: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

¹³ And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said unto them, Ye brought unto me this man, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: ¹⁵ no, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and behold, nothing worthy of death hath been done by him. ¹⁶ I will therefore chastise him, and release him. ¹⁷ (Now he must needs release unto them at the feast one *prisoner*.) ¹⁸ And they cried out all together, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas— ¹⁹ one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison. ²⁰ Pilate therefore spake unto them again, desiring to release Jesus; ²¹ but they shouted, saying, Crucify, crucify him. ²² And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath this man done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him and release him. ²³ But they were urgent with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. ²⁴ And Pilate gave sentence that what they asked for should be done. ²⁵ And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

²⁶ And when they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to bear it after Jesus.

²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who also bewailed and lamented him. ²⁸ But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and wombs that never bare, and the breasts that never gave suck. ³⁰ Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. ³¹ For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

³² And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

³³ And when they came unto the place which is called The skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And parting his garments among them, they cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ, the chosen of God. ³⁶ And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, ³⁷ and saying, If thou art the King of the Jews, save thyself. ³⁸ And there was also a superscription written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ And one of the malefactors that were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou art the Christ, save thyself and us. ⁴⁰ But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art

in the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. ⁴² And he said unto Jesus, Remember me, Lord, when thou comest in thy kingdom. ⁴³ And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

⁴⁴ And it was about the sixth hour, and a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. ⁴⁶ And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into thy hands will I commend my spirit: and having said these things, he gave up the ghost. ⁴⁷ And when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. ⁴⁸ And all the multitudes that came together to this sight, beholding the things that were done, returned smiting their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintance, and the women that had followed with him from Galilee, stood afar off, seeing these things.

⁵⁰ And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a councilor, a good and righteous man ⁵¹ (he had not consented to their counsel and deed), a *man* of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who also himself was looking for the kingdom of God: ⁵² this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn in stone, where never man had yet lain. ⁵⁴ And *that* day was the Preparation; the sabbath drew on. ⁵⁵ And the women, who had come with him out of Galilee, followed after, and beheld the tomb, and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

And on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ And it came to pass, while they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling garments: ⁵ and as they were affrighted and bowed down their face to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, ⁷ saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and the other women with them, who told these things unto the apostles. ¹¹ And their words appeared in their sight as idle talk; and they disbelieved them. ¹² But Peter arose, and ran unto the tomb; and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed to his own home, wondering at that which was come to pass.

¹³ And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was threescore furlongs from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they communed with each other of all these things which

had happened. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, while they communed and questioned together, that Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. ¹⁷ And he said unto them, What communications are these that ye have one with another, as ye walk and are looking sad? ¹⁸ And the one, whose name was Cleopas, answered and said unto him, Dost thou alone sojourn in Jerusalem and not know the things which are come to pass there in these days? ¹⁹ And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we hoped that it was he who should redeem Israel: and besides all this, today is now the third day since these things came to pass. ²² Moreover certain women of our company amazed us, having been early at the tomb; ²³ and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ And certain of them that were with us went to the tomb, and found it even so as the women also had said: but him they saw not. ²⁵ And he said unto them, O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Behooved it not the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into his glory? ²⁷ And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they were going: and he made as though he would go further. ²⁹ And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to abide with them. ³⁰ And it came to pass, when he had sat down with them to meat, he took the bread and blessed; and breaking *it* he gave to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. ³² And they said one to another, Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? ³³ And they rose up that very hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, ³⁴ saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. ³⁵ And they rehearsed the things *that happened* in the way, and how he was known of them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶ And as they spake these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. ³⁷ But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they beheld a spirit. ³⁸ And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and wherefore do questionings arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye behold me having. ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here anything to eat? ⁴² And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. ⁴³ And he took them, and ate before them.

⁴⁴ And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled,

which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. ⁴⁵ Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures; ⁴⁶ and he said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved the Christ to suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And ye are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be clothed with power from on high.

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as to Bethany: and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. ⁵¹ And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: ⁵³ and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made. ⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not. ⁶ There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ The same came for witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but *came* that he might bear witness of the light. ⁹ There was the true light, *even the light* which lighteth every man, coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹ He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not. ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John beareth witness of him, and crieth, saying, This was he of whom I said, He that cometh after me is become before me: for he was before me. ¹⁶ And of his fullness we all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

¹⁹ And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? ²⁰ And he confessed, and denied not; and he confessed, I am not the Christ. ²¹ And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? And he saith, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. ²² They said therefore unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? ²³ He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said Isaiah the prophet. ²⁴ And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, and said unto him, Why then baptizest thou, if thou art not the Christ, neither Elijah, neither the prophet? ²⁶ John answered them, saying, I baptize in water: but in the midst of you standeth one whom ye know not, ²⁷ he it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to unloose. ²⁸ These things were done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ On the morrow he seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man who is preferred before me: for he was before me. ³¹ And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, for this cause came I baptizing in water. ³² And John

bare witness, saying, I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven; and it abode upon him. ³³ And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize in water, he said unto me, Upon whomsoever thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and abiding upon him, the same is he that baptizeth in the Holy Spirit. ³⁴ And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.

³⁵ Again on the morrow John was standing, and two of his disciples; ³⁶ and he looked upon Jesus as he walked, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God! ³⁷ And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? And they said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Teacher), where abidest thou? ³⁹ He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he abode; and they abode with him that day: it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two that heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He findeth first his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ). ⁴² And he brought him unto Jesus. Jesus looked upon him, and said, Thou art Simon the son of Jonah: thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter).

⁴³ On the morrow he was minded to go forth into Galilee, and he findeth Philip: and Jesus saith unto him, Follow me. ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Nathanael said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! ⁴⁸ Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. ⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee underneath the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. ⁵¹ And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

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¹ And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: ² and Jesus also was bidden, and his disciples, to the marriage. ³ And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. ⁴ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. ⁵ His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. ⁶ Now there were six waterpots of stone set there after the Jews' manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece. ⁷ Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the ruler of the feast. And they bare it. ⁹ And when the ruler of

the feast tasted the water now become wine, and knew not whence it was (but the servants that had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast calleth the bridegroom, ¹⁰ and saith unto him, Every man setteth on first the good wine; and when *men* have drunk freely, then that which is worse: thou hast kept the good wine until now. ¹¹ This the beginning of his signs did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples; and there they abode not many days.

¹³ And the passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: ¹⁵ and he made a scourge of cords, and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables; ¹⁶ and to them that sold the doves he said, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. ¹⁷ And his disciples remembered that it was written, Zeal for thy house shall eat me up. ¹⁸ The Jews therefore answered and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? ¹⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰ The Jews therefore said, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? ²¹ But he spake of the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he spake this; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, during the feast, many believed on his name, beholding his signs which he did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not trust himself unto them, for that he knew all men, ²⁵ and because he needed not that anyone should bear witness concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

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¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ² the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him. ³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew. ⁸ The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit. ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou the teacher of Israel, and understandest not these things? ¹¹ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. ¹² If I told you earthly things

and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ And no one hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, *even* the Son of man, who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; ¹⁵ that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not judged: but he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. ²¹ But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God.

²² After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. ²³ And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salem, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. ²⁴ For John was not yet cast into prison. ²⁵ There arose therefore a questioning on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purifying. ²⁶ And they came unto John, and said to him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond the Jordan, to whom thou hast borne witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. ²⁷ John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it have been given him from heaven. ²⁸ Ye yourselves bear witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but, that I am sent before him. ²⁹ He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, that standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is made full. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.

³¹ He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is of the earth, and of the earth he speaketh: he that cometh from heaven is above all. ³² And what he hath seen and heard, of that he beareth witness; and no man receiveth his witness. ³³ He that hath received his witness hath set his seal to *this*, that God is true. ³⁴ For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure. ³⁵ The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. ³⁶ He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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¹ When therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples), ³ he left Judea, and departed into Galilee. ⁴ And he must needs pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he cometh to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph: ⁶ and Jacob's well was there.

Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. ⁸ For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ The Samaritan woman therefore saith unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman? (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. ¹¹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast thou that living water? ¹² Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle? ¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Everyone that drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴ but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life. ¹⁵ The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. ¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, Thou saidst well, I have no husband: ¹⁸ for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: this hast thou said truly. ¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ²¹ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father. ²² Ye worship that which ye know not: we worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshipers. ²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. ²⁵ The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh (he that is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all things. ²⁶ Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

²⁷ And upon this came his disciples; and they marveled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why speakest thou with her? ²⁸ So the woman left her waterpot, and went away into the city, and saith to the people, ²⁹ Come, see a man, who told me all things that *ever* I did: can this be the Christ? ³⁰ They went out of the city, and were coming to him. ³¹ And in the meanwhile the disciples prayed him, saying, Rabbi, eat. ³² But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not. ³³ The disciples therefore said one to another, Hath any man brought him *ought* to eat? ³⁴ Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest. ³⁶ And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. ³⁷ For herein is

verified the true saying, One soweth, and another reapeth. ³⁸ I sent you to reap that whereon ye have not labored: others have labored, and ye are entered into their labor.

³⁹ And from that city many of the Samaritans believed on him because of the word of the woman, who testified, He told me all things that *ever* I did. ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came unto him, they besought him to abide with them: and he abode there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word; ⁴² and they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy speaking: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Savior of the world, the Christ.

⁴³ And after the two days he went forth from thence, and went away into Galilee. ⁴⁴ For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵ So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

⁴⁶ Jesus came therefore again unto Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Jesus therefore said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will in no wise believe. ⁴⁹ The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. ⁵⁰ Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus spake unto him, and he went his way. ⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth. ⁵² So he inquired of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. ⁵³ So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. ⁵⁴ This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

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¹ After these things there was the feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of them that were sick, blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water: ⁴ for an angel went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole, with whatsoever disease he was holden. ⁵ And a certain man was there, who had been thirty and eight years in his infirmity. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wouldest thou be made whole? ⁷ The sick man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. ⁸ Jesus saith unto him, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk. ⁹ And straightaway the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked.

Now it was the sabbath on that day. ¹⁰ So the Jews said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath: it is not lawful for thee to take up thy bed. ¹¹ He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. ¹² They asked him therefore, Who is the man that said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? ¹³ But he that was healed knew not who it was; for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in the place. ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing befall thee. ¹⁵ The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole. ¹⁶ And for this cause the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill him, because he did these things on the sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh even until now, and I work. ¹⁸ For this cause therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only brake the sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing: for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all things that himself doeth: and greater works than these will he show him, that ye may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raiseth the dead and giveth them life, even so the Son also giveth life to whom he will. ²² For neither doth the Father judge any man, but he hath given all judgment unto the Son; ²³ that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent him. ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. ²⁵ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. ²⁶ For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself: ²⁷ and he gave him authority to execute judgment also, because he is a son of man. ²⁸ Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, ²⁹ and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.

³⁰ I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is righteous; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father that sent me. ³¹ If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. ³² It is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. ³³ Ye have sent unto John, and he hath borne witness unto the truth. ³⁴ But the witness which I receive is not from man: howbeit I say these things, that ye may be saved. ³⁵ He was the lamp that burneth and shineth; and ye were willing to rejoice for a season in his light. ³⁶ But the witness which I have is greater than *that of* John; for the works which the Father hath given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. ³⁷ And the Father that sent me, he himself hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form. ³⁸ And ye have not his word abiding in you: for

whom he sent, him ye believe not. ³⁹ Ye search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me; ⁴⁰ and ye will not come to me, that ye may have life. ⁴¹ I receive not glory from men. ⁴² But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in yourselves. ⁴³ I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. ⁴⁴ How can ye believe, who receive glory one of another, and the glory that *cometh* from the only God ye seek not? ⁴⁵ Think not that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, *even* Moses, on whom ye have set your hope. ⁴⁶ For if ye believed Moses, ye would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

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¹ After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias. ² And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his signs which he did on them that were sick. ³ And Jesus went up into the mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. ⁴ Now the passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude cometh unto him, saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? ⁶ And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, Two hundred denarii' worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take some little *portion*. ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, ⁹ There is one lad here, who hath five barley loaves, and two fish: but what are these among so many? ¹⁰ And Jesus said, Make the people sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; likewise also of the fish as much as they would. ¹² And when they were filled, he saith unto his disciples, Gather up the broken pieces which remain over, that nothing be lost. ¹³ So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which remained over unto them that had eaten. ¹⁴ When therefore the people saw the sign which Jesus did, they said, This is of a truth the prophet that cometh into the world.

¹⁵ Jesus therefore perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him king, withdrew into the mountain himself alone.

¹⁶ And when evening came, his disciples went down unto the sea; ¹⁷ and they entered into the boat, and were going over the sea unto Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. ¹⁸ And the sea was rising by reason of a great wind that blew. ¹⁹ When therefore they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they behold Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the boat: and they were afraid. ²⁰ But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. ²¹ They were willing therefore to receive him into the boat: and straightaway the boat was at the land whither they were going.

²² On the morrow, when the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other little boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples had entered, and that Jesus entered not with his disciples into the little boat, but *that* his disciples went away alone ²³ (howbeit there came other little boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks): ²⁴ when the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they themselves gat into the boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ And when they found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? ²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw signs, but because ye ate of the loaves, and were filled. ²⁷ Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him the Father, *even* God, hath sealed. ²⁸ They said therefore unto him, What must we do, that we may work the works of God? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. ³⁰ They said therefore unto him, What then doest thou for a sign, that we may see, and believe thee? what workest thou? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat. ³² Jesus therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, It is not Moses that hath given you the bread out of heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread out of heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world. ³⁴ They said therefore unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. ³⁵ And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said unto you, that ye have seen me, and yet believe not. ³⁷ All that which the Father giveth me shall come unto me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. ³⁸ For I am come down out of heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of the Father that sent me, that of all that which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁴¹ The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, I am the bread which came down out of heaven. ⁴² And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how then doth he say, I am come down out of heaven? ⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Everyone therefore that heareth from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto me. ⁴⁶ Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he that is from God, he hath seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. ⁵¹ I am the

living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: yea and the bread which I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

⁵² The Jews therefore strove one with another, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? ⁵³ Jesus therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood abideth in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he that eateth me, he also shall live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down out of heaven: not as your fathers ate the manna, and died; he that eateth this bread shall live forever. ⁵⁹ These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard *this*, said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it? ⁶¹ But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said unto them, Doth this cause you to stumble? ⁶² *What* then if ye should behold the Son of man ascending where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you are spirit, and are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who it was that should betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, For this cause have I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it be given unto him of my Father.

⁶⁶ Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. ⁶⁷ Jesus said therefore unto the twelve, Would ye also go away? ⁶⁸ Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ And we have believed and know that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, Did not I choose you the twelve, and one of you is a devil? ⁷¹ Now he spake of Judas Iscariot *the son* of Simon, for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

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¹ And after these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him. ² Now the feast of the Jews, the feast of tabernacles, was at hand. ³ His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judea, that thy disciples also may behold thy works which thou doest. ⁴ For no man doeth anything in secret, and himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou doest these things, manifest thyself to the world. ⁵ For even his brethren did not believe on him. ⁶ Jesus therefore saith unto them, My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready. ⁷ The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that its works are evil. ⁸ Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; because my time is not yet fulfilled. ⁹ And having said these things unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee.

¹⁰ But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not publicly, but as it were in secret. ¹¹ The Jews therefore sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? ¹² And there was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him: some said, He is a good man: others said, Not so, but he leadeth the multitude astray. ¹³ Yet no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴ But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. ¹⁵ And the Jews marveled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? ¹⁶ Jesus therefore answered them, and said, My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. ¹⁷ If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from myself. ¹⁸ He that speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh the glory of him that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. ¹⁹ Hath not Moses given you the law, and *yet* none of you doeth the law? Why seek ye to kill me? ²⁰ The multitude answered and said, Thou hast a demon: who seeketh to kill thee? ²¹ Jesus answered and said unto them, I did one work, and ye all marvel. ²² For this cause Moses hath given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers); and on the sabbath ye circumcise a man. ²³ If a man receiveth circumcision on the sabbath, that the law of Moses may not be broken; are ye wroth with me, because I made a man every whit whole on the sabbath? ²⁴ Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

²⁵ Some therefore of them of Jerusalem said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill? ²⁶ And lo, he speaketh openly, and they say nothing unto him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is indeed the Christ? ²⁷ Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when the Christ cometh, no one knoweth whence he is. ²⁸ Jesus therefore cried in the temple, teaching and saying, Ye both know me, and know whence I am; and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. ²⁹ I know him; because I am from him, and he sent me. ³⁰ They sought therefore to take him: and no man laid his hand on him, because his hour was not yet come. ³¹ But many of the multitude believed on him; and they said, When the Christ shall come, will he do more signs than these which this man hath done? ³² The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. ³³ Jesus therefore said, Yet a little while am I with you, and I go unto him that sent me. ³⁴ Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me*: and where I am, ye cannot come. ³⁵ The Jews therefore said among themselves, Whither will this man go that we shall not find him? will he go unto the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? ³⁶ What is this word that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me*; and where I am, ye cannot come?

³⁷ Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. ³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ But this spake he of the Spirit, whom they that believe on him were to receive: for the Holy Spirit

was not yet *given*; because Jesus was not yet glorified. ⁴⁰ Many of the multitude therefore, when they heard this word, said, This is of a truth the prophet. ⁴¹ Others said, This is the Christ. Others said, What, doth the Christ come out of Galilee? ⁴² Hath not the scripture said that the Christ cometh of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? ⁴³ So there arose a division in the multitude because of him. ⁴⁴ And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

⁴⁵ The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why did ye not bring him? ⁴⁶ The officers answered, Never did man so speak, as this man *speaketh*. ⁴⁷ The Pharisees therefore answered them, Are ye also led astray? ⁴⁸ Hath any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Pharisees? ⁴⁹ But this multitude that knoweth not the law are accursed. ⁵⁰ Nicodemus saith unto them (he that came to him by night, being one of them), ⁵¹ Doth our law judge a man, except it first hear from him and know what he doeth? ⁵² They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and see that out of Galilee no prophet hath arisen.

⁵³ And every man went unto his own house:

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¹ but Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. ² And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came; and he sat down, and taught them. ³ And the scribes and the Pharisees bring unto him a woman taken in adultery; and having set her in the midst, ⁴ they say unto him, trying *him*, Teacher; this woman hath been taken in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us that such should be stoned: what then sayest thou? ⁶ And this they said, trying him, that they might have *whereof* to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, taking no notice. ⁷ But when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her. ⁸ And again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground. ⁹ And they, when they heard it, being convicted by their *own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the eldest: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst. ¹⁰ And when Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Where are those thine accusers? did no man condemn thee? ¹¹ And she said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said, Neither do I judge thee: go thy way, and sin no more.

¹² Again therefore Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. ¹³ The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest witness of thyself; thy witness is not true. ¹⁴ Jesus answered and said unto them, Even if I bear witness of myself, my witness is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye know not whence I come, and whither I go. ¹⁵ Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. ¹⁶ Yea and if I judge, my judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. ¹⁷ Yea and in your law it is written, that the witness of two men is true. ¹⁸ I am he that beareth witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. ¹⁹ They

said therefore unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye know neither me, nor my Father: if ye knew me, ye would know my Father also. ²⁰ These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man took him; because his hour was not yet come.

²¹ Jesus said therefore again unto them, I go away, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sin: whither I go, ye cannot come. ²² The Jews therefore said, Will he kill himself, that he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come? ²³ And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for except ye believe that I am *he*, ye shall die in your sins. ²⁵ They said therefore unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus said unto them, Even that which I have also spoken unto you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you: howbeit he that sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these say I unto the world. ²⁷ They perceived not that he spake to them of the Father. ²⁸ Jesus therefore said unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself, but as my Father taught me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And he that sent me is with me; the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always the things that are pleasing to him. ³⁰ As he spake these things, many believed on him.

³¹ Jesus therefore said to those Jews that had believed him, If ye abide in my word, *then* are ye truly my disciples; ³² and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ³³ They answered him, We are Abraham's seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? ³⁴ Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Everyone that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin. ³⁵ And the bondservant abideth not in the house forever: the son abideth forever. ³⁶ If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that ye are Abraham's seed; yet ye seek to kill me, because my word hath not free course in you. ³⁸ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye then do that which ye have seen with your father. ³⁹ They answered and said unto him, Our father is Abraham. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I heard from God: this did not Abraham. ⁴¹ Ye do the works of your father. They said therefore unto him, We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God. ⁴² Jesus therefore said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of myself, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do ye not understand my speech? *Even* because ye cannot hear my word. ⁴⁴ Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and standeth not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof. ⁴⁵ But because I say the truth, ye believe me not. ⁴⁶ Which of you convicteth me of sin? And if I say truth, why do ye not believe me? ⁴⁷ He that is of God heareth the words of God: for this cause ye hear *them* not, because ye are not of God. ⁴⁸ The Jews therefore answered and said unto him,

Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a demon? ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, I have not a demon; but I honor my Father, and ye dishonor me. ⁵⁰ But I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. ⁵¹ Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my word, he shall never see death. ⁵² The Jews therefore said unto him, Now we know that thou hast a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my word, he shall never taste of death. ⁵³ Art thou greater than our father Abraham, who died? and the prophets died: whom makest thou thyself? ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing: it is my Father that glorifieth me; of whom ye say, He is our God; ⁵⁵ and ye have not known him: but I know him; and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be like unto you, a liar: but I know him, and keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad. ⁵⁷ The Jews therefore said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? ⁵⁸ Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was born, I am. ⁵⁹ They took up stones therefore to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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¹ And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. ² And his disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind? ³ Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. ⁴ I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. ⁵ When I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ⁶ When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, ⁷ and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went away therefore, and washed, and came seeing. ⁸ The neighbors therefore, and they that saw him aforetime, that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? ⁹ Others said, It is he: and others, He is like him. He said, I am *he*. ¹⁰ They said therefore unto him, How were thine eyes opened? ¹¹ He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went away and washed, and I received sight. ¹² They said therefore unto him, Where is he? He saith, I know not.

¹³ They bring to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. ¹⁴ Now it was the sabbath when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. And he said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and I see. ¹⁶ Some therefore of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because he keepeth not the sabbath. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such signs? And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, in that he opened thine eyes? And he said, He is a prophet. ¹⁸ The Jews therefore did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him

that had received his sight, ¹⁹ and asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? ²⁰ And his parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: ²¹ but how he now seeth, we know not; or who opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him; he shall speak for himself. ²² These things said his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him *to be* Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. ²⁴ So they called a second time the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give glory to God: we know that this man is a sinner. ²⁵ He therefore answered and said, Whether he is a sinner, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. ²⁶ And they said unto him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? ²⁷ He answered them, I told you even now, and ye did not hear; wherefore would ye hear it again? would ye also become his disciples? ²⁸ They reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God hath spoken unto Moses: but as for this man, we know not whence he is. ³⁰ The man answered and said unto them, Why, herein is a marvel, that ye know not whence he is, and yet he opened mine eyes. ³¹ Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshiper of God, and do his will, him he heareth. ³² Since the world began it was never heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. ³⁴ They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and finding him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? ³⁶ He answered and said, And who is he, Lord, that I may believe on him? ³⁷ And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and he it is that speaketh with thee. ³⁸ And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshiped him. ³⁹ And Jesus said, For judgment came I into this world, that they that see not may see; and that they that see may become blind. ⁴⁰ And those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said unto him, Are we also blind? ⁴¹ Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye would have no sin: but now ye say, We see: therefore your sin remaineth.

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¹ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴ And when he hath put forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. ⁵ And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. ⁶ This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

⁷ Jesus therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All that have come are thieves and robbers:

but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. ¹² But he that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth the sheep: ¹³ and the hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and am known of mine own, ¹⁵ even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one taketh it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment received I from my Father.

¹⁹ There arose a division therefore again among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰ And many of them said, He hath a demon, and is mad; why hear ye him? ²¹ Others said, These are not the sayings of one possessed with a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

²² And it was the feast of the dedication at Jerusalem, and it was winter; ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ The Jews therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou art the Christ, tell us plainly. ²⁵ Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me. ²⁶ But ye believe not, for ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸ and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who hath given *them* unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one. ³¹ The Jews therefore took up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shown you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? ³³ The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. ³⁴ Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? ³⁵ If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶ say ye of him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am *the* Son of God? ³⁷ If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. ³⁸ But if I do them, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in him. ³⁹ They sought therefore again to take him: and he went forth out of their hand.

⁴⁰ And he went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was at the first baptizing; and there he abode. ⁴¹ And many came unto him; and they said, John indeed did no sign: but all things

whatsoever John spake of this man were true. ⁴² And many believed on him there.

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¹ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² And it was that Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³ The sisters therefore sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby. ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. ⁶ When therefore he heard that he was sick, he abode at that time two days in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he saith to the disciples, Let us go into Judea again. ⁸ The disciples say unto him, Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? ⁹ Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If a man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because the light is not in him. ¹¹ These things spake he: and after this he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus is fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. ¹² His disciples therefore said, Lord, if he is fallen asleep, he will recover. ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death: but they thought that he spake of taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus therefore said unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. ¹⁶ Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

¹⁷ So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off; ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come the *women* around Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary still sat in the house. ²¹ Martha therefore said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ²² But even now I know that, whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will give thee. ²³ Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. ²⁴ Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. ²⁵ Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; ²⁶ and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this? ²⁷ She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I have believed that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, *even* he that cometh into the world. ²⁸ And when she had said these things, she went away, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Teacher is here, and calleth thee. ²⁹ She, when she heard it, arose quickly, and goeth unto him. ³⁰ (Now Jesus was not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met him.) ³¹ The Jews then who were with her in the house, and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the tomb to weep there. ³² Mary

therefore, when she came where Jesus was, and saw him, fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. ³³ When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews *also* weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, ³⁴ and said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ The Jews therefore said, Behold how he loved him! ³⁷ But some of them said, Could not this man, who opened the eyes of him that was blind, have caused that this man also should not die? ³⁸ Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus saith, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time the body decayeth; for he hath been *dead* four days. ⁴⁰ Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou believedst, thou shouldest see the glory of God? ⁴¹ So they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou heardest me. ⁴² And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the multitude that standeth around I said it, that they may believe that thou didst send me. ⁴³ And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. ⁴⁴ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

⁴⁵ Many therefore of the Jews, who came to Mary and beheld the things which Jesus did, believed on him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. ⁴⁹ But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ nor do ye consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. ⁵¹ Now this he said not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; ⁵² and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God that are scattered abroad. ⁵³ So from that day forth they took counsel together that they might put him to death.

⁵⁴ Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed thence into the country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there he tarried with his disciples. ⁵⁵ Now the passover of the Jews was at hand: and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the passover, to purify themselves. ⁵⁶ They sought therefore for Jesus, and spake one with another, as they stood in the temple, What think ye? That he will not come to the feast? ⁵⁷ Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given commandment, that, if any man knew where he was, he should show it, that they might take him.

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¹ Jesus therefore six days before the passover came to Bethany, where

Lazarus was, who had died, whom he raised from the dead. ² So they made him a supper there: and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at meat with him. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. ⁴ Then one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, *son of Simon*, that should betray him, saith, ⁵ Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor? ⁶ Now this he said, not because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and took away what was put therein. ⁷ Jesus therefore said, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. ⁸ For the poor ye have always with you; but me ye have not always.

⁹ Much people of the Jews therefore learned that he was there: and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus also to death; ¹¹ because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

¹² On the morrow a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³ took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. ¹⁴ And Jesus, having found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, ¹⁵ Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. ¹⁶ And these things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. ¹⁷ The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, bare witness. ¹⁸ For this cause also the multitude went and met him, for that they heard that he had done this sign. ¹⁹ The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Behold how ye prevail nothing; lo, the world is gone after him.

²⁰ Now there were certain Greeks among those that went up to worship at the feast: ²¹ these therefore came to Philip, who was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. ²² Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. ²⁵ He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. ²⁶ If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: and if any man serve me, him will the Father honor. ²⁷ Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. But for this cause came I unto this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify thy name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. ²⁹ The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it had thundered: others said, An angel hath spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus answered and said, This voice hath not come for my sake, but for your sakes. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this

world be cast out. ³² And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself. ³³ But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die. ³⁴ The multitude answered him, We have heard out of the law that the Christ abideth forever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? ³⁵ Jesus therefore said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not: and he that walketh in the darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. ³⁶ While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light.

These things spake Jesus, and he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they believed not on him: ³⁸ that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake,

Lord, who hath believed our report?

And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

³⁹ For this cause they could not believe, for that Isaiah said again,

⁴⁰ He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart;

Lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart,

And should turn again,

And I should heal them.

⁴¹ These things said Isaiah, when he saw his glory; and he spake of him.

⁴² Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *it*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: ⁴³ for they loved the glory *that is* of men more than the glory *that is* of God.

⁴⁴ And Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. ⁴⁵ And he that beholdeth me beholdeth him that sent me. ⁴⁶ I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness. ⁴⁷ And if any man hear my sayings, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹ For I spake not from myself; but the Father that sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is life eternal; the things therefore which I speak, even as the Father hath said unto me, so I speak.

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¹ Now before the feast of the passover, Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them unto the end. ² And supper being ended, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas, *son* of Simon Iscariot, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and goeth unto God, ⁴ riseth from supper, and layeth aside his garments; and he took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵ Then he poureth water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. ⁶ So he cometh to Simon Peter: and he saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? ⁷ Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest

not now; but thou shalt understand hereafter. ⁸ Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. ⁹ Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. ¹⁰ Jesus saith to him, He that is bathed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. ¹¹ For he knew him that should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

¹² So when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, having sat down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? ¹³ Ye call me, Teacher, and, Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord; neither one that is sent greater than he that sent him. ¹⁷ If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them. ¹⁸ I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me lifted up his heel against me. ¹⁹ From henceforth I tell you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*. ²⁰ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

²¹ When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. ²² The disciples therefore looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. ²³ Now there was at the table reclining in Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore beckoneth to him, that he should ask who it might be of whom he speaketh. ²⁵ But he leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? ²⁶ Jesus answereth, He it is, to whom I shall give the sop, when I have dipped it. And having dipped the sop, he giveth it to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. ²⁷ And after the sop, then entered Satan into him. Jesus therefore saith unto him, What thou doest, do quickly. ²⁸ Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. ²⁹ For some thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus said unto him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ He then having received the sop straightaway went out: and it was night.

³¹ When he was gone out, Jesus saith, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and straightaway shall he glorify him. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say unto you. ³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

³⁶ Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but afterward thou shalt follow me. ³⁷ Peter saith unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee even now? I will lay down my life for thee. ³⁸ Jesus

answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for me? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

14

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go, I will prepare for you a place; I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. ⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. ⁵ Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me. ⁷ If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. ⁸ Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. ⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou, Show us the Father? ¹⁰ Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not from myself: but the Father that abideth in me, he doeth the works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. ¹² Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. ¹³ And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If ye shall ask me anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; ¹⁷ *even* the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also. ²⁰ In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. ²¹ He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him. ²² Judas (not Iscariot) saith unto him, Lord, and what is come to pass that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? ²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. ²⁴ He that loveth me not keepeth not my words: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you, while *yet* abiding with you. ²⁶ But the Comforter, *even* the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. ²⁸ Ye heard how I said to you, I go

away, and I come unto you. If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe. ³⁰ I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world cometh: and he hath nothing in me; ³¹ but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

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¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. ⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹ Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love. ¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may abide in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. ¹² This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you. ¹⁶ Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, that ye may love one another. ¹⁸ If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹ If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ He that hateth me hateth my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which none other hath done, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But *this cometh to pass*, that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their law, They

hated me without a cause. ²⁶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father; he shall bear witness of me: ²⁷ and ye also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

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¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be caused to stumble. ² They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you shall think that he offereth service unto God. ³ And these things will they do, because they have not known the Father; nor me. ⁴ But these things have I spoken unto you, that when the hour is come, ye may remember them, how that I told you. And these things I said not unto you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I go unto him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? ⁶ But because I have spoken these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to my Father; and ye behold me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the prince of this world hath been judged. ¹² I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. ¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, *these* shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare *it* unto you. ¹⁵ All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he taketh of mine, and shall declare *it* unto you. ¹⁶ A little while, and ye behold me not; and again a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. ¹⁷ *Some* of his disciples therefore said one to another, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye behold me not; and again a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? ¹⁸ They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? We know not what he saith. ¹⁹ Jesus perceived therefore that they were desirous to ask him, and he said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, A little while, and ye behold me not, and again a little while, and ye shall see me? ²⁰ Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. ²¹ A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world. ²² And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you. ²³ And in that day ye shall ask me no question. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. ²⁴ Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you in dark sayings: but the hour cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in dark sayings, but shall declare to you plainly of the Father. ²⁶ In that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you; ²⁷ for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from God. ²⁸ I came out from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father. ²⁹ His disciples say unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no dark saying. ³⁰ Now know we that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. ³¹ Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? ³² Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. ³³ These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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¹ These things spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: ² even as thou gavest him authority over all flesh, that to all whom thou hast given him, he shall give eternal life. ³ And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, *even* Jesus Christ. ⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: I have accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. ⁶ I manifested thy name unto the men whom thou hast given me out of the world: thine they were, and thou hast given them to me; and they have kept thy word. ⁷ Now they know that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are from thee: ⁸ for the words which thou gavest me I have given unto them; and they received *them*, and knew of a truth that I came forth from thee, and they believed that thou didst send me. ⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me; for they are thine: ¹⁰ and all things that are mine are thine, and thine are mine: and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou hast given me I have guarded, and not one of them perished, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy made full in them. ¹⁴ I have given them thy word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I pray not that thou shouldest take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil *one*. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in thy truth: thy word is truth. ¹⁸ As thou didst send me into the world, even so sent I them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ Neither

for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me. ²² And the glory which thou hast given me I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as we are one; ²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; and that the world may know that thou didst send me, and lovedst them, even as thou lovedst me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou gavest me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, the world knew thee not, but I knew thee; and these knew that thou didst send me; ²⁶ and I made known unto them thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith thou lovedst me may be in them, and I in them.

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¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Kidron, where was a garden, into which he entered, himself and his disciples. ² Now Judas also, who betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. ³ Judas then, having received the band *of soldiers*, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? ⁵ They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When therefore he said unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground. ⁷ Again therefore he asked them, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. ⁸ Jesus answered, I told you that I am *he*; if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: ⁹ that the word might be fulfilled which he spake, Of those whom thou hast given me I lost not one. ¹⁰ Simon Peter therefore having a sword drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. Now the servant's name was Malchus. ¹¹ Jesus therefore said unto Peter, Put up the sword into the sheath: the cup which the Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

¹² So the band and the chief captain, and the officers of the Jews, seized Jesus and bound him, ¹³ and led him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ Now Caiaphas was he that gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should perish for the people.

¹⁵ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and *so did* the other disciple. Now that disciple was known unto the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest; ¹⁶ but Peter was standing at the door without. So the other disciple, who was known unto the high priest, went out and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. ¹⁷ The maid therefore that kept the door saith unto Peter, Art thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. ¹⁸ Now the servants and the officers were standing *there*, having made a fire of coals; for

it was cold; and they were warming themselves: and Peter was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹ The high priest therefore asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in a synagogue, and in the temple, where the Jews always come together; and in secret spake I nothing. ²¹ Why askest thou me? ask them that have heard *me*, what I spake unto them: behold, these know the things which I said. ²² And when he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? ²³ Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? ²⁴ Annas sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore unto him, Art thou also *one* of his disciples? He therefore denied, and said, I am not. ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, being a kinsman of him whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? ²⁷ Peter therefore denied again: and straightaway the cock crowed.

²⁸ They lead Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium: and it was early; and they themselves entered not into the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but that they might eat the passover. ²⁹ Pilate therefore went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? ³⁰ They answered and said unto him, If this man were not an evildoer, we should not have delivered him up unto thee. ³¹ Pilate therefore said unto them, Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: ³² that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should die.

³³ Pilate therefore entered into the Praetorium again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? ³⁴ Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this of thyself, or did others tell it thee concerning me? ³⁵ Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? ³⁶ Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. ³⁷ Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice. ³⁸ Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find no crime in him. ³⁹ But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? ⁴⁰ They all cried out therefore again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

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¹ Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. ² And the

soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple garment, ³ and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate therefore went out again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him out to you, that ye may know that I find no crime in him. ⁵ Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And *Pilate* saith unto them, Behold, the man! ⁶ When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify, crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Take him yourselves, and crucify him: for I find no crime in him. ⁷ The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. ⁸ When Pilate therefore heard this saying, he was the more afraid; ⁹ and he entered into the Praetorium again, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore saith unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? ¹¹ Jesus answered, Thou wouldest have no power against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivereth me unto thee hath greater sin. ¹² Upon this Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar's friend: everyone that maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. ¹³ When Pilate therefore heard this word, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the Preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour. And he saith unto the Jews, Behold, your King! ¹⁵ But they cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. ¹⁶ Then therefore he delivered him unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away.

¹⁷ And he went out, bearing his cross, unto a place called The place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha: ¹⁸ where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. ¹⁹ And Pilate wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. And there was written, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ This title therefore read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, *and* in Greek, *and* in Latin. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews therefore said to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but, that he said, I am King of the Jews. ²² Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

²³ The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. ²⁴ They said therefore one to another, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith,

They parted my garments among them,
And upon my vesture did they cast lots.

These things therefore the soldiers did. ²⁵ But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw his mother,

and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold, thy son! ²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, Behold, thy mother! And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own *home*.

²⁸ After this Jesus, seeing that all things are now finished, that the scripture might be accomplished, saith, I thirst. ²⁹ Now there was set there a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and brought it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

³¹ The Jews therefore, that the bodies should not remain on the cross upon the sabbath, because it was the Preparation (for the day of that sabbath was a high *day*), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. ³² The soldiers therefore came, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with him: ³³ but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: ³⁴ howbeit one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and straightaway there came out blood and water. ³⁵ And he that hath seen hath borne witness, and his witness is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye may believe. ³⁶ For these things came to pass, that the scripture might be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. ³⁷ And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took away the body of Jesus. ³⁹ And there came also Nicodemus, he who at the first came to Jesus by night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb wherein was never man yet laid. ⁴² There then because of the Jews' Preparation (for the tomb was nigh at hand) they laid Jesus.

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¹ Now on the first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, unto the tomb, and seeth the stone taken away from the tomb. ² She runneth therefore, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him. ³ Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. ⁴ And they ran both together: and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb; ⁵ and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths lying; yet entered he not in. ⁶ Simon Peter therefore cometh, following him, and entered into the tomb; and he beholdeth the linen cloths lying, ⁷ and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed. ⁹ For as yet they

knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰ So the disciples went away again unto their own home.

¹¹ But Mary was standing at the tomb weeping without: so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; ¹² and she beholdeth two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. ¹⁴ And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and beholdeth Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. ¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turneth herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Teacher. ¹⁷ Jesus saith to her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto my Father: but go unto my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and my God and your God. ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene cometh and telleth the disciples that she had seen the Lord; and *that* he had said these things unto her.

¹⁹ When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were gathered together, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. ²⁰ And when he had said this, he showed unto them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus therefore said to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit: ²³ whose soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

²⁶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. ²⁷ Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach *hither* thy hand, and put it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. ²⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

³⁰ Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: ³¹ but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name.

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¹ After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and he manifested *himself* on this wise. ² There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also come with thee. They went forth, and entered into the boat immediately; and that night they took nothing. ⁴ But when morning was now come, Jesus stood on the beach: yet the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus therefore saith unto them, Children, have ye aught to eat? They answered him, No. ⁶ And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fish. ⁷ That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his coat about him (for he was naked), and cast himself into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits off), dragging the net *full* of fish. ⁹ So when they gat out upon the land, they see a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now taken. ¹¹ Simon Peter went up, and drew the net up on the land, full of great fish, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, the net was not rent. ¹² Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* break your fast. And none of the disciples durst inquire of him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus therefore cometh, and taketh the bread, and giveth them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴ This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

¹⁵ So when they had broken their fast, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonah, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. ¹⁶ He saith to him again a second time, Simon, *son* of Jonah, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Tend my sheep. ¹⁷ He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonah, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. ¹⁹ Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. ²⁰ But Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; who also leaned back on his breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is he that betrayeth thee? ²¹ Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? ²² Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me. ²³ This saying therefore went forth among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, that he should

not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee?

²⁴ This is the disciple that beareth witness of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his witness is true.

²⁵ And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

THE ACTS

¹ The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, ² until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ³ to whom he also showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God: ⁴ and, being assembled together with *them*, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, *said he*, ye heard from me: ⁵ for John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days hence.

⁶ They therefore, when they were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? ⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own authority. ⁸ But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were looking steadfastly into heaven as he went, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹ who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? this Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven.

¹² Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is nigh unto Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey off. ¹³ And when they were come in, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were abiding; both Peter and James and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the son* of James. ¹⁴ These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

¹⁵ And in these days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said (and there was a multitude of persons *gathered* together, about a hundred and twenty), ¹⁶ Brethren, it was needful that this scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spake before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered with us, and received his portion in this ministry. ¹⁸ (Now this man obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch that in their proper language that field was called Akeldama, that is, The field of blood.) ²⁰ For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be made desolate,
And let no man dwell therein:
and,
His office let another take.

²¹ Of the men therefore that have companied with us all the time in which the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us, of these must one become a witness with us of his resurrection. ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show of these two the one whom thou hast chosen, ²⁵ to take the portion in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place. ²⁶ And they gave their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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¹ And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these that speak Galileans? ⁸ And how hear we, every man in our own language wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues the mighty works of God. ¹² And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What meaneth this? ¹³ But others mocking said, They are filled with new wine.

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spake forth unto them, *saying*, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and give ear unto my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose; seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day; ¹⁶ but this is that which hath been spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ And it shall be in the last days, saith God,
I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh:
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams:

¹⁸ Yea and on my servants and on my handmaidens in those days
Will I pour forth of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heaven above,
And signs on the earth beneath;
Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke:

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the day of the Lord come,
That great and notable *day*:

²¹ And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as ye yourselves also know; ²³ him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by the hands of lawless men did crucify and slay: ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

²⁵ For David saith concerning him,

I beheld the Lord always before my face;

For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

²⁶ Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

Moreover my flesh also shall dwell in hope:

²⁷ Because thou wilt not leave my soul unto Hades,

Neither wilt thou give thy Holy One to see corruption.

²⁸ Thou madest known unto me the ways of life;

Thou shalt make me full of gladness with thy countenance.

²⁹ Brethren, I may say unto you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us unto this day.

³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ to sit upon his throne; ³¹ he foreseeing *this* spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that his soul was not left in Hades, neither did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath poured forth this, which ye now see and hear.

³⁴ For David ascended not into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

³⁵ Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸ And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation.

⁴¹ They then that gladly received his word were baptized: and there were added *unto them* that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common; ⁴⁵ and they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, according as any man had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church day by day those that were saved.

3

¹ Now Peter and John were going up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. ² And a certain man that was lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; ³ who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked an alms. ⁴ And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John, said, Look on us. ⁵ And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk. ⁷ And he took him by the right hand, and raised *him* up: and immediately his feet and his anklebones received strength. ⁸ And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God: ¹⁰ and they took knowledge of him, that it was he that sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

¹¹ And as the lame man who was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. ¹² And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this man? or why fasten ye your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Servant Jesus; whom ye indeed delivered up, and denied him before the face of Pilate, when he had determined to release him. ¹⁴ But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted unto you, ¹⁵ and killed the Prince of life; whom God raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name hath his name made this man strong, whom ye behold and know: yea, the faith which is through him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ And now, brethren, I know that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But the things which God foreshowed by the mouth of all his prophets, that the Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; ²⁰ and that he may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, *even* Jesus: ²¹ whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spake by the

mouth of all his holy prophets that have been from of old. ²² For Moses indeed said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord our God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. ²³ And it shall be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. ²⁴ Yea and all the prophets from Samuel and them that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days. ²⁵ Ye are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ²⁶ Unto you first God, having raised up his Servant Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

4

¹ And as they spake unto the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² being sore troubled because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow: for it was now eventide. ⁴ But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

⁵ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together at Jerusalem, ⁶ and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, By what power, or in what name, have ye done this? ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, ⁹ if we this day are examined concerning a good deed done to an impotent man, by what means this man is made whole; ¹⁰ be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* in him doth this man stand here before you whole. ¹¹ He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner. ¹² And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

¹³ Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ And seeing the man that was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been wrought through them, is manifest to all that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But that it spread no further among the people, we will strictly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. ¹⁸ And they called them, and charged them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye: ²⁰ for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard. ²¹ And they, when they had further

threatened them, let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done. ²² For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was wrought.

²³ And being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said unto them. ²⁴ And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O Lord, thou *art* God, who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: ²⁵ who by the mouth of thy servant David didst say,

Why did the Gentiles rage,

And the peoples imagine vain things?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves in array,

And the rulers were gathered together,

Against the Lord, and against his Anointed:

²⁷ for of a truth against thy holy Servant Jesus, whom thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together, ²⁸ to do whatsoever thy hand and thy council foreordained to come to pass. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness, ³⁰ while thou stretchest forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of thy holy Servant Jesus. ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

³² And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of *them* said that aught of the things which they possessed was his own; but they had all things common. ³³ And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ For neither was there among them any that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, ³⁵ and laid them at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto each, according as anyone had need.

³⁶ And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of exhortation), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race, ³⁷ having a field, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5

¹ But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, ² and kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back for thyself *part* of the price of the land? ⁴ While it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. ⁵ And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear

came upon all that heard these things. ⁶ And the young men arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him.

⁷ And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. ⁸ And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yea, for so much. ⁹ But Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to try the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them that have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out. ¹⁰ And she fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband. ¹¹ And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things.

¹² And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people: and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. ¹³ But of the rest durst no man join himself to them: howbeit the people magnified them; ¹⁴ and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women: ¹⁵ insomuch that they carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Peter came by, at the least his shadow might overshadow some one of them. ¹⁶ And there also came together the multitude from the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy, ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in public ward. ¹⁹ But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ Go ye, and stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life. ²¹ And when they heard *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison house to have them brought. ²² But the officers that came found them not in the prison; and they returned, and told, ²³ saying, The prison house truly we found shut in all safety, and the keepers standing before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. ²⁴ Now when the priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed concerning them whereunto this would grow. ²⁵ And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the prison are in the temple standing and teaching the people. ²⁶ Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them, *but* without violence; for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. ²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, ²⁸ saying, Did we not strictly charge you not to teach in this name? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered and said, We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew, hanging him on a tree. ³¹ Him did God exalt with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Savior, to give repentance to Israel,

and remission of sins. ³² And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

³³ But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, and were minded to slay them. ³⁴ But there stood up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in honor of all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little while. ³⁵ And he said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves as touching these men, what ye are about to do. ³⁶ For before these days rose up Theudas, giving himself out to be somebody; to whom were called a number of men, about four hundred: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nought. ³⁷ After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the enrollment, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad. ³⁸ And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if *this* counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown: ³⁹ but if it is of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to be fighting against God. ⁴⁰ And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles unto them, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name of Jesus. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ.

6

¹ Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. ² And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not fit that we should forsake the word of God, and serve tables. ³ Look ye out therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. ⁴ But we will continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word. ⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus a proselyte of Antioch; ⁶ whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands upon them.

⁷ And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ But there arose certain of them that were of the synagogue called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen. ¹⁰ And they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake. ¹¹ Then they suborned men, who said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God. ¹² And they stirred up the people, and the

elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and seized him, and brought him into the council, ¹³ and set up false witnesses, who said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against the holy place, and the law: ¹⁴ for we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered unto us. ¹⁵ And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

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¹ And the high priest said, Are then these things so? ² And he said,

Brethren and fathers, hearken: The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, ³ and said unto him, Get thee out of thy land, and from thy kindred, and come into a land that I shall show thee. ⁴ Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Haran: and from thence, when his father was dead, *God* removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell: ⁵ and he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: and he promised that he would give it to him in possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child. ⁶ And God spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourn in a strange land, and that they should bring them into bondage, and treat them ill, four hundred years. ⁷ And the nation to which they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place. ⁸ And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. ⁹ And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt: and God was with him, ¹⁰ and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. ¹¹ Now there came a famine over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance. ¹² But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the first time. ¹³ And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's race became manifest unto Pharaoh. ¹⁴ And Joseph sent, and called to him his father Jacob, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls. ¹⁵ And Jacob went down into Egypt; and he died, himself and our fathers; ¹⁶ and they were carried over unto Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver of the sons of Hamor *the father* of Shechem. ¹⁷ But as the time of the promise drew nigh which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, ¹⁸ till there arose another king, who knew not Joseph. ¹⁹ The same dealt craftily with our race, and ill-treated our fathers, that they should cast out their babes to the end they might not live. ²⁰ At which season Moses was born, and was exceeding fair; and he was nourished three months in his father's house: ²¹ and when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took *him* up, and nourished him for her own son. ²² And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in words and works. ²³ But when he was well-nigh forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his

brethren the children of Israel. ²⁴ And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, smiting the Egyptian: ²⁵ and he supposed that his brethren understood that God by his hand was giving them deliverance; but they understood not. ²⁶ And the day following he appeared unto them as they strove, and urged them to peace, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? ²⁷ But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? ²⁸ Wouldest thou kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian yesterday? ²⁹ And Moses fled at this saying, and became a sojourner in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons. ³⁰ And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. ³¹ And when Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold, there came a voice of the Lord unto him, ³² I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses trembled, and durst not behold. ³³ And the Lord said unto him, Loose the shoes from thy feet: for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. ³⁴ I have surely seen the affliction of my people that is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I am come down to deliver them: and now come, I will send thee into Egypt. ³⁵ This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? him did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ This man led them forth, having wrought wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. ³⁷ This is that Moses, who said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord our God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me. ³⁸ This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel that spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received a living word to give unto us: ³⁹ to whom our fathers would not be obedient, but thrust him from them, and turned back in their heart unto Egypt, ⁴⁰ saying unto Aaron, Make us gods that shall go before us: for as for this Moses, who led us forth out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. ⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands. ⁴² But God turned, and gave them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, Did ye offer unto me slain beasts and sacrifices Forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ⁴³ And ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of your god Remphan, The figures which ye made to worship them: And I will carry you away beyond Babylon. ⁴⁴ Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he appointed who spake unto Moses, that he should make it according to the figure that he had seen. ⁴⁵ Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered on the possession of the nations, that God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; ⁴⁶ who found favor in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the God of Jacob. ⁴⁷ But Solomon built him a

house. ⁴⁸ Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

⁴⁹ The heaven is my throne,

And the earth the footstool of my feet:

What manner of house will ye build me? saith the Lord:

Or what is the place of my rest?

⁵⁰ Did not my hand make all these things?

⁵¹ Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye. ⁵² Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them that showed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become betrayers and murderers; ⁵³ ye who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, ⁵⁶ and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one accord; ⁵⁸ and they cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *the Lord*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. ⁶⁰ And he knelt down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8

¹ And Saul was consenting unto his death.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² And devout men buried Stephen, and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul laid waste the church, entering into every house, and dragging men and women committed them to prison.

⁴ They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching the word. ⁵ And Philip went down to a city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. ⁶ And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did. ⁷ For from many of those that had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and that were lame, were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

⁹ But there was a certain man, Simon by name, who beforetime in the city used sorcery, and amazed the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: ¹⁰ to whom they gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. ¹¹ And they gave heed to him, because that of long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. ¹² But when they believed Philip preaching the good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ And Simon also himself

believed: and being baptized, he continued with Philip; and beholding miracles and signs wrought, he was amazed.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles that were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵ who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: ¹⁶ for as yet it was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of Christ Jesus. ¹⁷ Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, Give me also this power; that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ But Peter said unto him, Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain the gift of God with money. ²¹ Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right before God. ²² Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee. ²³ For I see that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. ²⁴ And Simon answered and said, Pray ye for me to the Lord, that none of the things which ye have spoken come upon me.

²⁵ They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶ But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza: the same is desert. ²⁷ And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship; ²⁸ and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. ³⁰ And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? ³¹ And he said, How can I, except someone shall guide me? And he besought Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this,

He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;

And as a lamb before his shearer is dumb,

So he openeth not his mouth:

³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away:

And who shall declare his generation?

For his life is taken from the earth.

³⁴ And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other? ³⁵ And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, preached unto him Jesus. ³⁶ And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus: and

passing through he preached the gospel to all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

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¹ But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, ² and asked of him letters to Damascus unto the synagogues, that if he found any that were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Damascus: and suddenly there shone round about him a light from heaven: ⁴ and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? ⁵ And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: ⁶ but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. ⁷ And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but beholding no man. ⁸ And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and the Lord said unto him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord. ¹¹ And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth; ¹² and he hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and laying *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight. ¹³ But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to thy saints at Jerusalem: ¹⁴ and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name. ¹⁵ But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: ¹⁶ for I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake. ¹⁷ And Ananias departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, who appeared unto thee in the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ And straightaway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight; and he arose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and he took food and regained his strength.

And Saul was certain days with the disciples that were at Damascus. ²⁰ And straightaway in the synagogues he proclaimed the Christ, that he is the Son of God. ²¹ And all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that in Jerusalem made havoc of them that called on this name, and came hither for this intent, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests. ²² But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews that dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

²³ And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together to kill him: ²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates both day and night that they might kill him: ²⁵ but the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

²⁶ And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸ And he was with them going into Jerusalem, and preaching boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus: ²⁹ and he spake and disputed against the Grecian Jews; but they were seeking to kill him. ³⁰ And when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

³¹ So the churches throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplied.

³² And it came to pass, as Peter went throughout all parts, he came down also to the saints that dwelt at Lydda. ³³ And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had kept his bed eight years; for he was palsied. ³⁴ And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus the Christ healeth thee: arise, and make thy bed. And straightaway he arose. ³⁵ And all that dwelt at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

³⁶ Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. ³⁷ And it came to pass in those days, that she fell sick, and died: and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper chamber. ³⁸ And as Lydda was nigh unto Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent unto him, entreating him that he would not delay to come to them. ³⁹ And Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all forth, knelt down, and prayed; and turning to the body, he said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand, and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa: and many believed on the Lord. ⁴³ And it came to pass, that he abode many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

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¹ Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*, ² a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, who also gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. ³ He saw in a vision openly, about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him, and saying to him, Cornelius. ⁴ And he, fastening his eyes upon him, and being affrighted, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are gone up for a memorial before God. ⁵ And now send men to Joppa, and fetch Simon, who is surnamed Peter: ⁶ he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside. ⁷ And when the angel that spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two

of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; ⁸ and having rehearsed all things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ Now on the morrow, as they were on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour: ¹⁰ and he became hungry, and desired to eat: but while they made ready, a trance fell upon him; ¹¹ and he beholdeth the heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it were a great sheet, bound at the four corners, and let down upon the earth: ¹² wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth and wild beasts and creeping things and birds of the heaven. ¹³ And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. ¹⁴ But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. ¹⁵ And a voice *came* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. ¹⁶ And this was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was much perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, then, behold, the men that were sent from Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood before the gate, ¹⁸ and called and asked whether Simon, who was surnamed Peter, were lodging there. ¹⁹ And while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, men are seeking thee. ²⁰ But arise, and get thee down, and go with them, nothing doubting: for I have sent them. ²¹ And Peter went down to the men, and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? ²² And they said, Cornelius a centurion, a righteous man and one that feareth God, and well reported of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned *of God* by a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words from thee. ²³ So he called them in and lodged them.

And on the morrow Peter went forth with them, and certain of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ And on the morrow they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his kinsmen and his near friends. ²⁵ And when it came to pass that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in, and findeth many come together: ²⁸ and he said unto them, Ye yourselves know how it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to join himself or come unto one of another nation; and *yet* unto me hath God shown that I should not call any man common or unclean: ²⁹ wherefore also I came without gainsaying, when I was sent for. I ask therefore with what intent ye sent for me. ³⁰ And Cornelius said, Four days ago, I was fasting until this hour; and I was keeping the ninth hour of prayer in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in bright apparel, ³¹ and saith, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa, and call unto thee Simon, who is surnamed Peter; he lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner, by the seaside: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. ³³ Forthwith therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore we are all here present in the

sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded thee of God. ³⁴ And Peter opened his mouth, and said,

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: ³⁵ but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him. ³⁶ The word which he sent unto the children of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)— ³⁷ that saying ye yourselves know, which was published throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; ³⁸ *even* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom also they slew, hanging him on a tree. ⁴⁰ Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be made manifest, ⁴¹ not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, *even* to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to testify that this is he who is ordained of God *to be* the Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him bear all the prophets witness, that through his name everyone that believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.

⁴⁴ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them that heard the word. ⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision that believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, ⁴⁷ Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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¹ Now the apostles and the brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, ³ saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. ⁴ But Peter began, and expounded *the matter* unto them in order, saying, ⁵ I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even unto me: ⁶ upon which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw the four-footed beasts of the earth and wild beasts and creeping things and birds of the heaven. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying unto me, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. ⁸ But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath ever entered into my mouth. ⁹ But a voice answered me the second time out of heaven, What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. ¹⁰ And this was done thrice: and all were drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, forthwith three men stood before the house in which I was, having been sent from Caesarea unto me. ¹² And the Spirit bade me go with them, making no distinction. And these six brethren also accompanied me; and we entered into the man's house:

¹³ and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying unto him, Send men to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter; ¹⁴ who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house. ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ If then God gave unto them the like gift as *he did* also unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, then who was I, that I could withstand God? ¹⁸ And when they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life.

¹⁹ They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only to Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecian Jews, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. ²² And the report concerning them came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch: ²³ who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord: ²⁴ for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. ²⁵ And Barnabas went forth to Tarsus to seek for Saul; ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that for a whole year they were gathered together with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

²⁷ Now in these days there came down prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. ²⁸ And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine over all the world: which also came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. ²⁹ And the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Judea: ³⁰ which also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

12

¹ Now about that time Herod the king put forth his hands to afflict certain of the church. ² And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. ³ And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. And *those* were the days of unleavened bread. ⁴ And when he had taken him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him; intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people. ⁵ Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but earnest prayer was made of the church unto God for him. ⁶ And when Herod was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and guards before the door kept the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains

fell off from his hands. ⁸ And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. ⁹ And he went out, and followed him; and he knew not that it was true which was done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. ¹⁰ And when they were past the first and the second guard, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightaway the angel departed from him. ¹¹ And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. ¹² And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³ And when Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a maid came to answer, named Rhoda. ¹⁴ And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for joy, but ran in, and told that Peter stood before the gate. ¹⁵ And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she confidently affirmed that it was even so. And they said, It is his angel. ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed. ¹⁷ But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went to another place. ¹⁸ Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. ¹⁹ And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and tarried there.

²⁰ Now Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: and they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was fed from the king's country. ²¹ And upon a set day Herod arrayed himself in royal apparel, and sat on the throne, and made an oration unto them. ²² And the people shouted, *saying*, The voice of a god, and not of a man. ²³ And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not glory to God: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

²⁴ But the word of God grew and multiplied.

²⁵ And Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministrations, taking also with them John whose surname was Mark.

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¹ Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. ³ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

⁴ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ And when they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John as their attendant. ⁶ And when they had gone through the island unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-Jesus; ⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. The same called unto him Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who is also *called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, and fastening his eyes on him, ¹⁰ said, O full of all guile and all villainy, thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

¹³ Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ But they, passing through from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia; and they went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. ¹⁵ And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Brethren, if ye have a word of exhortation for the people, say on. ¹⁶ And Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said,

Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken: ¹⁷ The God of this people chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of Egypt, and with a high arm led he them forth out of it. ¹⁸ And for about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance. ²⁰ And after these things he gave *them* judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ And afterward they asked for a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for the space of forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; to whom also he bare witness and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who shall do all my will. ²³ Of this man's seed hath God according to promise brought unto Israel salvation; ²⁴ when John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to Israel. ²⁵ And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, Whom suppose ye that I am? I am not *he*. But behold, there cometh one after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose. ²⁶ Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. ²⁷ For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled *them* by condemning *him*. ²⁸ And though they found no cause of death *in him*, yet asked they of Pilate that he should be

slain. ²⁹ And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead: ³¹ and he was seen for many days of them that came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. ³² And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers, that God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he raised up Jesus; ³³ as also it is written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. ³⁴ And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he hath spoken on this wise, I will give you the holy and sure *blessings* of David. ³⁵ Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou wilt not give thy Holy One to see corruption. ³⁶ For David, after he had in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell asleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: ³⁷ but he whom God raised up saw no corruption. ³⁸ Be it known unto you therefore, brethren, that through this man is proclaimed unto you remission of sins: ³⁹ and by him everyone that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Beware therefore, lest that come upon you which is spoken in the prophets:

⁴¹ Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish;

For I work a work in your days,

Which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.

⁴² And as they went out of the synagogue of the Jews, the Gentiles besought that *these* words might be spoken to them the next sabbath.

⁴³ Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to *them*, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ And the next sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were said by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. But seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*,

I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles,

That thou shouldest be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.

⁴⁸ And as the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout all the region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews urged on the women that were devout, and the *women* of honorable estate, and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and cast them out of their borders. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

14

¹ And it came to pass in Iconium that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed. ² But the Jews that were disobedient stirred up the souls of the Gentiles, and made them evil affected against the brethren. ³ Long time therefore they tarried *there* speaking boldly in the Lord, who bare witness unto the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the multitude of the city was divided; and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles. ⁵ And when there was made an onset both of the Gentiles and of the Jews with their rulers, to treat them shamefully and to stone them, ⁶ they became aware of it, and fled unto the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the region round about: ⁷ and there they preached the gospel.

⁸ And at Lystra there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. ⁹ The same heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole, ¹⁰ said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up and walked. ¹¹ And when the multitude saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. ¹² And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercury, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ Then the priest of Jupiter whose *temple* was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the multitudes. ¹⁴ But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they rent their garments, and sprang in among the multitude, crying out ¹⁵ and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and bring you good tidings, that ye should turn from these vain things unto the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: ¹⁶ who in the generations gone by suffered all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ And yet he left not himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. ¹⁸ And with these sayings scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing sacrifice unto them.

¹⁹ But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium: and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and Iconium, and Antioch, ²² confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. ²⁴ And they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; ²⁶ and thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had

fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they tarried there no little time with the disciples.

15

¹ And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, *saying*, Except ye be circumcised after the custom of Moses, ye cannot be saved. ² When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and questioning with them, *the brethren* appointed that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. ³ They therefore, being brought on their way by the church, passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. ⁴ And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church and the apostles and the elders, and they rehearsed all things that God had done with them. ⁵ But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, *saying*, It is needful to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses.

⁶ And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider of this matter. ⁷ And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them,

Brethren, ye know that a good while ago God made choice among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. ⁸ And God, who knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as he did unto us; ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now therefore why make ye trial of God, that ye should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? ¹¹ But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they.

¹² And all the multitude kept silence; and they hearkened unto Barnabas and Paul rehearsing what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles through them. ¹³ And after they had held their peace, James answered, *saying*,

Brethren, hearken unto me: ¹⁴ Simeon hath rehearsed how first God visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. ¹⁵ And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

¹⁶ After these things I will return,

And I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen;

And I will build again the ruins thereof,

And I will set it up:

¹⁷ That the residue of men may seek after the Lord,

And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called,

Saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

¹⁸ Known unto God from of old are all his works. ¹⁹ Wherefore my judgment is, that we trouble not them that from among the Gentiles turn to God; ²⁰ but that we write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled,

and from blood. ²¹ For Moses from generations of old hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath.

²² Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas who was surnamed Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: ²³ and they wrote thus by them, The apostles and the elders and the brethren, unto the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greeting: ²⁴ Forasmuch as we have heard that certain who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying *that ye* must be circumcised and keep the law; to whom we gave no commandment; ²⁵ it seemed good unto us, having come to one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶ men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves also shall tell you the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸ For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: ²⁹ that ye abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare ye well.

³⁰ So they, when they were dismissed, came to Antioch; and having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle. ³¹ And when they had read it, they rejoiced for the consolation. ³² And Judas and Silas, being themselves also prophets, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them. ³³ And after they had spent some time *there*, they were dismissed in peace from the brethren unto the apostles. ³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas tarried in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

³⁶ And after some days Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us return now and visit our brethren in every city wherein we proclaimed the word of the Lord, *and see* how they fare. ³⁷ And Barnabas was minded to take with them John, who was called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul thought not good to take with them him who withdrew from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. ³⁹ There arose therefore a sharp contention, so that they parted asunder one from the other; and Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away unto Cyprus: ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas, and went forth, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. ⁴¹ And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

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¹ And he came to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewess that believed; but his father was a Greek. ² The same was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. ³ Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those parts: for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep which had been ordained of the

apostles and the elders that were at Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

⁶ Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia, ⁷ and were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go on toward Bithynia; and the Spirit suffered them not; ⁸ and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. ¹⁰ And when he had seen the vision, straightaway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

¹¹ Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis; ¹² and from thence to Philippi, which is a leading city of that district of Macedonia, a *Roman* colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days. ¹³ And on the sabbath day we went forth without the city by a riverside, where was wont to be prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together. ¹⁴ And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshiped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul. ¹⁵ And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

¹⁶ And it came to pass, as we were going to prayer, that a certain maid having a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying. ¹⁷ The same following after Paul and us cried out, saying, These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim unto us the way of salvation. ¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But Paul, being sore troubled, turned and said to the spirit, I charge thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they laid hold on Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers, ²⁰ and when they had brought them unto the magistrates, they said, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, ²¹ and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, or to observe, being Romans. ²² And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. ²³ And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: ²⁴ who, having received such a charge, cast them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. ²⁵ But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the prisoners were listening to them; ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened; and everyone's bands were loosed. ²⁷ And the jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew a sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all

here. ²⁹ And he called for lights and sprang in, and, trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and Silas, ³⁰ and brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹ And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house. ³² And they spake the word of the Lord unto him, and to all that were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, immediately. ³⁴ And he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, having believed in God.

³⁵ But when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men go. ³⁶ And the jailer reported these words to Paul, *saying*, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore come forth, and go in peace. ³⁷ But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men that are Romans, and have cast us into prison; and do they now cast us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and bring us out. ³⁸ And the sergeants reported these words unto the magistrates: and they feared when they heard that they were Romans; ³⁹ and they came and besought them; and when they had brought them out, they asked them to depart from the city. ⁴⁰ And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of Lydia*: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

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¹ Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: ² and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three sabbath days reasoned with them from the scriptures, ³ opening and alleging that it behooved the Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead; and that *this* Jesus, whom, *said he*, I proclaim unto you, is the Christ. ⁴ And some of them were persuaded, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. ⁵ But the Jews that were disobedient took unto them certain vile fellows of the rabble, and gathering a crowd, set the city on an uproar; and assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them to the people. ⁶ And when they found them not, they dragged Jason and certain brethren before the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; ⁷ whom Jason hath received: and these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus. ⁸ And they troubled the multitude and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. ⁹ And when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰ And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who when they were come thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹ Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so. ¹² Many of them therefore believed; also of the Greek women of honorable estate, and of men, not a few. ¹³ But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed of Paul at Berea also, they came thither likewise, stirring up the multitudes. ¹⁴ And then

immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as it were to the sea: but both Silas and Timothy abode there still. ¹⁵ But they that conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timothy that they should come to him with all speed, they departed.

¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he beheld the city full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with them that met him. ¹⁸ And certain also of the Epicurean and the Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, What would this babbler say? others, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took hold of him, and brought him unto the Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken by thee? ²⁰ For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things might mean. ²¹ (Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there spent their time in nothing else, but to tell and to hear something new.) ²² And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said,

Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that ye are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye worship in ignorance, him I set forth unto you. ²⁴ The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; ²⁵ neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life and breath in all things; ²⁶ and he made of one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; ²⁷ that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us: ²⁸ for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said,

For we are also his offspring.

²⁹ Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent: ³¹ because he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We will hear thee again concerning this. ³³ And so Paul went out from among them. ³⁴ But certain men clave unto him, and believed: among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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¹ And after these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth. ² And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus

by race, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome: and he came unto them; ³ and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and wrought; for by their trade they were tentmakers. ⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks.

⁵ But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the Spirit, testifying to the Jews *that* Jesus *was* the Christ. ⁶ And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook out his raiment and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. ⁷ And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named Justus, one that worshiped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. ⁸ And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. ⁹ And the Lord said unto Paul by a vision in the night, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: ¹⁰ for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have much people in this city. ¹¹ And he dwelt *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹² But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, ¹³ saying, This man persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. ¹⁴ But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If indeed then it were a matter of wrong or of wicked villainy, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you: ¹⁵ but if it is a question about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; for I am not minded to be a judge of these matters. ¹⁶ And he drove them from the judgment seat. ¹⁷ And all the Greeks laid hold on Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And none of these things was a delay to Gallio.

¹⁸ And Paul, having tarried after this yet many days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila: having shorn his head in Cenchreae; for he had a vow. ¹⁹ And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰ And when they asked him to abide with them a longer time, he consented not; ²¹ but took his leave of them, saying, I must by all means keep the coming feast at Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you if God will.

He set sail from Ephesus, ²² and when he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and saluted the church, and went down to Antioch. ²³ And having spent some time *there*, he departed, and went through the region of Galatia, and Phrygia, in order, confirming all the disciples.

²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the scriptures. ²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John: ²⁶ and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia,

the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and when he was come, he helped them much that had believed through grace; ²⁸ for he powerfully confuted the Jews, *and that* publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

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¹ And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, ² he said unto them, Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed? And they said unto him, Nay, we did not so much as hear whether the Holy Spirit was *given*. ³ And he said unto them, Into what then were ye baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism. ⁴ And Paul said, John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him that should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. ⁵ And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. ⁷ And they were in all about twelve men.

⁸ And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading *as to* the things concerning the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of one Tyrannus. ¹⁰ And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. ¹¹ And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: ¹² insomuch that unto the sick were brought handkerchiefs or aprons from his body, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out from them. ¹³ But certain of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over them that had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. ¹⁴ And there were certain *men*, seven sons of Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest, who did this. ¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit, leaping upon them and mastering them, prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt at Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸ Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds. ¹⁹ And not a few of them that practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.

²¹ Now after these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. ²² And having sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

²³ And about that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way. ²⁴ For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no little business unto the craftsmen; ²⁵ whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this business we have our wealth. ²⁶ And ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they are no gods, that are made with hands: ²⁷ and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana be made of no account, and that her magnificence should also be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshipeth. ²⁸ And when they heard this they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. ²⁹ And the whole city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel. ³⁰ And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. ³¹ And certain also of the Asiarchs, being his friends, sent unto him and besought him not to adventure himself into the theater. ³² Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. ³³ And they brought Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews having put him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made a defense unto the people. ³⁴ But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. ³⁵ And when the town clerk had quieted the multitude, he saith, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there who knoweth not that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter? ³⁶ Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash. ³⁷ For ye have brought *hither* these men, who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your god. ³⁸ If therefore Demetrius, and the craftsmen that are with him, have a matter against any man, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls: let them accuse one another. ³⁹ But if ye seek anything about other matters, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. ⁴⁰ For indeed we are in danger to be accused concerning this day's riot, there being no cause *for it*: and as touching it we shall not be able to give account of this concourse. ⁴¹ And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

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¹ And after the uproar ceased, Paul called unto *him* the disciples, and took leave of them, and departed to go into Macedonia. ² And when he had gone through those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece. ³ And when he had spent three months *there*, and a plot was laid against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, a decision was made to return through Macedonia. ⁴ And there accompanied him as far as Asia, Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and

Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵ These came, and were waiting for us at Troas. ⁶ And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we tarried seven days.

⁷ And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his speech until midnight. ⁸ And there were many lights in the upper chamber where we were gathered together. ⁹ And there sat in the window a certain young man named Eutychus, borne down with deep sleep; and as Paul discoursed yet longer, being borne down by his sleep he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Make ye no ado; for his life is in him. ¹¹ And when he was gone up, and had broken bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. ¹² And they brought the lad alive, and were not a little comforted.

¹³ But we, going to the ship, set sail for Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, intending himself to go by land. ¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. ¹⁵ And sailing from thence, we came the following day over against Chios; and the next day we touched at Samos; and having tarried at Trogyllium, the day after we came to Miletus. ¹⁶ For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they were come to him, he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, after what manner I was with you all the time, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with many tears, and with trials which befell me by the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus. ²² And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: ²³ save that the Holy Spirit testifieth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. ²⁴ But I make no account, neither count I my life precious unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. ²⁶ For I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of *our* Lord and God, which he purchased with his own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Wherefore

watch ye, remembering that by the space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with tears. ³² And now I commend you, brethren, to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build *you* up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. ³⁴ Ye yourselves know that these hands ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. ³⁵ In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

³⁶ And when he had thus spoken, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, ³⁸ sorrowing most of all for the word which he had spoken, that they should behold his face no more. And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

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¹ And when it came to pass that we were parted from them and had set sail, we came with a straight course unto Cos, and the next day unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara: ² and having found a ship crossing over unto Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set sail. ³ And when we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed unto Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unlade her burden. ⁴ And having found disciples, we tarried there seven days: and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem. ⁵ And when it came to pass that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey; and they all, with wives and children, brought us on our way till we were out of the city: and kneeling down on the beach, we prayed. ⁶ And when we had bade each other farewell, we went on board the ship, but they returned home again.

⁷ And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day. ⁸ And on the morrow they that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and entering into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we abode with him. ⁹ Now this man had four virgin daughters, who prophesied. ¹⁰ And as we tarried there some days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet, named Agabus. ¹¹ And coming to us, and taking Paul's girdle, and having bound his own feet and hands, he said, Thus saith the Holy Spirit, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. ¹² And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ And Paul answered, What do ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁴ And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

¹⁵ And after these days we made preparations and went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ And there went with us also *certain* of the disciples from

Caesarea, bringing *with them* one Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

¹⁷ And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. ¹⁸ And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. ¹⁹ And when he had saluted them, he rehearsed one by one the things which God had wrought among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰ And they, when they heard it, glorified the Lord, saying unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands there are of the Jews that have believed; and they are all zealous for the law: ²¹ and they have been informed concerning thee, that thou teachest all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. ²² What is it therefore? certainly the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come. ²³ Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men that have a vow on them; ²⁴ these take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges for them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that there is no truth in the things whereof they have been informed concerning thee; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, keeping the law. ²⁵ But as touching the Gentiles that have believed, we wrote, giving judgment that they should observe no such thing, save only that they should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from fornication. ²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them went into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them.

²⁷ And when the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude and laid hands on him, ²⁸ crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man that teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place; and moreover he brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath defiled this holy place. ²⁹ For they had seen with him in the city Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple. ³⁰ And all the city was moved, and the people ran together; and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and straightaway the doors were shut. ³¹ But as they were seeking to kill him, tidings came up to the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in confusion. ³² And forthwith he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down upon them: and they, when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, left off beating Paul. ³³ And the chief captain came near, and laid hold on him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and inquired who he might be, and what he had done. ³⁴ And some cried one thing, some another, among the crowd: and when he could not know the certainty for the uproar, he commanded him to be brought into the castle. ³⁵ And when he came upon the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the crowd; ³⁶ for the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, Away with him.

³⁷ And as Paul was about to be brought into the castle, he saith unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? And he said, Dost thou know

Greek? ³⁸ Art thou not then the Egyptian, who before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins? ³⁹ But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, give me leave to speak unto the people. ⁴⁰ And when he had given him leave, Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the hand unto the people; and when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, saying,

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¹ Brethren and fathers, hear ye the defense which I now make unto you.

² And when they heard that he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, they were the more quiet: and he saith,

³ I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as ye all are this day: ⁴ and I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. ⁵ As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and journeyed to Damascus to bring them also that were there unto Jerusalem in bonds to be punished. ⁶ And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. ⁷ And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? ⁸ And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. ⁹ And they that were with me beheld indeed the light, and were affrighted; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. ¹⁰ And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. ¹¹ And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me I came into Damascus. ¹² And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well reported of by all the Jews that dwelt there, ¹³ came unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And in that very hour I looked up on him. ¹⁴ And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth. ¹⁵ For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. ¹⁷ And it came to pass, that, when I had returned to Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the temple, I fell into a trance, ¹⁸ and saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem; because they will not receive of thee the testimony concerning me. ¹⁹ And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: ²⁰ and when the blood of Stephen thy witness was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, keeping the garments

of them that slew him. ²¹ And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee forth far hence unto the Gentiles.

²² And they gave him audience unto this word; and they lifted up their voice, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live. ²³ And as they cried out, and threw off their garments, and cast dust into the air, ²⁴ the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, bidding that he should be examined by scourging, that he might know for what cause they so shouted against him. ²⁵ And as he tied him up with the thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? ²⁶ And when the centurion heard it, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou art about to do: for this man is a Roman. ²⁷ And the chief captain came and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? And he said, Yea. ²⁸ And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this citizenship. And Paul said, But I am a *Roman* born. ²⁹ They then that were about to examine him straightaway departed from him: and the chief captain also was afraid when he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

³⁰ But on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to come, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

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¹ And Paul, looking steadfastly on the council, said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day. ² And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. ³ Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: and sittest thou to judge me according to the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? ⁴ And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? ⁵ And Paul said, I knew not, brethren, that he was high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of a ruler of thy people. ⁶ But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: touching the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. ⁷ And when he had so said, there arose a dissension on the part of the Pharisees; and the assembly was divided. ⁸ For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. ⁹ And there arose a great clamor: and the scribes of the Pharisees' part stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: and if a spirit hath spoken to him, or an angel, let us not fight against God. ¹⁰ And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the castle.

¹¹ And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

¹² And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³ And they were more than forty that had made this conspiracy. ¹⁴ And they came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, to taste nothing until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now therefore do ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you tomorrow, as though ye would judge of his case more exactly: and we, before he comes near, are ready to slay him. ¹⁶ But Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, and he came and entered into the castle and told Paul. ¹⁷ And Paul called unto him one of the centurions, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain; for he hath something to tell him. ¹⁸ So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and saith, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and asked me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say to thee. ¹⁹ And the chief captain took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, What is it that thou hast to tell me? ²⁰ And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask thee to bring down Paul tomorrow unto the council, as though thou wouldest inquire somewhat more exactly concerning him. ²¹ Do not thou therefore yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, who have bound themselves under a curse, neither to eat nor to drink till they have slain him: and now are they ready, looking for the promise from thee. ²² So the chief captain let the young man go, charging him, Tell no man that thou hast signified these things to me. ²³ And he called unto him certain two of the centurions, and said, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night: ²⁴ and *he bade them* provide beasts, that they might set Paul thereon, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor. ²⁵ And he wrote a letter after this form:

²⁶ Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix, greeting. ²⁷ This man was seized by the Jews, and was about to be slain of them, when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. ²⁸ And desiring to know the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him down unto their council: ²⁹ whom I found to be accused about questions of their law, though he had nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. ³⁰ And when it was shown to me that a plot was about to be *executed* against the man by the Jews, I sent him to thee forthwith, charging his accusers also to speak what *they had* against him before thee. Farewell.

³¹ So the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. ³² But on the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle: ³³ and they, when they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, presented Paul also before him. ³⁴ And when the governor had read it, he asked of what province he was; and when he understood that he was of Cilicia, ³⁵ I will hear thee fully, said he, when thine accusers also are come: and he commanded him to be kept in Herod's palace.

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¹ And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with the elders, and *with* an orator, one Tertullus; and they informed the governor against Paul. ² And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying,

Seeing that by thee we enjoy much peace, and that by thy providence worthy deeds are done for this nation, ³ we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. ⁴ But, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I entreat thee to hear us of thy clemency a few words. ⁵ For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of insurrection among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: ⁶ who moreover assayed to profane the temple: on whom also we laid hold: ⁸ from whom thou wilt be able, by examining him thyself, to take knowledge of all these things whereof we accuse him. ⁹ And the Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that these things were so.

¹⁰ And when the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, Paul answered,

Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully make my defense: ¹¹ seeing that thou canst take knowledge that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem: ¹² and neither in the temple did they find me disputing with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city. ¹³ Neither can they prove *against* me the things whereof they now accuse me. ¹⁴ But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers, believing all things which are written throughout the law and in the prophets; ¹⁵ having hope toward God, which these also themselves look for, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. ¹⁶ And herein do I exercise myself, having a conscience void of offense toward God and men always. ¹⁷ Now after some years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings: ¹⁸ amidst which certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, with no crowd, nor yet with tumult, ¹⁹ who ought to be here before thee, and to make accusation, if they have aught against me. ²⁰ Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found in me when I stood before the council, ²¹ except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

²² And when Felix heard these things, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, he deferred them, saying, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will determine your matter. ²³ And he gave order to the centurion that Paul should be kept in charge, and should have indulgence; and not to forbid any of his friends to minister or come unto him.

²⁴ But after certain days, Felix came with Drusilla, his wife, who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. ²⁵ And as he reasoned of righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee

unto me. ²⁶ He hoped withal that money would be given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore also he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him. ²⁷ But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and desiring to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

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¹ Festus therefore, having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. ² And the high priest and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they besought him, ³ asking a favor against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem; laying a plot to kill him on the way. ⁴ Howbeit Festus answered, that Paul was kept in charge in Caesarea, and that he himself was about to depart *thither* shortly. ⁵ Let them therefore that are of power among you, saith he, go down with me, and if there is any *wickedness* in this man, let them accuse him.

⁶ And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and on the morrow he sat on the judgment seat, and commanded Paul to be brought. ⁷ And when he was come, the Jews that had come down from Jerusalem stood round about, bringing many and grievous charges against Paul, which they could not prove; ⁸ while he said in his defense, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I sinned at all. ⁹ But Festus, desiring to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? ¹⁰ But Paul said, I am standing before Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou also very well knowest. ¹¹ For if I am a wrongdoer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die; but if none of those things is *true* whereof these accuse me, no man can give me up unto them. I appeal unto Caesar. ¹² Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Thou hast appealed unto Caesar: unto Caesar shalt thou go.

¹³ Now when certain days were passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, and saluted Festus. ¹⁴ And as he tarried there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix; ¹⁵ about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed *me*, asking for judgment against him. ¹⁶ To whom I answered, that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up any man to destruction, before that the accused have the accusers face to face, and have had opportunity to make his defense concerning the matter laid against him. ¹⁷ When therefore they were come together here, I made no delay, but on the next day sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought. ¹⁸ Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought against him no charge of such things as I supposed; ¹⁹ but had certain questions against him of their own religion, and of one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. ²⁰ And I, being perplexed how to inquire concerning this, asked whether he would go to Jerusalem and there be judged of these matters. ²¹ But

when Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of the emperor; I commanded him to be kept till I should send him to Caesar. ²² And Agrippa said unto Festus, I also could wish to hear the man myself. And he saith, Tomorrow thou shalt hear him.

²³ So on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and they were entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains also, and they that were the principal men of the city, at the command of Festus Paul was brought in. ²⁴ And Festus saith, King Agrippa, and all men who are here present with us, ye behold this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews made suit to me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out that he ought not to live any longer. ²⁵ But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and as even he himself appealed to the emperor I determined to send him. ²⁶ Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and especially before thee, king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I may have somewhat to write. ²⁷ For it seemeth to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not withal to signify the charges against him.

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¹ And Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth his hand, and made his defense:

² I think myself happy, king Agrippa, that I am to make my defense before thee this day touching all the things whereof I am accused by the Jews: ³ especially because thou art expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. ⁴ My manner of life then from my youth up, which was from the beginning among mine own nation in Jerusalem, know all the Jews; ⁵ having knowledge of me from the first, if they be willing to testify, that after the straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. ⁶ And now I stand *here* to be judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto the fathers; ⁷ unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving *God* night and day, hope to attain. And concerning this hope I am accused, King Agrippa, by the Jews. ⁸ Why is it judged incredible with you, if God doth raise the dead? ⁹ I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And this I also did in Jerusalem: and I shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death I gave my vote against them. ¹¹ And punishing them oftentimes in all the synagogues, I strove to make them blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto foreign cities. ¹² Whereupon also, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, ¹³ at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me. ¹⁴ And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the goad. ¹⁵ And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. ¹⁶ But arise, and stand upon thy feet: for to

this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things which thou hast seen, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee; ¹⁷ delivering thee from the people, and the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, that they may turn away from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me. ¹⁹ Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: ²⁰ but have been declaring to them of Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and to all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. ²¹ For this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and assayed to kill me. ²² Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand unto this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come; ²³ how that the Christ must suffer, *and* how that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light to the people and to the Gentiles.

²⁴ And as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art mad; thy much learning is turning thee mad. ²⁵ But he saith, I am not mad, most excellent Festus; but speak forth words of truth and soberness. ²⁶ For the king knoweth of these things, unto whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him; for this hath not been done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. ²⁸ And Agrippa said unto Paul, In a little *time* thou persuadest me to become a Christian! ²⁹ And Paul said, I would to God, that whether in a little *time* or in much, not thou only, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except these bonds.

³⁰ And when he had spoken these things, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them: ³¹ and when they had withdrawn, they spake one to another, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds. ³² And Agrippa said unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

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¹ And when it was determined that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan band. ² And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, we, being about to sail by the places on the coast of Asia, put to sea, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us. ³ And the next day we touched at Sidon: and Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him leave to go unto his friends and refresh himself. ⁴ And putting to sea from thence, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. ⁵ And when we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, *a city* of Lycia. ⁶ And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy; and he put us therein. ⁷ And when we had sailed slowly many days, and were come with difficulty over against Cnidus, the wind not further suffering us, we sailed under the lee of Crete, over against Salmone;

⁸ and with difficulty coasting along it we came unto a certain place called Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

⁹ And when much time was spent, and the voyage was now dangerous, because the Fast was now already gone by, Paul admonished them, ¹⁰ and said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the lading and the ship, but also of our lives. ¹¹ But the centurion gave more heed to the master and to the owner of the ship, than to those things which were spoken by Paul. ¹² And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to put to sea from thence also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, and winter *there; which is* a haven of Crete, looking northeast and southeast. ¹³ And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close in shore. ¹⁴ But after no long time there beat down from it a tempestuous wind, which is called Euroclydon: ¹⁵ and when the ship was caught, and could not face the wind, we gave way *to it*, and were driven. ¹⁶ And running under the lee of a small island called Clauda, we were able, with difficulty, to secure the boat: ¹⁷ and when they had hoisted it up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should be cast upon the Syrtes, they lowered the gear, and so were driven. ¹⁸ And as we labored exceedingly with the storm, the next day they began to throw *the freight* overboard; ¹⁹ and the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship. ²⁰ And when neither sun nor stars shone upon *us* for many days, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was now taken away. ²¹ Now when they had been long without food, then Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have set sail from Crete, and have gotten this injury and loss. ²² And now I exhort you to be of good cheer; for there shall be no loss of life among you, but *only* of the ship. ²³ For there stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I serve, ²⁴ saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must stand before Caesar: and lo, God hath granted thee all them that sail with thee. ²⁵ Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken unto me. ²⁶ But we must be cast upon a certain island.

²⁷ But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven to and fro in the *sea of Adria*, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some country: ²⁸ and they sounded, and found twenty fathoms; and after a little space, they sounded again, and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing lest haply we should be cast ashore on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from the stern, and wished for the day. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to flee out of the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under color as though they would lay out anchors from the foreship, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. ³³ And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take some food, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing. ³⁴ Wherefore I beseech you to take some food:

for this is for your safety: for there shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you. ³⁵ And when he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of all; and he brake it, and began to eat. ³⁶ Then were they all of good cheer, and themselves also took food. ³⁷ And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. ³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. ³⁹ And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they perceived a certain bay with a beach, into which they were minded, if possible, to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; and hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But lighting upon a place where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the foreship struck and remained unmoveable, but the stern began to break up by the violence of the waves. ⁴² And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stayed them from their purpose; and commanded that they who could swim should cast themselves overboard, and get first to the land; ⁴⁴ and the rest, some on planks, and some on *other* things from the ship. And so it came to pass, that they all escaped safe to the land.

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¹ And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Malta. ² And the barbarians showed us no common kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. ³ But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out by reason of the heat, and fastened on his hand. ⁴ And when the barbarians saw the *venomous* creature hanging from his hand, they said one to another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped from the sea, yet Justice hath not suffered to live. ⁵ Howbeit he shook off the creature into the fire, and took no harm. ⁶ But they expected that he would have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but when they were long in expectation and beheld nothing amiss come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius; who received us, and entertained us three days courteously. ⁸ And it was so, that the father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery: unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laying his hands on him healed him. ⁹ When this therefore was done, the rest also that had diseases in the island came, and were cured: ¹⁰ who also honored us with many honors; and when we sailed, they put on board such things as we needed.

¹¹ And after three months we set sail in a ship of Alexandria which had wintered in the island, whose sign was The Twin Brothers. ¹² And touching at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. ¹³ And from thence we made a circuit, and arrived at Rhegium: and after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli; ¹⁴ where we found brethren, and were entreated to tarry with them seven days: and so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ And from thence the brethren, when they

heard of us, came forth to meet us as far as The Market of Appius and The Three Taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

¹⁶ And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the chief of the camp: but Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that guarded him.

¹⁷ And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called together those that were the chief of the Jews: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Brethren, though I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, yet was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans: ¹⁸ who, when they had examined me, desired to set me at liberty, because there was no cause of death in me. ¹⁹ But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had aught whereof to accuse my nation. ²⁰ For this cause therefore did I entreat you to see and to speak with *me*: for because of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. ²¹ And they said unto him, We neither received letters from Judea concerning thee, nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of thee. ²² But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against.

²³ And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number; to whom he expounded *the matter*, testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them of the things concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening. ²⁴ And some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. ²⁵ And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Spirit through Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers, ²⁶ saying,

Go thou unto this people, and say,
By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand;
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

²⁷ For this people's heart is waxed gross,
And their ears are dull of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed;
Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And should turn again,
And I would heal them.

²⁸ Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles: they will also hear. ²⁹ And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, having much disputing among themselves.

³⁰ And Paul abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all that went in unto him, ³¹ preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, ² which he promised afore through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, ⁴ who was declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead; *even* Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto obedience of faith among all the nations, for his name's sake; ⁶ among whom are ye also, called *to be* Jesus Christ's: ⁷ to all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you, ¹⁰ always in my prayers making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered by the will of God to come unto you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; ¹² that is, that I with you may be comforted in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ And I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you (and was hindered hitherto), that I might have some fruit in you also, even as in the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you also that are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith.

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness; ¹⁹ because that which is known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them. ²⁰ For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, *even* his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse: ²¹ because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened. ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: ²⁵ for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and

worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷ and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.

²⁸ And even as they refused to have God in *their* knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: ³² who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them.

2

¹ Wherefore thou art without excuse, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest dost practice the same things. ² And we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against them that practice such things. ³ And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practice such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? ⁵ but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation and the righteous judgment of God; ⁶ who will render to every man according to his works: ⁷ to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life: ⁸ but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, *shall be* indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that worketh evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek: ¹¹ for there is no respect of persons with God. ¹² For as many as have sinned without the law shall also perish without the law: and as many as have sinned under the law shall be judged by the law; ¹³ for not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified; ¹⁴ (for when Gentiles that have not the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are the law unto themselves; ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing *them*); ¹⁶ in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ Behold, thou bearest the name of a Jew, and retest upon the law, and gloriest in God, ¹⁸ and knowest his will, and approvest the things

that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, ¹⁹ and art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness, ²⁰ a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth; ²¹ thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? ²² thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou rob temples? ²³ thou who gloriest in the law, through thy transgression of the law dishonorest thou God? ²⁴ For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, even as it is written. ²⁵ For circumcision indeed profiteth, if thou be a doer of the law: but if thou be a transgressor of the law, thy circumcision is become uncircumcision. ²⁶ If therefore the uncircumcision keep the ordinances of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned for circumcision? ²⁷ and shall not the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfill the law, judge thee, who with the letter and circumcision art a transgressor of the law? ²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh: ²⁹ but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

3

¹ What advantage then hath the Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision? ² Much every way: for first of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³ For what if some were without faith? shall their want of faith make of none effect the faithfulness of God? ⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be found true, but every man a liar; as it is written,

That thou mightest be justified in thy words,

And mightest prevail when thou comest into judgment.

⁵ But if our unrighteousness commendeth the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who visiteth with wrath? (I speak after the manner of men.) ⁶ God forbid: for then how shall God judge the world? ⁷ For if the truth of God through my lie abounded unto his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? ⁸ and why not (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? whose condemnation is just.

⁹ What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we before laid to the charge both of Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin; ¹⁰ as it is written,

There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ There is none that understandeth,

There is none that seeketh after God;

¹² They have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable;

There is none that doeth good, no, not so much as one:

¹³ Their throat is an open sepulcher;

With their tongues they have used deceit:

The poison of asps is under their lips:

¹⁴ Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

¹⁵ Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways;

¹⁷ And the way of peace have they not known:

¹⁸ There is no fear of God before their eyes.

¹⁹ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it speaketh to them that are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God: ²⁰ because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for through the law *cometh* the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law a righteousness of God hath been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²² even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ whom God set forth *to be* a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, ²⁶ in the forbearance of God; for showing, *I say*, his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be just, and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? of works? Nay: but by a law of faith. ²⁸ We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God *the God* of Jews only? is he not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yea, of Gentiles also: ³⁰ since indeed *it is* one God who shall justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through faith.

³¹ Do we then make the law of none effect through faith? God forbid: nay, we establish the law.

4

¹ What then shall we say that Abraham, our father, hath found according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not toward God. ³ For what saith the scripture? And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. ⁴ Now to him that worketh, the reward is not reckoned as of grace, but as of debt. ⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness. ⁶ Even as David also pronounceth blessing upon the man, unto whom God reckoneth righteousness apart from works, ⁷ *saying*,

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,

And whose sins are covered.

⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not reckon sin.

⁹ Is this blessing then pronounced upon the circumcision, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision: ¹¹ and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might be reckoned unto them also; ¹² and the father of circumcision to them

who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham which he had in uncircumcision. ¹³ For not through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he should be heir of the world, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if they that are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect: ¹⁵ for the law worketh wrath; for where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this cause *it is* of faith, that *it may be* according to grace; to the end that the promise may be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all ¹⁷ (as it is written, A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they were. ¹⁸ Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, So shall thy seed be. ¹⁹ And without being weakened in faith he considered not his own body now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb; ²⁰ yet, looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. ²² Wherefore also it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. ²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was reckoned unto him; ²⁴ but for our sake also, unto whom it shall be reckoned, who believe on him that raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

5

¹ Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; ² through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only so, but we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh steadfastness; ⁴ and steadfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope: ⁵ and hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. ⁶ For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through him. ¹⁰ For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life; ¹¹ and not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

¹² Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned — ¹³ for until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's

transgression, who is a figure of him that was to come. ¹⁵ But not as the trespass, so also is the free gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound unto the many. ¹⁶ And not as through one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment *came* of one unto condemnation, but the free gift *came* of many trespasses unto justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, *even* Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ So then as through one trespass *the judgment came* unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness *the free gift came* unto all men to justification of life. ¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous. ²⁰ And the law came in besides, that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly: ²¹ that, as sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6

¹ What shall we say then? Do we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ² God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? ³ Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with *him* in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection; ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; ⁷ for he that hath died is justified from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; ⁹ knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God. ¹¹ Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof: ¹³ neither present your members unto sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? God forbid. ¹⁶ Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves *as* servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart, to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; ¹⁸ and being made free from sin, ye became servants

of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members *as* servants unto uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members *as* servants to righteousness unto sanctification. ²⁰ For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free in regard of righteousness. ²¹ What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. ²² But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7

¹ Or are ye ignorant, brethren (for I speak to men who know the law), that the law hath dominion over a man for so long time as he liveth? ² For the woman that hath a husband is bound by law to the husband while he liveth; but if the husband die, she is discharged from the law of the husband. ³ So then if, while the husband liveth, she be joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if the husband die, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she be joined to another man. ⁴ Wherefore, my brethren, ye also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ; that ye should be joined to another, *even* to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit unto God. ⁵ For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were through the law, wrought in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. ⁶ But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that wherein we were held; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

⁷ What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Howbeit, I had not known sin, except through the law: for I had not known coveting, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet: ⁸ but sin, finding occasion, wrought in me through the commandment all manner of coveting: for apart from the law sin *is* dead. ⁹ And I was alive apart from the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died; ¹⁰ and the commandment, which *was* unto life, this I found *to be* unto death: ¹¹ for sin, finding occasion, through the commandment beguiled me, and through it slew me. ¹² So that the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and righteous, and good. ¹³ Hath then that which is good become death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might be shown to be sin, by working death to me through that which is good—that through the commandment sin might become exceeding sinful. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For that which I do I know not: for not what I would, that do I practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶ But if what I would not, that I do, I consent unto the law that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me, but to do that which is good I find not. ¹⁹ For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practice. ²⁰ But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwelleth in me. ²¹ I find then the law, that, to me who

would do good, evil is present. ²² For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: ²³ but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of the body of this death? ²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I of myself with the mind, indeed, serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

8

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ⁵ For they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace: ⁷ because the mind of the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be: ⁸ and they that are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. ¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

¹² So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh: ¹³ for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified with *him*.

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³ And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for *our* adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why

doth he yet hope for? ²⁵ But if we hope for that which we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for it.

²⁶ And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered; ²⁷ and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, *even* to them that are called according to *his* purpose. ²⁹ For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren: ³⁰ and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who is against us? ³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; ³⁴ who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that was also raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9

¹ I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were anathema from Christ for my brethren's sake, my kinsmen according to the flesh: ⁴ who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises; ⁵ whose are the fathers, and of whom is Christ as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

⁶ But *it is* not as though the word of God hath come to nought. For they are not all Israel, that are of Israel: ⁷ neither, because they are Abraham's seed, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. ⁸ That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are children of God; but the children of the promise are reckoned for a seed. ⁹ For this is a word of promise, According to this season will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. ¹⁰ And not only so; but Rebecca also having conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac— ¹¹ for *the children* being not yet born, neither having done anything good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth,

12 it was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. ¹³ Even as it is written, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. ¹⁵ For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. ¹⁶ So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that hath mercy. ¹⁷ For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, For this very purpose did I raise thee up, that I might show in thee my power, and that my name might be published abroad in all the earth. ¹⁸ So then he hath mercy on whom he will, and whom he will he hardeneth.

¹⁹ Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he still find fault? For who withstandeth his will? ²⁰ Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why didst thou make me thus? ²¹ Or hath not the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor? ²² What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering vessels of wrath fitted unto destruction: ²³ and that he might make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he afore prepared unto glory, ²⁴ *even us*, whom he also called, not from the Jews only, but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As he saith also in Hosea, I will call that my people, which was not my people; And her beloved, that was not beloved.

²⁶ And it shall be, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people,

There shall they be called sons of the living God.

²⁷ And Isaiah crieth concerning Israel, If the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that shall be saved: ²⁸ for he is finishing the matter and cutting it short in righteousness; because the Lord will make it a matter cut short upon the earth. ²⁹ And, as Isaiah hath said before,

Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed,

We had become as Sodom, and had been made like unto Gomorrah.

³⁰ What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who followed not after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith: ³¹ but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at a law of righteousness. ³² Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by works of the law. For they stumbled at the stone of stumbling; ³³ even as it is written,

Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense:

And whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame.

10

¹ Brethren, my heart's desire and my supplication to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to everyone that believeth. ⁵ For Moses writeth about the righteousness which is of the law, The

man that doeth those things shall live thereby. ⁶ But the righteousness which is of faith saith thus, Say not in thy heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down:) ⁷ or, Who shall descend into the abyss? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.) ⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: ⁹ because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: ¹⁰ for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame. ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him: ¹³ for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴ How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

¹⁶ But they did not all hearken to the glad tidings. For Isaiah saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? ¹⁷ So belief *cometh* of hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ¹⁸ But I say, Did they not hear? Yea, verily,

Their sound went out into all the earth,
And their words unto the ends of the world.

¹⁹ But I say, Did Israel not know? First Moses saith,
I will provoke you to jealousy with that which is no nation,
With a nation void of understanding will I anger you.

²⁰ And Isaiah is very bold, and saith,
I was found of them that sought me not;
I became manifest unto them that asked not of me.

²¹ But as to Israel he saith, All the day long did I spread out my hands
unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

11

¹ I say then, Did God cast off his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God did not cast off his people which he foreknew. Or know ye not what the scripture saith of Elijah? how he pleadeth with God against Israel, saying, ³ Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and dug down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. ⁴ But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have left for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal. ⁵ Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it is of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. ⁷ What then? That which Israel seeketh for, that he obtained not; but the election obtained it, and the rest were hardened: ⁸ according as it is written, God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, unto this very day. ⁹ And David saith,

Let their table be made a snare, and a trap,
 And a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them:
¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see,
 And bow thou down their back always.

¹¹ I say then, Did they stumble that they might fall? God forbid: but by their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy. ¹² Now if their fall is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? ¹³ For I speak to you that are Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I glorify my ministry; ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *them that are* my flesh, and may save some of them. ¹⁵ For if the casting away of them is the reconciling of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, but life from the dead? ¹⁶ And if the firstfruit is holy, so is the lump: and if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and thou, being a wild olive, wast grafted in among them, and didst become partaker with them of the root and of the fatness of the olive tree; ¹⁸ glory not over the branches: but if thou gloriest, it is not thou that bearest the root, but the root thee. ¹⁹ Thou wilt say then, Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. ²⁰ Well; by their unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by thy faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: ²¹ for if God spared not the natural branches, perhaps he will also not spare thee. ²² Behold then the goodness and severity of God: toward them that fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. ²³ And they also, if they continue not in their unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if thou wast cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and wast grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more shall these, which are the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in; ²⁶ and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written,

There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer;
 And he shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

²⁷ And this is my covenant unto them,

When I shall take away their sins.

²⁸ As touching the gospel, they are enemies for your sake: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are not repented of. ³⁰ For as ye also in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience, ³¹ even so have these also now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they also may obtain mercy. ³² For God hath shut up all unto disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

³³ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out! ³⁴ For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? ³⁵ or who hath first given to him, and it shall

be recompensed unto him again? ³⁶ For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

12

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which* is your spiritual service; ² and not to be fashioned according to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

³ For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith. ⁴ For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another. ⁶ And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us give ourselves* to our ministry; or he that teacheth, to his teaching; ⁸ or he that exhorteth, to his exhorting: he that giveth, *let him do it* with liberality; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. ¹⁰ In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another; ¹¹ in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ communicating to the necessities of the saints; given to hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless them that persecute you; bless, and curse not. ¹⁵ Rejoice with them that rejoice; and weep with them that weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind one toward another. Set not your mind on high things, but condescend to things that are lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits. ¹⁷ Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹ Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the wrath of God: for it is written, Vengeance belongeth unto me; I will recompense, saith the Lord. ²⁰ If therefore thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. ²¹ Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

13

¹ Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the powers that be are ordained of God. ² Therefore he that resisteth the power, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to the good works, but to the evil. And wouldest thou have no fear of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise from the same: ⁴ for he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth

not the sword in vain: for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil. ⁵ Wherefore ye must needs be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For for this cause ye pay tribute also; for they are ministers of God's service, attending continually upon this very thing. ⁷ Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is *due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

⁸ Owe no man anything, save to love one another: for he that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law. ⁹ For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not covet, and if there be any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. ¹⁰ Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for us to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we *first* believed. ¹² The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk becomingly, as in the day; not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfill* the lusts *thereof*.

14

¹ But him that is weak in faith receive ye, *yet* not for decision of scruples. ² One man hath faith to eat all things: but he that is weak eateth herbs. ³ Let not him that eateth set at nought him that eateth not; and let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. ⁴ Who art thou that judgest the servant of another? to his own lord he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be made to stand; for God is able to make him stand. ⁵ One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let each man be fully assured in his own mind. ⁶ He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, unto the Lord he regardeth it not. And he that eateth, eateth unto the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, unto the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. ⁷ For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself. ⁸ For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ both died, and rose and lived *again*, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ But thou, why dost thou judge thy brother? or thou again, why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written,
As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow,
And every tongue shall confess to God.

¹² So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

¹³ Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge ye this rather, that no man put a stumbling block in his brother's way, or an occasion of falling. ¹⁴ I know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself: save that to him who accounteth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ¹⁵ But if because of meat

thy brother is grieved, thou walkest no longer in love. Destroy not with thy meat him for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Let not then your good be evil spoken of: ¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For he that in these things serveth Christ is well-pleasing to God, and approved of men. ¹⁹ So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another. ²⁰ Overthrow not for meat's sake the work of God. All things indeed are clean; howbeit it is evil for that man who eateth with offense. ²¹ It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *to do anything* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is weak. ²² Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy is he that judgeth not himself in that which he approveth. ²³ But he that doubteth is condemned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith; and whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

²⁴ Now to him that is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal, ²⁵ but now is manifested, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the nations unto obedience of faith: ²⁶ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

15

¹ Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, unto edifying. ³ For Christ also pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell upon me. ⁴ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written aforetime for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Christ Jesus: ⁶ that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Wherefore receive ye one another, even as Christ also received you, to the glory of God. ⁸ Now I say that Christ Jesus hath been made a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises *given* unto the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written,

Therefore will I give praise unto thee among the Gentiles,
And sing unto thy name.

¹⁰ And again he saith,
Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

¹¹ And again,
Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles;
And praise him, all ye peoples.

¹² And again, Isaiah saith,
There shall be the root of Jesse,
And he that ariseth to rule over the Gentiles;
On him shall the Gentiles hope.

¹³ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴ And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish others. ¹⁵ But I write the more boldly unto you, brethren, in some measure, as putting you again in remembrance, because of the grace that was given me of God, ¹⁶ that I should be a minister of Jesus Christ unto the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ I have therefore *my* glorying in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God. ¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of any things save those which Christ wrought through me, for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed, ¹⁹ in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about even unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ; ²⁰ yea, making it my aim so to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation; ²¹ but, as it is written,

To whom no tidings of him came, they shall see,
And they who have not heard shall understand.

²² Wherefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you: ²³ but now, having no more any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come unto you, ²⁴ whensoever I go unto Spain, I will come to you (for I hope to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first in some measure I shall have been satisfied with your company)— ²⁵ but now, *I say*, I go unto Jerusalem, ministering unto the saints. ²⁶ For it hath been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints that are at Jerusalem. ²⁷ Yea, it hath been their good pleasure; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it *to them* also to minister unto them in carnal things. ²⁸ When therefore I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by you unto Spain. ²⁹ And I know that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

³⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; ³¹ that I may be delivered from them that are disobedient in Judea, and that my ministration which *I have* for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints; ³² that I may come unto you in joy through the will of God, and together with you find rest. ³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

16

¹ I commend unto you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church that is at Cenchreae: ² that ye receive her in the Lord, worthily of the saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever matter she may have need of you: for she herself also hath been a helper of many, and of mine own self.

³ Salute Prisca and Aquila my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who for my life laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles: ⁵ and *salute* the church that is in their house. Salute Epaenetus my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. ⁶ Salute Mary, who bestowed much labor on us. ⁷ Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsfolk, and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before me. ⁸ Salute Amplias my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Salute Urbanus our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. ¹⁰ Salute Apelles the approved in Christ. Salute them that are of the *household* of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Salute Herodion my kinsman. Salute them of the *household* of Narcissus, that are in the Lord. ¹² Salute Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord. Salute Persis the beloved, who labored much in the Lord. ¹³ Salute Rufus the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. ¹⁴ Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren that are with them. ¹⁵ Salute Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints that are with them. ¹⁶ Salute one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

¹⁷ Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them. ¹⁸ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent. ¹⁹ For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I rejoyce therefore over you: but I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple unto that which is evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²¹ Timothy my fellow worker, and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. ²² I Tertius, who write the epistle, salute you in the Lord. ²³ Gaius my host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the treasurer of the city saluteth you, and Quartus the brother.

²⁴ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

¹ Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother; ² unto the church of God which is at Corinth, *even* them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both their *Lord* and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus; ⁵ that in everything ye were enriched in him, in all utterance and all knowledge; ⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: ⁷ so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ; ⁸ who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye be* unreprouvable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that ye be* perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them *that are of the household* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. ¹² Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. ¹³ Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crispus and Gaius; ¹⁵ lest any man should say that I had baptized into mine own name. ¹⁶ And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. ¹⁷ For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the discernment of the discerning will I bring to nought.

²⁰ Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe. ²² Seeing that Jews ask for a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom: ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumbling block, and unto Greeks foolishness; ²⁴ but unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: ²⁷ but God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that

are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; ²⁸ and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, *yea* and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought the things that are: ²⁹ that no flesh should glory before God. ³⁰ But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption: ³¹ that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2

¹ And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: ⁵ that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

⁶ We speak wisdom, however, among them that are full-grown: yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nought: ⁷ but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the *wisdom* that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds unto our glory: ⁸ which none of the rulers of this world hath known: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: ⁹ but as it is written,

Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not,
And *which* entered not into the heart of man,
The things which God prepared for them that love him.

¹⁰ But unto us God revealed *them* through his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, *yea*, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God. ¹² But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. ¹³ Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual *words*. ¹⁴ Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. ¹⁵ But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man. ¹⁶ For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

3

¹ And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, and not with meat; for ye were not yet able *to bear it*: nay, not even now are ye able; ³ for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there are among you jealousy and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men? ⁴ For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? ⁵ Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos,

but ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave to him? ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. ⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. ¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² But if any man buildeth on this foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; ¹³ each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.

¹⁶ Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? ¹⁷ If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye.

¹⁸ Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this world, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He that taketh the wise in their craftiness: ²⁰ and again, The Lord knoweth the reasonings of the wise, that they are vain. ²¹ Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours; ²² whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; ²³ and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

4

¹ Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² And moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. ⁴ For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. ⁵ Wherefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall each man have his praise from God.

⁶ Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not to think beyond that which is written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other. ⁷ For who maketh thee to differ? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? but if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? ⁸ Already are ye filled, already ye are become rich, ye have come to reign without us: yea and I would that ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. ⁹ For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, both to angels

and men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye have glory, but we have dishonor. ¹¹ Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; ¹² and we toil, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; ¹³ being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things, even until now.

¹⁴ I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I admonish you. ¹⁵ For though ye have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet *have ye not many fathers*; for in Christ Jesus I begat you through the gospel. ¹⁶ I beseech you therefore, be ye imitators of me. ¹⁷ For this cause have I sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who shall put you in remembrance of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church. ¹⁸ Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. ¹⁹ But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will; and I will know, not the word of them that are puffed up, but the power. ²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. ²¹ What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

5

¹ It is actually reported that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even named among the Gentiles, that one *of you* hath his father's wife. ² And ye are puffed up, and did not rather mourn, that he that had done this deed might be taken away from among you. ³ For I verily, as being absent in body but present in spirit, have already as though I were present judged him that hath so wrought this thing, ⁴ in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ye being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵ to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? ⁷ Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, even as ye are unleavened. For our passover also hath been sacrificed for us, *even Christ*: ⁸ wherefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹ I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators; ¹⁰ yet not at all *meaning* with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or with extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world: ¹¹ but as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat. ¹² For what have I to do with judging them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? ¹³ But them that are without God shall judge. And ye shall put away the wicked man from among yourselves.

6

¹ Dare any of you, having a matter against his neighbor, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? ² Know ye not that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world is judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³ Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more, things that pertain to this life? ⁴ If then ye have to judge things pertaining to this life, you set them to judge who are of no account in the church! ⁵ I say *this* to move you to shame. What, cannot there be *found* among you a wise man, not even one, who shall be able to decide between his brethren, ⁶ but brother goeth to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? ⁷ Already indeed then, it is altogether a defect in you, that ye have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather take wrong? why not rather be defrauded? ⁸ Nay, but ye yourselves do wrong, and defraud, and these things ye *do to your* brethren. ⁹ Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, ¹⁰ nor covetous, nor thieves, nor drunkards; not revilers, not extortioners—they shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God.

¹² All things are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me; but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³ Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall bring to nought both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body: ¹⁴ and God both raised the Lord, and will raise up us through his power. ¹⁵ Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid. ¹⁶ Know ye not that he that is joined to a harlot is one body? for, The twain, saith he, shall become one flesh. ¹⁷ But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. ¹⁸ Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. ¹⁹ Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; ²⁰ for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

7

¹ Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ² But, because of fornications, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ³ Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. ⁴ The wife hath not power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power over his own body, but the wife. ⁵ Defraud ye not one the other, except it be by consent for a season, that ye may give yourselves unto fasting and prayer, and may come together again, that Satan tempt you not because of your incontinency. ⁶ But this I say by way of concession,

not of commandment. ⁷ For I would that all men were even as I myself. Howbeit each man hath his own gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that.

⁸ But I say to the unmarried and to widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. ⁹ But if they have not continency, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. ¹⁰ But unto the married I give charge, *yea* not I, but the Lord, That the wife depart not from her husband ¹¹ (but should she depart, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband); and that the husband leave not his wife. ¹² But to the rest say I, not the Lord: If any brother hath an unbelieving wife, and she is content to dwell with him, let him not leave her. ¹³ And the woman that hath an unbelieving husband, and he is content to dwell with her, let her not leave him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. ¹⁵ Yet if the unbelieving departeth, let him depart: the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*: but God hath called us in peace. ¹⁶ For how knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O husband, whether thou shalt save thy wife? ¹⁷ Only, as God hath distributed to each man, as the Lord hath called each, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Was any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of God. ²⁰ Let each man abide in that calling wherein he was called. ²¹ Wast thou called being a bondservant? care not for it: nay, even if thou canst become free, use it rather. ²² For he that was called in the Lord being a bondservant, is the Lord's freedman: likewise also he that was called being free, is Christ's bondservant. ²³ Ye were bought with a price; become not bondservants of men. ²⁴ Brethren, let each man, wherein he was called, therein abide with God.

²⁵ Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: but I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be trustworthy. ²⁶ I think therefore that this is good by reason of the distress that is upon us, *namely*, that it is good for a man to be as he is. ²⁷ Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. ²⁸ But shouldst thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Yet such shall have tribulation in the flesh: and I would spare you. ²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time is shortened: henceforth it is *such* that both those that have wives may be as though they had none; ³⁰ and those that weep, as though they wept not; and those that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and those that buy, as though they possessed not; ³¹ and those that use this world, as not using it to the full: for the fashion of this world passeth away. ³² But I would have you to be free from cares. He that is unmarried is careful for the things of the Lord, how he shall please the Lord: ³³ but he that is married is careful for the things of the world, how he shall please his wife. ³⁴ There is a difference between both the wife and the virgin. The unmarried is careful for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that

is married is careful for the things of the world, how she shall please her husband. ³⁵ And this I say for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is seemly, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. ³⁶ But if any man thinketh that he behaveth himself unseemly toward his virgin, if she be past the flower of her age, and if need so requireth, let him do what he will; he sinneth not; let them marry. ³⁷ But he that standeth steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power as touching his own will, and hath determined this in his heart, to keep his own virgin, doeth well. ³⁸ So then even he that giveth *her* in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth *her* not in marriage doeth better. ³⁹ A wife is bound by the law for so long time as her husband liveth; but if the husband indeed be dead, she is free to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ But she is happier if she abide as she is, after my judgment: and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

8

¹ Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth. ² And if any man thinketh that he knoweth anything, he knoweth not anything yet as he ought to know; ³ but if any man loveth God, the same is known by him. ⁴ Concerning therefore the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is *anything* in the world, and that there is none other God but one. ⁵ For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or on earth; as there are gods many, and lords many; ⁶ yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him. ⁷ Howbeit there is not in all men that knowledge: but some, with conscience of the idol until now, eat as *of* a thing sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. ⁸ But food commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; nor, if we eat not, are we the worse. ⁹ But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak. ¹⁰ For if a man see thee who hast knowledge sitting at meat in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ And through thy knowledge shall the brother that is weak perish, for whose sake Christ died? ¹² And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, ye sin against Christ. ¹³ Wherefore, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh forevermore, that I cause not my brother to stumble.

9

¹ Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? ² If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. ³ My defense to them that examine me is this. ⁴ Have we no right to eat and to drink? ⁵ Have we no right to lead about a wife that is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brethren of

the Lord, and Cephas? ⁶ Or I only and Barnabas, have we not a right to forbear working? ⁷ What soldier ever serveth at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? ⁸ Do I speak these things after the manner of men? or saith not the law also the same? ⁹ For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the grain. Is it for the oxen that God careth, ¹⁰ or saith he it assuredly for our sake? Yea, for our sake it was written: because he that ploweth ought to plow in hope, and he that thresheth in hope, *ought* to partake of his hope. ¹¹ If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things? ¹² If others partake of *this* right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ. ¹³ Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat *of the things* of the temple, *and* they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? ¹⁴ Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel. ¹⁵ But I have used none of these things: and I write not these things that it may be so done in my case; for *it were* good for me rather to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. ¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; but woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. ¹⁷ For if I do this of mine own will, I have a reward: but if not of mine own will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, so as not to use to the full my right in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I was free from all *men*, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more. ²⁰ And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; ²¹ to them that are without law, as without law, not being without law to God, but under law to Christ, that I might gain them that are without law. ²² To the weak I became as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some. ²³ And I do this for the gospel's sake, that I may be a joint partaker thereof. ²⁴ Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain. ²⁵ And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they *do it* to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. ²⁶ I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so fight I, as not beating the air: ²⁷ but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

10

¹ Now I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; ² and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; ³ and did all eat the same spiritual food; ⁴ and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased:

for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. ⁷ Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. ⁸ Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. ⁹ Neither let us make trial of Christ, as some of them also made trial, and perished by the serpents. ¹⁰ Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and perished by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened unto them as examples; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come. ¹² Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. ¹³ There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.

¹⁴ Wherefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵ I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body: for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Behold Israel after the flesh: have not they that eat the sacrifices communion with the altar? ¹⁹ What say I then? that an idol is anything, or that a thing sacrificed to idols is anything? ²⁰ But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have communion with demons. ²¹ Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: ye cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons. ²² Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

²³ All things are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me; but not all things edify. ²⁴ Let no man seek his own, but each his neighbor's *good*. ²⁵ Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, eat, asking no question for conscience' sake; ²⁶ for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof. ²⁷ And if one of them that believe not biddeth you *to a feast*, and ye are disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience' sake. ²⁸ But if any man say unto you, This hath been sacrificed to idols, eat not, for his sake that showed it, and for conscience' sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof: ²⁹ conscience, I say, not thine own, but the other's; for why is my liberty judged by another conscience? ³⁰ If I partake with thankfulness, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? ³¹ Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God: ³³ even as I also please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of the many, that they may be saved.

11

¹ Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.

² Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and hold fast the traditions, even as I delivered them to you. ³ But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. ⁴ Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. ⁵ But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonoreth her own head; for it is one and the same thing as if she were shaven. ⁶ For if a woman is not veiled, let her also be shorn: but if it is a shame to a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be veiled. ⁷ For a man indeed ought not to have his head veiled, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but a woman is the glory of a man. ⁸ For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man: ⁹ for neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man: ¹⁰ for this cause ought the woman to have *a sign of authority* on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹ Nevertheless, neither is the man without the woman, nor the woman without the man, in the Lord. ¹² For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman; but all things are of God. ¹³ Judge ye in yourselves: is it seemly that a woman pray unto God unveiled? ¹⁴ Or doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a dishonor to him? ¹⁵ But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given for a covering. ¹⁶ But if any man seemeth to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

¹⁷ But in giving you this charge, I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and I partly believe it. ¹⁹ For there must be also factions among you, that they that are approved may be made manifest among you. ²⁰ When therefore ye assemble yourselves together, it is not possible to eat the Lord's supper: ²¹ for in your eating each one taketh before *other* his own supper; and one is hungry, and another is drunken. ²² What, have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and put them to shame that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. ²³ For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take; eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵ In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as often as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. ²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come. ²⁷ Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread or drink the cup of the Lord in a manner unworthy of the Lord, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he that eateth and drinketh in an unworthy manner, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, since he discerneth not the body of the Lord. ³⁰ For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep. ³¹ For if we discerned ourselves, we should not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we may not be condemned

with the world. ³³ Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, wait one for another. ³⁴ And if any man is hungry, let him eat at home; that your coming together be not unto judgment. And the rest will I set in order whensoever I come.

12

¹ Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. ² Ye know that when ye were Gentiles *ye were* led away unto those dumb idols, howsoever ye might be led. ³ Wherefore I make known unto you, that no man speaking in the Spirit of God calleth Jesus anathema; and no man can call Jesus Lord, but in the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of workings, but it is the same God who worketh all things in all. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: ⁹ and to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, in the same Spirit; ¹⁰ and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits; and to another *diverse* kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹ but all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will.

¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? ¹⁸ But now hath God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where were the body? ²⁰ But now they are many members, but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. ²² Nay, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary: ²³ and those *parts* of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness; ²⁴ whereas our comely *parts* have no need: but God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to that *part* which lacked; ²⁵ that there should be no schisms in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. ²⁶ And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it; or one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. ²⁷ Now ye are the body of Christ, and severally members thereof. ²⁸ And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, afterward miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, *diverse*

kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all *workers of* miracles? ³⁰ have all gifts of healings? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? ³¹ But desire earnestly the better gifts. And moreover a most excellent way show I unto you.

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¹ If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And if I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. ⁴ Love suffereth long, *and* is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, ⁵ doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; ⁶ rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; ⁷ beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. ⁸ Love never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall be done away; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall be done away. ⁹ But we know in part, and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰ yet when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: but now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. ¹³ But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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¹ Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy. ² For he that speaketh in a tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth; but in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. ³ But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men edification, and exhortation, and consolation. ⁴ He that speaketh in a tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. ⁵ Now I would have you all speak with tongues, but rather that ye should prophesy: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. ⁶ But now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching? ⁷ Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they give not a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? ⁸ For if the trumpet give an uncertain voice, who shall prepare himself for war? ⁹ So also ye, unless ye utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. ¹¹ If then I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be to him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh will be a barbarian unto me. ¹² So

also ye, since ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may abound unto the edifying of the church. ¹³ Wherefore let him that speaketh in a tongue pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. ¹⁶ Else if thou bless with the spirit, how shall he that filleth the place of the unlearned say the Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he knoweth not what thou sayest? ¹⁷ For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. ¹⁸ I thank my God speaking with tongues more than you all: ¹⁹ howbeit in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰ Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be men. ²¹ In the law it is written, By *men of* strange tongues and by strange lips will I speak unto this people; and not even thus will they hear me, saith the Lord. ²² Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to the unbelieving: but prophesying *is for a sign*, not to the unbelieving, but to them that believe. ²³ If therefore the whole church be assembled together and all speak with tongues, and there come in men unlearned or unbelieving, will they not say that ye are mad? ²⁴ But if all prophesy, and there come in one unbelieving or unlearned, he is reproved by all, he is judged by all; ²⁵ and thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so he will fall down on his face and worship God, declaring that God is among you indeed.

²⁶ What is it then, brethren? When ye come together, each one of you hath a psalm, hath a teaching, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. ²⁷ If any man speaketh in a tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most three, and *that* in turn; and let one interpret: ²⁸ but if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. ²⁹ And let the prophets speak *by* two or three, and let the others discern. ³⁰ But if a revelation be made to another sitting by, let the first keep silence. ³¹ For ye all can prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be exhorted; ³² and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets; ³³ for God is not *a God* of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

³⁴ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but to be in subjection, as also saith the law. ³⁵ And if they would learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home: for it is shameful for women to speak in the church. ³⁶ What? was it from you that the word of God went forth? or came it unto you alone?

³⁷ If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are commandments of the Lord. ³⁸ But if any man is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

³⁹ Wherefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. ⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently and in order.

15

¹ Now I make known unto you brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, ² by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain. ³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures; ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve; ⁶ then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some also are fallen asleep; ⁷ then he appeared to James; then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to the *child* untimely born, he appeared to me also. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. ¹¹ Whether then *it be* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

¹² Now if Christ is preached that he hath been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither hath Christ been raised: ¹⁴ and if Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching vain, and your faith also is vain. ¹⁵ Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised: ¹⁷ and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. ¹⁸ Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable.

²⁰ But now hath Christ been raised from the dead; he became the firstfruits of them that are asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ's, at his coming. ²⁴ Then *cometh* the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. ²⁷ For, He put all things in subjection under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. ²⁸ And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

²⁹ Else what shall they do that are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for the dead? ³⁰ why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour? ³¹ I protest by that glorying in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. ³² If after the manner of men I fought with beasts at Ephesus, what doth it profit me, if the dead are not raised? Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. ³³ Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt

good morals. ³⁴ Awake to soberness righteously, and sin not; for some have no knowledge of God: I say *this* to move you to shame.

³⁵ But someone will say, How are the dead raised? and with what manner of body do they come? ³⁶ Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not quickened except it die: ³⁷ and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other kind; ³⁸ but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed its own body. ³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another of fish, and another of birds. ⁴⁰ There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. ⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So also it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; then that which is spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸ As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the earthy, let us also bear the image of the heavenly.

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We all shall not sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.

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¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, so also do ye. ² Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may be prospered, that no collections be made when I come. ³ And when I arrive, whomsoever ye shall approve by letters, them will I send to carry your bounty unto

Jerusalem: ⁴ and if it be meet for me to go also, they shall go with me. ⁵ But I will come unto you, when I shall have passed through Macedonia; for I pass through Macedonia; ⁶ but with you it may be that I shall abide, or even winter, that ye may set me forward on my journey whithersoever I go. ⁷ For I do not wish to see you now by the way; but I hope to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. ⁸ But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost; ⁹ for a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

¹⁰ Now if Timothy come, see that he be with you without fear; for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do: ¹¹ let no man therefore despise him. But set him forward on his journey in peace, that he may come unto me: for I expect him with the brethren. ¹² But as touching Apollos the brother, I besought him much to come unto you with the brethren: and it was not at all *his* will to come now; but he will come when he shall have opportunity.

¹³ Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that ye do be done in love.

¹⁵ Now I beseech you, brethren (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have set themselves to minister unto the saints), ¹⁶ that ye also be in subjection unto such, and to everyone that helpeth in the work and laboreth. ¹⁷ And I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they supplied. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours: acknowledge ye therefore them that are such.

¹⁹ The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. ²⁰ All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. ²² If any man loveth not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema. Maranatha. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints that are in the whole of Achaia: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; ⁴ who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. ⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ. ⁶ But whether we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation, which worketh in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is steadfast: or whether we are comforted, it is for your comfort and salvation; ⁷ knowing that, as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so also are ye of the comfort. ⁸ For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, of our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, insomuch that we despaired even of life: ⁹ yea, we ourselves have had the sentence of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead: ¹⁰ who delivered us out of so great a death, and doth deliver: on whom we have set our hope that he will also still deliver us; ¹¹ ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on your behalf.

¹² For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. ¹³ For we write no other things unto you, than what ye read or even acknowledge, and I hope ye will acknowledge even unto the end: ¹⁴ as also ye did acknowledge us in part, that we are your glorying, even as ye also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁵ And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit; ¹⁶ and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come unto you, and of you to be set forward on my journey unto Judea. ¹⁷ When I therefore purposed thus, did I show fickleness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the yea yea and the nay nay? ¹⁸ But as God is faithful, our word toward you was not yea and nay. ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay, but in him is yea. ²⁰ For how many soever be the promises of God, in him is the yea, and in him is the Amen, unto the glory of God through us. ²¹ Now he that establisheth us with you in Christ, and

anointed us, is God; ²² who also sealed us, and gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

²³ But I call God for a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbare to come unto Corinth. ²⁴ Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for in faith ye stand fast.

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¹ But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you with sorrow. ² For if I make you sorry, who then is he that maketh me glad but he that is made sorry by me? ³ And I wrote this very thing unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all. ⁴ For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be made sorry, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

⁵ But if any hath caused sorrow, he hath caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all. ⁶ Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was *inflicted* by the many; ⁷ so that contrariwise ye should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow. ⁸ Wherefore I beseech you to confirm *your* love toward him. ⁹ For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things. ¹⁰ But to whom ye forgive anything, I *forgive* also: for I also, if I have forgiven anything, to whom I have forgiven *it*, for your sakes *have I forgiven it* in the presence of Christ; ¹¹ that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

¹² Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and when a door was opened unto me in the Lord, ¹³ I had no relief for my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place. ¹⁵ For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God, in them that are saved, and in them that perish; ¹⁶ to the one a savor of death unto death; to the other a savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not as the rest, corrupting the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, speak we in Christ.

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¹ Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? unless we need, as do some, epistles of commendation to you or *epistles* of commendation from you? ² Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men; ³ being made manifest that ye are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in tables *that are* hearts of flesh. ⁴ And such confidence have we through Christ to God-ward: ⁵ not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God; ⁶ who also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for

the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. ⁷ But if the ministration of death, written, *and* engraven on stones, came with glory, so that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly upon the face of Moses for the glory of his face; which *glory* was passing away: ⁸ how shall not rather the ministration of the spirit be with glory? ⁹ For if the ministration of condemnation is glory, much rather doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. ¹⁰ For verily that which hath been made glorious hath not been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasseth. ¹¹ For if that which passeth away *was* with glory, much more that which remaineth *is* in glory.

¹² Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, ¹³ and *are* not as Moses, *who* put a veil upon his own face, that the children of Israel should not look steadfastly on the end of that which was passing away: ¹⁴ but their minds were hardened: for until this day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remaineth unlifted; which thing is done away in Christ. ¹⁵ But unto this day, when Moses is read, a veil lieth upon their heart. ¹⁶ But whensoever it shall turn to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.

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¹ Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not: ² but we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: ⁴ in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them. ⁵ For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ Seeing it is God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves; ⁸ *we are* pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; ⁹ pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; ¹⁰ always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death worketh in us, but life in you. ¹³ But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, I believed, and therefore did I speak; we also believe, and therefore also we speak; ¹⁴ knowing that he that raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also through Jesus, and shall present us with you. ¹⁵ For all things *are* for your sakes, that the grace, being

multiplied through the many, may cause the thanksgiving to abound unto the glory of God.

¹⁶ Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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¹ For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. ² For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: ³ if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. ⁴ For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. ⁵ Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who also gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. ⁶ Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord ⁷ (for we walk by faith, not by sight); ⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. ⁹ Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. ¹⁰ For we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he hath done, whether *it be* good or evil.

¹¹ Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest unto God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. ¹² For we are not again commending ourselves unto you, but *speak* as giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that ye may have wherewith to answer them that glory in appearance, and not in heart. ¹³ For whether we are beside ourselves, it is unto God; or whether we are of sober mind, it is unto you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again. ¹⁶ Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh: and even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know *him so* no more. ¹⁷ Wherefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸ But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech *you* on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God. ²¹ For him who knew no sin he made *to be* sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

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¹ And working together *with him* we entreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain ² (for he saith, At an acceptable time I hearkened unto thee, And in a day of salvation did I succor thee: behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation): ³ giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our ministration be not blamed; ⁴ but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, ⁵ in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; ⁶ in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, ⁷ in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸ by glory and dishonor; by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

¹¹ Our mouth is open unto you, O Corinthians, our heart is enlarged. ¹² Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own affections. ¹³ Now for a recompense in like kind (I speak as unto *my* children), be ye also enlarged.

¹⁴ Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement hath a temple of God with idols? for you are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷ Wherefore Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,

And touch no unclean thing;
And I will receive you,

¹⁸ And will be to you a Father,
And ye shall be to me sons and daughters,
saith the Lord Almighty.

7

¹ Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

² Open your hearts to us: we wronged no man, we corrupted no man, we took advantage of no man. ³ I say it not to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die together and live together. ⁴ Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying on your behalf: I am filled with comfort, I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

⁵ For even when we were come into Macedonia our flesh had no relief, but *we were* afflicted on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears. ⁶ Nevertheless he that comforteth the lowly, *even* God, comforted us by the coming of Titus; ⁷ and not by his coming only,

but also by the comfort wherewith he was comforted in you, while he told us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced yet more. ⁸ For though I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it: though I did regret *it* (for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though but for a season), ⁹ I now rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye were made sorry unto repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly sort, that ye might suffer loss by us in nothing. ¹⁰ For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, *a repentance* which bringeth no regret: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. ¹¹ For behold, this selfsame thing, that ye were made sorry after a godly sort, what earnest care it wrought in you, yea what clearing of yourselves, yea what indignation, yea what fear, yea what longing, yea what zeal, yea what avenging! In everything ye approved yourselves to be pure in the matter. ¹² So although I wrote unto you, *I wrote* not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be made manifest unto you in the sight of God. ¹³ Therefore we have been comforted: and in your comfort we joyed the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit hath been refreshed by you all. ¹⁴ For if in anything I have gloried to him on your behalf, I was not put to shame; but as we spake all things to you in truth, so our glorying also which I made before Titus was found to be the truth. ¹⁵ And his affection is more abundantly toward you, while he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. ¹⁶ I rejoice that in everything I am of good courage concerning you.

8

¹ Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the churches of Macedonia; ² how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. ³ For according to their power, I bear witness, yea and beyond their power, *they gave* of their own accord, ⁴ beseeching us with much entreaty in regard of this grace and the fellowship in the ministering to the saints: ⁵ and *this*, not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God. ⁶ Insomuch that we exhorted Titus, that as he had made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace also. ⁷ But as ye abound in everything, *in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all earnestness, and *in* your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also. ⁸ I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love. ⁹ For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰ And herein I give *my* judgment: for this is expedient for you, who were the first to make a beginning a year ago, not only to do, but also to will. ¹¹ But now complete the doing also; that as *there* was the readiness to will, so *there may be* the completion also out of your ability. ¹² For if the readiness is there, *it is* acceptable according as a man hath, not according as he hath not. ¹³ For *I* say not

this that others may be eased and ye distressed; but by equality: your abundance *being a supply* at this present time for their want, ¹⁴ that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your want; that there may be equality: ¹⁵ as it is written, He that *gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *gathered* little had no lack.

¹⁶ But thanks be to God, who putteth the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. ¹⁷ For he accepted indeed our exhortation; but being himself very earnest, he went forth unto you of his own accord. ¹⁸ And we have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the gospel *is spread* through all the churches; ¹⁹ and not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is ministered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and *to show* our readiness: ²⁰ avoiding this, that any man should blame us in *the matter of* this bounty which is ministered by us: ²¹ taking thought for things honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. ²² And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence which *he hath* in you. ²³ Whether *any inquire* about Titus, *he is* my partner and *my fellow worker* to you-ward; or our brethren, *they are* the messengers of the churches, *they are* the glory of Christ. ²⁴ Show ye therefore unto them in the face of the churches the proof of your love, and of our glorying on your behalf.

9

¹ For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: ² for I know your readiness, of which I glory on your behalf to them of Macedonia, that Achaia hath been prepared for a year past; and the zeal from you hath stirred up very many of them. ³ But I have sent the brethren, that our glorying on your behalf may not be made void in this respect; that, even as I said, ye may be prepared: ⁴ lest by any means, if there come with me any of Macedonia and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be put to shame in this confidence of glorying. ⁵ I thought it necessary therefore to entreat the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your fore-announced bounty, that the same might be ready as a matter of bounty, and not of extortion.

⁶ But this *I say*, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ *Let* each man *do* according as he purposeth in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work: ⁹ as it is written, He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor; His righteousness abideth forever.

¹⁰ And he that supplieth seed to the sower also supply bread for food, and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness: ¹¹ ye being enriched in everything unto all liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints,

but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God; ¹³ seeing that through the proving *of you* by this ministration they glorify God for the obedience of *your* confession unto the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of *your* contribution unto them and unto all; ¹⁴ while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, long after you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Now thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

10

¹ Now I Paul myself entreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you: ² yea, I beseech you, that I may not when present show courage with the confidence wherewith I count to be bold against some, who count of us as if we walked according to the flesh. ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh ⁴ (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds); ⁵ casting down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; ⁶ and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience shall be made full. ⁷ Do ye look at the things that are before your face? If any man trusteth in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again of himself, that, even as he is Christ's, so also are we Christ's. ⁸ For even though I also should glory somewhat abundantly concerning our authority (which the Lord gave us for building you up, and not for casting you down), I shall not be put to shame: ⁹ that I may not seem as if I would terrify you by my letters. ¹⁰ For, His letters, they say, are weighty and strong; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account. ¹¹ Let such a one reckon this, that, what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *are we* also in deed when we are present. ¹² For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with certain of them that commend themselves: but they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding. ¹³ But we will not glory beyond *our* measure, but according to the measure of the province which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even unto you. ¹⁴ For we stretch not ourselves overmuch, as though we reached not unto you: for we came even as far as unto you in the gospel of Christ: ¹⁵ not glorying beyond *our* measure, *that is*, in other men's labors; but having hope that, as your faith groweth, we shall be magnified in you according to our province unto *further* abundance, ¹⁶ so as to preach the gospel even unto the parts beyond you, *and* not to glory in another's province in regard of things ready to our hand. ¹⁷ But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. ¹⁸ For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

11

¹ Would that ye could bear with me a little in *my* foolishness: but

indeed ye do bear with me. ² For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³ But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴ For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or *if* ye receive a different spirit, which ye did not receive, or a different gospel, which ye did not accept, ye might well bear with *him*. ⁵ For I reckon that I am not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. ⁶ But though *I be* rude in speech, yet *am I* not in knowledge; nay, in every way have we been made manifest unto you in all things. ⁷ Or did I commit a sin in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I preached to you the gospel of God for nought? ⁸ I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them* that I might minister unto you; ⁹ and when I was present with you and was in want, I was not a burden on any man; for the brethren, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my want; and in everything I kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself*. ¹⁰ As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this glorying in the regions of Achaia. ¹¹ Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. ¹² But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them that desire an occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. ¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

¹⁶ I say again, Let no man think me foolish; but if ye *do*, yet as foolish receive me, that I also may glory a little. ¹⁷ That which I speak, I speak not after the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of glorying. ¹⁸ Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. ¹⁹ For ye bear with the foolish gladly, being wise *yourselves*. ²⁰ For ye bear with a man, if he bringeth you into bondage, if he devoureth you, if he taketh you *captive*, if he exalteth himself, if he smiteth you on the face. ²¹ I speak by way of disparagement, as though we were weak. Yet whereinsoever any is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also. ²² Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. ²³ Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I more; in labors more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in prisons more abundantly, in deaths oft. ²⁴ Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. ²⁵ Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day have I been in the deep; ²⁶ *in* journeyings often, *in* perils of rivers, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils from *my* countrymen, *in* perils from the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; ²⁷ *in* labor and travail, *in* watchings often, *in* hunger and thirst, *in* fastings often, *in* cold and nakedness. ²⁸ Besides those things that are without, there is that which presseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is caused to stumble, and I burn not? ³⁰ If I must needs

glory, I will glory of the things that concern my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed forevermore knoweth that I lie not. ³² In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, desiring to take me: ³³ and through a window was I let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands.

12

¹ Surely it is not expedient for me to glory; for I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), such a one caught up even to the third heaven. ³ And I know such a man (whether in the body, or out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), ⁴ how that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. ⁵ On behalf of such a one will I glory: but on mine own behalf I will not glory, save in my weaknesses. ⁶ For if I should desire to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I shall speak the truth: but I forbear, lest any man should account of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or anything he heareth from me. ⁷ And by reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, that I should not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, that I should not be exalted overmuch. ⁸ Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹ And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Wherefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

¹¹ I am become foolish in glorying: ye compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing was I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I am nothing. ¹² Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs and wonders and mighty works. ¹³ For what is there wherein ye were made inferior to the rest of the churches, except *it be* that I myself was not a burden to you? forgive me this wrong.

¹⁴ Behold, a third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a burden to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. ¹⁵ And I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls, though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved. ¹⁶ But be it so, I did not myself burden you; but, being crafty, I caught you with guile. ¹⁷ Did I take advantage of you by any one of them whom I have sent unto you? ¹⁸ I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? walked we not in the same spirit? *walked we* not in the same steps?

¹⁹ Again, think ye that we are excusing ourselves unto you? In the sight of God speak we in Christ. But all things, beloved, *are* for your edifying. ²⁰ For I fear, lest by any means, when I come, I should find

you not such as I would, and should myself be found of you such as ye would not; lest by any means *there should be* strifes, jealousies, wraths, factions, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults; ²¹ lest again when I come my God will humble me before you, and I should mourn for many of them that have sinned heretofore, and repented not of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they committed.

13

¹ This is the third time I am coming to you. At the mouth of two witnesses or three shall every word be established. ² I have said beforehand, and I do say beforehand, as if I were present the second time; and being absent now I write to them that have sinned heretofore, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; ³ seeing that ye seek a proof of Christ that speaketh in me; who to you-ward is not weak, but is powerful in you: ⁴ for though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him through the power of God toward you. ⁵ Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate. ⁶ But I hope that ye shall know that we are not reprobate. ⁷ Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that ye may do that which is honorable, though we be as reprobate. ⁸ For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. ⁹ For we rejoice, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this we also pray for, even your perfecting. ¹⁰ For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not when present deal sharply, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for casting down.

¹¹ Finally, brethren, rejoice; be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you. ¹² Salute one another with a holy kiss.

¹³ All the saints salute you.

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

¹ Paul, an apostle (not from men, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead), ² and all the brethren that are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil world, according to the will of our God and Father: ⁵ to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; ⁷ which is not another *gospel*: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. ⁹ As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema. ¹⁰ For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? for if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man. ¹² For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but *it came to me* through revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³ For ye have heard of my manner of life in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and made havoc of it: ¹⁴ and I advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of mine own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, *even* from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace, ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles; straightaway I conferred not with flesh and blood: ¹⁷ neither went I up to Jerusalem to them that were apostles before me: but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned unto Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Peter, and tarried with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ Now touching the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. ²¹ Then I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown by face unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ: ²³ but they only heard say, He that once persecuted us now preacheth the faith of which he once made havoc; ²⁴ and they glorified God in me.

2

¹ Then after the space of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me. ² And I went up by revelation; and I laid before them the gospel which I preach among

the Gentiles but privately before them who were of repute, lest by any means I should be running, or had run, in vain. ³ But not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: ⁴ and that because of the false brethren privily brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: ⁵ to whom we gave place in the way of subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. ⁶ But from those who were reputed to be somewhat (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth not man's person)—they, I say, who were of repute imparted nothing to me: ⁷ but contrariwise, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel of the uncircumcision, even as Peter with *the gospel* of the circumcision ⁸ (for he that wrought for Peter unto the apostleship of the circumcision wrought for me also unto the Gentiles); ⁹ and when they perceived the grace that was given unto me, James and Cephas and John, they who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision; ¹⁰ only *they would* that we should remember the poor; which very thing I was also zealous to do.

¹¹ But when Peter came to Antioch, I resisted him to the face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before that certain came from James, he ate with the Gentiles; but when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing them that were of the circumcision. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that even Barnabas was carried away with their dissimulation. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest as do the Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? ¹⁵ We being Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, ¹⁶ knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. ¹⁷ But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a minister of sin? God forbid. ¹⁸ For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. ¹⁹ For I through the law died unto the law, that I might live unto God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, *the faith* which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. ²¹ I do not make void the grace of God: for if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nought.

3

¹ O foolish Galatians, who did bewitch you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth among you crucified? ² This only would I learn from you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³ Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now perfected in the

flesh? ⁴ Did ye suffer so many things in vain? if it be indeed in vain. ⁵ He therefore that supplieth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ⁶ Even as Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. ⁷ Know therefore that they that are of faith, the same are sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all the nations be blessed. ⁹ So then they that are of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham. ¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, Cursed is everyone who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them. ¹¹ Now that no man is justified by the law before God, is evident: for, The righteous shall live by faith; ¹² and the law is not of faith; but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree: ¹⁴ that upon the Gentiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

¹⁵ Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: Though it be but a man's covenant, yet when it hath been confirmed, no one maketh it void, or addeth thereto. ¹⁶ Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. ¹⁷ Now this I say: A covenant confirmed beforehand by God to Christ, the law, which came four hundred and thirty years after, doth not disannul, so as to make the promise of none effect. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no more of promise: but God hath granted it to Abraham by promise. ¹⁹ What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise hath been made; *and it was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator.* ²⁰ Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one; but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law. ²² But the scripture shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

²³ But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterward be revealed. ²⁴ So that the law is become our tutor *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. ²⁸ There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one *man* in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to promise.

4

¹ But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all; ² but is under guardians

and stewards until the day appointed of the father. ³ So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the rudiments of the world: ⁴ but when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ that he might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶ And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ⁷ So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

⁸ Howbeit at that time, not knowing God, ye were in bondage to them that by nature are no gods: ⁹ but now that ye have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how turn ye back again to the weak and beggarly rudiments, whereunto ye desire to be in bondage over again? ¹⁰ Ye observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. ¹¹ I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain.

¹² I beseech you, brethren, become as I *am*, for I also *am become* as ye *are*. Ye did me no wrong: ¹³ but ye know that because of an infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you the first time: ¹⁴ and my trial that was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but ye received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then was the gratulation of yourselves? for I bear you witness, that, if possible, ye would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ So then am I become your enemy, by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ They zealously seek you in no good way; nay, they desire to shut us out, that ye may seek them. ¹⁸ But it is good to be zealously sought in a good matter at all times, and not only when I am present with you. ¹⁹ My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you— ²⁰ but I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my tone; for I am perplexed about you.

²¹ Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? ²² For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. ²³ Howbeit the *son* by the handmaid is born after the flesh; but the *son* by the freewoman *is born* through the promise. ²⁴ Which things contain an allegory: for these *women* are two covenants; one from mount Sinai, bearing children unto bondage, which is Hagar. ²⁵ For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia and answereth to the Jerusalem that now is: and she is in bondage with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem that is above is free, which is the mother of us all. ²⁷ For it is written,

Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not;

Break forth and cry, thou that travailest not:

For more are the children of the desolate than of her that hath the husband.

²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. ²⁹ But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ Howbeit what saith the scripture? Cast out the handmaid and her son: for the son of the handmaid shall not inherit with the son of the freewoman. ³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of a handmaid, but of the freewoman.

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¹ Stand fast therefore in the freedom wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.

² Behold, I Paul say unto you, that, if ye receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing. ³ Yea, I testify again to every man that receiveth circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. ⁴ Ye are severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; ye are fallen away from grace. ⁵ For we through the Spirit by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith working through love. ⁷ Ye were running well; who hindered you that ye should not obey the truth? ⁸ This persuasion *came* not of him that calleth you. ⁹ A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence to you-ward in the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. ¹¹ But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? then hath the stumbling block of the cross been done away. ¹² I would that they that unsettle you would even go beyond circumcision.

¹³ For ye, brethren, were called for freedom; only *use* not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but through love be servants one to another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. ¹⁵ But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

¹⁶ But I say, Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things that ye would. ¹⁸ But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strifes, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, ²¹ envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did also forewarn you, that they who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ meekness, self-control; against such there is no law. ²⁴ And they that are of Christ have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk. ²⁶ Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

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¹ Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted. ² Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. ⁴ But let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glorying in regard of himself alone, and not of his neighbor. ⁵ For each man shall bear his own load.

⁶ But let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. ⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked:

for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith.

¹¹ See with how large letters I write unto you with mine own hand. ¹² As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised; only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For not even they who have been circumcised do themselves keep the law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. ¹⁶ And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace *be* upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear branded on my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, to the saints that are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ: ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love: ⁵ having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved: ⁷ in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him ¹⁰ unto a dispensation of the fullness of the times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him, *I say*, ¹¹ in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will; ¹² to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ: ¹³ in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation—in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of *God's* own possession, unto the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which *ye show* toward all the saints, ¹⁶ cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; ¹⁸ having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might ²⁰ which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and he made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²² and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

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¹ And you *did he make alive*, when ye were dead in trespasses and sins, ² wherein ye once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; ³ among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest—⁴ but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus: ⁷ that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: ⁸ for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not of works, that no man should glory. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

¹¹ Wherefore remember that ye, once Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands; ¹² that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, ¹⁵ having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, *so* making peace; ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: ¹⁷ and he came and preached peace to you that were far off, and to them that were nigh: ¹⁸ for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father. ¹⁹ So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, ²⁰ being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; ²¹ in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom ye also are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

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¹ For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles—² if so be that ye have heard of the dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward; ³ how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, ⁴ whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; ⁵ which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ *to wit*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of his promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷ whereof I became a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given

me according to the working of his power. ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹ and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: ¹² in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ Wherefore I ask that ye may not faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory.

¹⁴ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; ¹⁸ to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, ²¹ unto him *be* the glory in the church in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen.

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¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, ² with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There* is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. ⁷ But unto each one of us was grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. ⁸ Wherefore he saith,

When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive,
And gave gifts unto men.

⁹ (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

¹¹ And he gave some *to be* apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ: ¹³ till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full-grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: ¹⁴ that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; ¹⁵ but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, *even* Christ; ¹⁶ from whom all the body fitly framed and

knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in *due* measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.

¹⁷ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; ¹⁹ who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But ye did not so learn Christ; ²¹ if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: ²² that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; ²³ and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

²⁵ Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: ²⁷ neither give place to the devil. ²⁸ Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need. ²⁹ Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear. ³⁰ And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom ye were sealed unto the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: ³² and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave us.

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¹ Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and walk in love, even as Christ also loved us, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.

³ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints; ⁴ nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, things that are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this ye know, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Be not ye therefore partakers with them; ⁸ for ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), ¹⁰ proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord; ¹¹ and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them; ¹² for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of. ¹³ But all things when they are reprovèd are made manifest by the light: for everything that is made manifest is light. ¹⁴ Wherefore *he* saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.

¹⁵ See then that ye walk carefully, not as unwise, but as wise; ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; ²¹ subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ.

²² Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, and he is the savior of the body. ²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives also *be* to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your own wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; ²⁶ that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So ought husbands to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself: ²⁹ for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord also the church; ³⁰ because we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. ³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. ³² This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church. ³³ Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see* that she fear her husband.

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¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ² Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), ³ that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. ⁴ And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

⁵ Servants, be obedient unto them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; ⁶ not in the way of eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; ⁷ with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men: ⁸ knowing that whatsoever good thing each one doeth, the same shall he receive again from the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free. ⁹ And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, and forbear threatening: knowing that the Master of you yourselves also is in heaven, and there is no respect of persons with him.

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this world, against the spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in

the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil *one*. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁸ with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching unto this very thing in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

²¹ But that ye also may know my affairs, how I do, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: ²² whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

²³ Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ with a *love* incorruptible. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now; ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus: ⁷ even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Jesus Christ. ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; ¹⁰ so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offense unto the day of Christ; ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

¹² Now I would have you know, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the gospel; ¹³ so that my bonds became manifest in Christ throughout the whole praetorian guard, and to all the rest; ¹⁴ and that most of the brethren in the Lord, being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: ¹⁶ the one proclaim Christ of faction, not sincerely, thinking to add affliction to my bonds; ¹⁷ but the other *do it* of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁸ What then? only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and therein I rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. ¹⁹ For I know that this shall turn out to my salvation, through your supplication and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing shall I be put to shame, but *that* with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² But if to live in the flesh *be my lot*, this is the fruit of my work: and what I shall choose I know not. ²³ But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; which is very far better: ²⁴ yet to abide in the flesh is more needful for your sake. ²⁵ And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide, yea, and abide with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith; ²⁶ that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again. ²⁷ Only behave as citizens worthily of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with

one soul striving for the faith of the gospel; ²⁸ and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but for you of salvation, and that from God; ²⁹ because to you it hath been granted in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf: ³⁰ having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

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¹ If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassions, ² make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; ³ *doing* nothing through faction or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; ⁴ look not each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. ⁵ For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; ⁸ and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient *even* unto death, yea, the death of the cross. ⁹ Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him a name which is above every name; ¹⁰ that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven and *things* on earth and *things* under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without murmurings and questionings: ¹⁵ that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain. ¹⁷ Yea, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all: ¹⁸ and in the same manner do ye also joy, and rejoice with me.

¹⁹ But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. ²⁰ For I have no man like-minded, who will care truly for your state. ²¹ For they all seek their own, not the things of Christ Jesus. ²² But ye know the proof of him, that, as a child *serveth* a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the gospel. ²³ Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me: ²⁴ but I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall come shortly. ²⁵ But I counted it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need; ²⁶ since he longed after you all, and was sore troubled, because ye had heard that he was sick: ²⁷ for indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, that I might not have sorrow

upon sorrow. ²⁸ I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. ²⁹ Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy; and hold such in honor: ³⁰ because for the work of Christ he came nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

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¹ Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not irksome, but for you it is safe. ² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the concision: ³ for we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh: ⁴ though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh: if any other man thinketh to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as touching zeal, persecuting the church; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless. ⁷ Howbeit what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them to be but refuse, that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own, *even* that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith: ¹⁰ that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death; ¹¹ if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection of the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have laid hold: but one thing *I do*, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, this also shall God reveal unto you: ¹⁶ only, whereunto we have attained, by that same rule let us walk, let us be of the same mind.

¹⁷ Brethren, be ye imitators together of me, and mark them that so walk even as ye have us for an example. ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹ who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.

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¹ Wherefore, my brethren beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

² I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yea, I beseech thee also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. ⁹ The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

¹⁰ But I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at length ye have revived your thought for me; wherein ye did indeed take thought, but ye lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. ¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me. ¹⁴ Howbeit ye did well that ye had fellowship with my affliction. ¹⁵ And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only; ¹⁶ for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my need. ¹⁷ Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account. ¹⁸ But I have all things, and abound: I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things *that came* from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now unto our God and Father *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren that are with me salute you. ²² All the saints salute you, especially they that are of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *that are* at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of your love toward all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶ which is come unto you; even as it is also in all the world, and is bearing fruit and increasing, as *it doth* in you also, since the day ye heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷ even as ye also learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ that ye may walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, unto all patience and long-suffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; ¹³ who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; ¹⁴ in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins: ¹⁵ who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for by him were all things created, things in the heavens and things upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him; ¹⁷ and he is before all things, and in him all things consist. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. ¹⁹ For it was the good pleasure *of the Father* that in him should all the fullness dwell; ²⁰ and through him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, *I say*, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens. ²¹ And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, yet now hath he reconciled ²² in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unprovable before him: ²³ if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all the creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church; ²⁵ whereof I was made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which was given me to you-ward, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶ *even* the mystery which hath been hidden for ages and generations: but now hath been manifested to his saints, ²⁷ to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: ²⁸ whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus; ²⁹ whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

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¹ For I would have you know what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; ² that their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, even the Father, and of Christ, ³ in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden. ⁴ And this I say, lest any man should delude you with persuasiveness of speech. ⁵ For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, and established in your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

⁸ Take heed lest there shall be anyone that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ: ⁹ for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, ¹⁰ and in him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power: ¹¹ in whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, *I say*, did he make alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses; ¹⁴ having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; ¹⁵ having despoiled the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day: ¹⁷ which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's. ¹⁸ Let no man rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the

body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and bands, increaseth with the increase of God.

²⁰ If ye died with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do ye subject yourselves to ordinances, ²¹ Handle not, nor taste, nor touch ²² (all which things are to perish with the using), after the precepts and doctrines of men? ²³ Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; *but are* not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.

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¹ If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. ³ For ye died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, *who is* our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; ⁶ for which things' sake cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience: ⁷ wherein ye also once walked, when ye lived in them; ⁸ but now do ye also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth: ⁹ lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings, ¹⁰ and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him: ¹¹ where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of mercy, kindness, lowliness, meekness, long-suffering; ¹³ forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye: ¹⁴ and above all these things *put on* love, which is the bond of perfectness. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart unto the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, even the Father, through him.

¹⁸ Wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing in the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, provoke not your children, that they be not discouraged. ²² Servants, obey in all things them that are your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God: ²³ and whatsoever ye do, work heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord ye shall receive the recompense of the inheritance: for ye serve

the Lord Christ. ²⁵ But he that doeth wrong shall receive again for the wrong that he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

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¹ Masters, render unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving; ³ withal praying for us also, that God may open unto us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; ⁴ that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. ⁶ Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.

⁷ All my affairs shall Tychicus make known unto you, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord: ⁸ whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that he may know your state, and that he may comfort your hearts; ⁹ together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things that *are done* here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner saluteth you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (touching whom ye received commandments; if he come unto you, receive him), ¹¹ and Jesus that is called Justus, who are of the circumcision: these only *are my fellow workers* unto the kingdom of God, men that have been a comfort unto me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always striving for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness, that he hath much zeal for you, and for them in Laodicea, and for them in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas salute you. ¹⁵ Salute the brethren that are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church that is in his house. ¹⁶ And when this epistle hath been read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye also read the epistle from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it.

¹⁸ The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

¹ Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

² We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; ³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father; ⁴ knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election, ⁵ how that our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance; even as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. ⁶ And ye became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit; ⁷ so that ye became examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ For from you hath sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is gone forth; so that we need not to speak anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

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¹ For you yourselves, brethren, know our entering in unto you, that it hath not been found vain: ² but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as ye know, at Philippi, we waxed bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God in much conflict. ³ For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: ⁴ but even as we have been approved of God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God who proveth our hearts. ⁵ For neither at any time were we found using words of flattery, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness, God is witness; ⁶ nor seeking glory of men, neither from you nor from others, when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherisheth her own children: ⁸ even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were become very dear to us. ⁹ For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ Ye are witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and righteously and unblamably we behaved ourselves toward you that believe: ¹¹ as ye know how we *dealt with* each one of you, as a father with his own children, exhorting you, and encouraging you, ¹² and testifying, to the end that ye should walk worthily of God, who calleth you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ For this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, *even the word* of God, ye accepted *it not as the word of men*, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe. ¹⁴ For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: for ye also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews; ¹⁵ who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and drove out us, and please not God, and are contrary to all men; ¹⁶ forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

¹⁷ But we, brethren, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence not in heart, endeavored the more exceedingly to see your face with great desire: ¹⁸ wherefore we would fain have come unto you, I Paul once and again; and Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even ye, before our Lord Jesus at his coming? ²⁰ For ye are our glory and our joy.

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¹ Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone; ² and sent Timothy, our brother, and God's minister, and our fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith; ³ that no man be moved by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that hereunto we are appointed. ⁴ For verily, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to suffer affliction; even as it came to pass, and ye know. ⁵ For this cause I also, when I could no longer forbear, sent that I might know your faith, lest by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor should be in vain. ⁶ But when Timothy came even now unto us from you, and brought us glad tidings of your faith and love, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as we also *to see you*; ⁷ for this cause, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress through your faith: ⁸ for now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we render again unto God for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; ¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you: ¹² and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also *do* toward you; ¹³ to the end he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

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¹ Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, as ye received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, that ye would abound more and more. ² For ye know what charge we

gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; ⁴ that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who know not God; ⁶ that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. ⁸ Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who hath also given his Holy Spirit unto you.

⁹ But concerning love of the brethren ye have no need that one write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another; ¹⁰ for indeed ye do it toward all the brethren that are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, that ye abound more and more; ¹¹ and that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, even as we charged you; ¹² that ye may walk becomingly toward them that are without, and may have need of nothing.

¹³ But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that are fallen asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; ¹⁷ then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

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¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. ³ For when they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape. ⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: ⁵ ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; ⁶ so then let us not sleep, as do the rest also, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that are drunken are drunken in the night. ⁸ But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. ¹¹ Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do.

¹² But we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; ¹³ and to esteem them exceeding highly in love for their work's sake. Be at

peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be long-suffering toward all. ¹⁵ See that none render unto anyone evil for evil; but always follow after that which is good, both toward one another and toward all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward. ¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit; ²⁰ despise not prophesyings; ²¹ but prove all things; hold fast that which is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it.

²⁵ Brethren, pray for us.

²⁶ Salute all the brethren with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I adjure you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

¹ Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, even as it is meet, for that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another aboundeth; ⁴ so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which ye endure; ⁵ *which is* a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: ⁶ if so be that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, ⁷ and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power ⁸ in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: ⁹ who shall suffer punishment, *even* eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day. ¹¹ To which end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and *every* work of faith, with power; ¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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¹ Now we beseech you, brethren, touching the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him; ² to the end that ye be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of Christ is just at hand; ³ let no man beguile you in any wise: for *it will not be*, except the falling away come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God. ⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? ⁶ And now ye know that which restraineth, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only *there is* one that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way. ⁸ And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of his mouth, and bring to nought by the manifestation of his coming; ⁹ *even he*, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁰ and with all deceit of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: ¹² that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, for that God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: ¹⁴ whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye were taught, whether by word, or by epistle of ours.

¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

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¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also *it is* with you; ² and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men; for all have not faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and guard you from the evil *one*. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. ⁵ And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

⁶ Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which they received of us. ⁷ For yourselves know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; ⁸ neither did we eat bread for nought at any man's hand, but in labor and travail, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you: ⁹ not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an example unto you, that ye should imitate us. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat. ¹¹ For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. ¹² Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. ¹³ But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. ¹⁴ And if any man obeyeth not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ And *yet* count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

¹⁶ Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.

¹⁷ The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the commandment of God our Savior, and the Lord Jesus Christ our hope; ² unto Timothy, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ As I exhorted thee to tarry at Ephesus, when I was going into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine, ⁴ neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questionings, rather than a dispensation of God which is in faith; *so do I now.* ⁵ But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: ⁶ from which things some having swerved have turned aside unto vain talking; ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor whereof they confidently affirm. ⁸ But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully, ⁹ as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine; ¹¹ according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

¹² And I thank him that enabled me, *even* Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to *his* service; ¹³ though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief; ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief: ¹⁶ howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me as chief might Jesus Christ show forth all his long-suffering, for an example of them that should thereafter believe on him unto eternal life. ¹⁷ Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸ This charge I commit unto thee, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that by them thou mayest war the good warfare; ¹⁹ holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning the faith: ²⁰ of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered unto Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

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¹ I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; ² for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of

God our Savior; ⁴ who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, *himself* man, Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony *to be borne* in its own times; ⁷ whereunto I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and disputing. ⁹ In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly raiment; ¹⁰ but (which becometh women professing godliness) through good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. ¹² But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness. ¹³ For Adam was first formed, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression: ¹⁵ but she shall be saved through her childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.

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¹ Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. ² The bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach; ³ not given to wine, no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money; ⁴ one that ruleth well his own house, having *his* children in subjection with all gravity; ⁵ (but if a man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ⁶ not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. ⁸ Deacons in like manner *must be grave*, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; ⁹ holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. ¹⁰ And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless. ¹¹ Women in like manner *must be grave*, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well. ¹³ For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; ¹⁵ but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. ¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness;

God was manifested in the flesh,
 Justified in the spirit,
 Seen of angels,
 Preached among the nations,
 Believed on in the world,
 Received up in glory.

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¹ But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, ² through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; ³ forbidding to marry, and *commanding* to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and know the truth. ⁴ For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving: ⁵ for it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.

⁶ If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed *until now*: ⁷ but refuse profane and old wives' fables. And exercise thyself unto godliness: ⁸ for bodily exercise is profitable for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. ⁹ Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of them that believe. ¹¹ These things command and teach. ¹² Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. ¹⁵ Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all. ¹⁶ Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.

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¹ Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren: ² the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, in all purity. ³ Honor widows that are widows indeed. ⁴ But if any widow hath children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety toward their own family, and to requite their parents: for this is acceptable in the sight of God. ⁵ Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, hath her hope set on God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. ⁶ But she that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth. ⁷ These things also command, that they may be without reproach. ⁸ But if any provideth not for his own, and especially for those of his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹ Let none be enrolled as a widow under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, ¹⁰ well reported of for good works; if she hath brought up children, if she hath used hospitality to strangers, if she hath washed the saints' feet, if she hath relieved the afflicted, if she hath diligently followed every good work. ¹¹ But younger widows refuse: for when they have waxed wanton against Christ, they desire to marry; ¹² having condemnation, because they have rejected their first pledge. ¹³ And withal they learn also *to be* idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but

tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. ¹⁴ I desire therefore that the younger *widows* marry, bear children, rule the household, give no occasion to the adversary for reviling: ¹⁵ for already some are turned aside after Satan. ¹⁶ If any believing man or believing woman hath widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

¹⁷ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching. ¹⁸ For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the grain. And, The laborer is worthy of his hire. ¹⁹ Against an elder receive not an accusation, except at *the mouth of* two or three witnesses. ²⁰ Them that sin reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. ²¹ I charge *thee* in the sight of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. ²² Lay hands hastily on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. ²³ Be no longer a drinker of water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. ²⁴ Some men's sins are evident, going before unto judgment; and some men also they follow after. ²⁵ In like manner also the good works *of some* are evident; and such as are otherwise cannot be hidden.

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¹ Let as many as are servants under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine be not blasphemed. ² And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but let them serve them the rather, because they that partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. These things teach and exhort.

³ If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to sound words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; ⁴ he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but doting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, ⁵ constant friction of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain: from such withdraw thyself. ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain: ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world: it is evident that neither can we carry anything out; ⁸ but having food and covering we shall be therewith content. ⁹ But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge thee in the sight of God, who giveth life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed

the good confession; ¹⁴ that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁵ which in its own times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; ¹⁶ who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honor and power eternal. Amen.

¹⁷ Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not high-minded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; ¹⁸ that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; ¹⁹ laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

²⁰ O Timothy, guard that which is committed unto *thee*, turning away from the profane babblings and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; ²¹ which some professing have erred concerning the faith.

Grace be with thee. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, ² to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, how unceasing is my remembrance of thee in my supplications, night and day ⁴ longing to see thee, remembering thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; ⁵ being reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in thee; which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and, I am persuaded, in thee also. ⁶ For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline. ⁸ Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God; ⁹ who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, ¹⁰ but hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ whereunto I was appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. ¹² For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day. ¹³ Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ That good thing which was committed unto *thee* guard through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us.

¹⁵ This thou knowest, that all that are in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ The Lord grant mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; ¹⁷ but, when he was in Rome, he sought me very diligently, and found me ¹⁸ (the Lord grant unto him to find mercy of the Lord in that day); and in how many things he ministered at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

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¹ Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. ³ Thou therefore suffer hardship, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. ⁵ And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned,

except he have contended lawfully. ⁶ The husbandman that laboreth must be the first to partake of the fruits. ⁷ Consider what I say; may the Lord indeed give thee understanding in all things. ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel: ⁹ wherein I suffer hardship unto bonds, as a malefactor; but the word of God is not bound. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him: ¹² if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: ¹³ if we are faithless, he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Of these things put them in remembrance, charging *them* in the sight of the Lord, that they strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting of them that hear. ¹⁵ Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. ¹⁶ But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their word will eat as doth a gangrene: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; ¹⁸ men who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some. ¹⁹ Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his: and, Let everyone that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness. ²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honor, and some unto dishonor. ²¹ If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work. ²² But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³ But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strifes. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle toward all, apt to teach, forbearing, ²⁵ in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him unto his will.

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¹ But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. ² For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; ⁵ holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof: from these also turn away. ⁶ For of these are they that creep into houses, and take captive silly women laden with sins, led away by diverse lusts, ⁷ ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸ And even as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith. ⁹ But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be evident unto all men, as theirs also came to be. ¹⁰ But

thou hast followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, patience, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings; what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: and out of them all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; ¹⁵ and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ Every scripture is inspired of God, and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

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¹ I charge *thee* therefore in the sight of God, and of the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. ⁵ But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. ⁶ For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: ⁸ henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

⁹ Give diligence to come shortly unto me: ¹⁰ for Demas forsook me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is useful to me for ministering. ¹² But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus. ¹³ The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when thou comest, and the books, especially the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord render to him according to his works: ¹⁵ of whom do thou also beware; for he hath greatly withstood our words. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one took my part, but all forsook me: may it not be laid to their account. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me; that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸ And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus remained at Corinth: but Trophimus I left at Miletus sick. ²¹ Give diligence to come before winter. Eubulus saluteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

²² The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS

¹ Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, ² in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before times eternal; ³ but in his own seasons manifested his word in the message, wherewith I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior; ⁴ to Titus, my true child after a common faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

⁵ For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge; ⁶ if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unruly. ⁷ For the bishop must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-willed, not soon angry, no brawler; no striker; not greedy of filthy lucre; ⁸ but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled; ⁹ holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers.

¹⁰ For there are many, and they are unruly, vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision, ¹¹ whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. ¹² One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons.

¹³ This testimony is true. For which cause reprove them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. ¹⁵ To the pure all things are indeed pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. ¹⁶ They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

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¹ But speak thou the things which befit the sound doctrine: ² that aged men be temperate, grave, sober-minded, sound in faith, in love, in patience: ³ that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers, not enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; ⁴ that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be sober-minded, chaste, keepers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: ⁶ the younger men likewise exhort to be sober-minded: ⁷ in all things showing thyself an example of good works; in thy doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity, incorruptibility, ⁸ sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part

may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us. ⁹ *Exhort* servants to be in subjection to their own masters, *and* to be well-pleasing to *them* in all things; not gainsaying; ¹⁰ not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. ¹¹ For the saving grace of God hath appeared to all men, ¹² instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.

¹⁵ These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

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¹ Put them in mind to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work, ² to speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all meekness toward all men. ³ For we also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving diverse lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior, and his love toward man, appeared, ⁵ not by works *done* in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ which he poured out upon us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; ⁷ that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire that thou affirm confidently, to the end that they who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men: ⁹ but shun foolish questionings, and genealogies, and strifes, and fightings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. ¹⁰ A factious man after a first and second admonition refuse; ¹¹ knowing that such a one is perverted, and sinneth, being self-condemned.

¹² When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, give diligence to come unto me to Nicopolis: for there I have determined to winter. ¹³ Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. ¹⁴ And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

¹⁵ All that are with me salute thee. Salute them that love us in faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved and fellow worker, ² and to Apphia the beloved, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always, making mention of thee in my prayers, ⁵ hearing of thy love, and of the faith which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; ⁶ that the fellowship of thy faith may become effectual, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in us, unto Christ Jesus. ⁷ For we have much thankfulness and comfort in thy love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through thee, brother.

⁸ Wherefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to enjoin thee that which is befitting, ⁹ yet for love's sake I rather beseech, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now a prisoner also of Jesus Christ: ¹⁰ I beseech thee for my child, whom I have begotten in my bonds, Onesimus, ¹¹ who once was unprofitable to thee, but now is profitable to thee and to me: whom I have sent again: ¹² and do thou receive him, that is, my very heart: ¹³ whom I would fain have kept with me, that in thy behalf he might minister unto me in the bonds of the gospel: ¹⁴ but without thy mind I would do nothing; that thy goodness should not be as of necessity, but of free will. ¹⁵ For perhaps he was therefore parted *from thee* for a season, that thou shouldest have him forever; ¹⁶ no longer as a servant, but more than a servant, a brother beloved, especially to me, but how much rather to thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ If then thou countest me a partner, receive him as myself. ¹⁸ But if he hath wronged thee at all, or oweth *thee* aught, put that to mine account; ¹⁹ I Paul write it with mine own hand, I will repay it: that I say not unto thee that thou owest to me even thine own self besides. ²⁰ Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my heart in the Lord.

²¹ Having confidence in thine obedience I write unto thee, knowing that thou wilt do even beyond what I say. ²² But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I hope that through your prayers I shall be granted unto you.

²³ There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus; ²⁴ Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

²⁵ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

¹ God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by diverse portions and in diverse manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in *his* Son, ² whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; ³ who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself made purification of our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; ⁴ having become by so much better than the angels, as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. ⁵ For unto which of the angels said he at any time,

Thou art my Son,
This day have I begotten thee?
and again,

I will be to him a Father,
And he shall be to me a Son?

⁶ And when he again bringeth in the firstborn into the world he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. ⁷ And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels winds,

And his ministers a flame of fire:

⁸ but of the Son *he saith*,

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever;

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of thy kingdom.

⁹ Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;

Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee

With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

¹⁰ And,

Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth,

And the heavens are the works of thy hands:

¹¹ They shall perish; but thou continuest:

And they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

¹² And as a mantle shalt thou roll them up,

And they shall be changed:

But thou art the same,

And thy years shall not fail.

¹³ But of which of the angels hath he said at any time,

Sit thou on my right hand,

Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?

2

¹ Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away *from them*. ² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; ³ how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the

first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard; ⁴ God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will.

⁵ For not unto angels did he subject the world to come, whereof we speak. ⁶ But one hath somewhere testified, saying,

What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

⁷ Thou madest him a little lower than the angels;

Thou crownedst him with glory and honor:

⁸ Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet.

For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to him. ⁹ But

we behold him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, *even* Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for every *man*. ¹⁰ For

it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For both he that sanctifieth

and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹² saying,

I will declare thy name unto my brethren,

In the midst of the congregation will I sing thy praise.

¹³ And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold, I and the children whom God hath given me. ¹⁴ Since then the children are

sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he might bring to nought him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵ and might deliver all them who

through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ¹⁶ For verily not to angels doth he give help, but he giveth help to the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷ Wherefore it behooved him in all things to be made like

unto his brethren, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

3

¹ Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, *even* Jesus Christ; ² who

was faithful to him that appointed him, as also was Moses in all his house. ³ For he hath been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much as he that built the house hath more honor than the house.

⁴ For every house is built by someone; but he that built all things is God. ⁵ And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant,

for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken; ⁶ but Christ as a son, over his house; whose house are we, if indeed we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm unto the end.

⁷ Wherefore, even as the Holy Spirit saith,

Today if ye shall hear his voice,

⁸ Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation,

Like as in the day of the trial in the wilderness,

⁹ Where your fathers tried me, proved me,
And saw my works forty years.

¹⁰ Wherefore I was displeased with that generation,
And said, They do always err in their heart:

But they did not know my ways;

¹¹ As I sware in my wrath,

They shall not enter into my rest.

¹² Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God: ¹³ but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin: ¹⁴ for we are become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end: ¹⁵ while it is said,

Today if ye shall hear his voice,

Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

¹⁶ For some, when they heard, did provoke: howbeit not all they that came out of Egypt by Moses. ¹⁷ And with whom was he displeased forty years? was it not with them that sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that were disobedient? ¹⁹ And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

4

¹ Let us fear therefore, lest haply, a promise being left of entering into his rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.

² For indeed we have had good tidings preached unto us, even as also they: but the word of hearing did not profit them, because they were not united by faith with them that heard. ³ For we who have believed do enter into that rest; even as he hath said,

As I sware in my wrath,

They shall not enter into my rest:

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴ For he hath said somewhere of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God rested on the seventh day from all his works; ⁵ and in this *place* again, They shall not enter into my rest.

⁶ Seeing therefore it remaineth that some should enter thereinto, and they to whom the good tidings were before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, ⁷ he again defineth a certain day, Today, saying in David so long a time afterward (even as hath been said),

Today if ye shall hear his voice,

Harden not your hearts.

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. ⁹ There remaineth therefore a sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he that is entered into his rest hath himself also rested from his works, as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of both soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and

quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

¹⁴ Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we *are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help *us* in time of need.

5

¹ For every high priest, being taken from among men, is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: ² who can bear gently with the ignorant and erring, for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity; ³ and by reason hereof is bound, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. ⁴ And no man taketh the honor unto himself, but when he is called of God, even as was Aaron. ⁵ So Christ also glorified not himself to be made a high priest, but he that spake unto him,

Thou art my Son,

This day have I begotten thee:

⁶ as he saith also in another *place*,

Thou art a priest forever

After the order of Melchizedek.

⁷ Who in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and having been heard for his godly fear, ⁸ though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation; ¹⁰ named of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹ Of whom we have many things to say, and hard of interpretation, seeing ye are become dull of hearing. ¹² For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again that one teach you which *are* the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food. ¹³ For everyone that partaketh of milk is without experience of the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food is for full-grown men, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

6

¹ Wherefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ² of the teaching of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this let us do, if God permit. ⁴ For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and *then* fell away, it

is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. ⁷ For the land which hath drunk the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them for whose sake it is also tilled, receiveth blessing from God: ⁸ but if it beareth thorns and thistles, it is rejected and nigh unto a curse; whose end is to be burned.

⁹ But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak: ¹⁰ for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the labor of love which ye showed toward his name, in that ye ministered unto the saints, and still do minister. ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you may show the same diligence unto the fullness of hope even to the end: ¹² that ye be not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

¹³ For when God made promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. ¹⁵ And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater: and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ Wherein God, being minded to show more abundantly unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, interposed with an oath; ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us: ¹⁹ which we have as an anchor of the soul, *a hope* both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the veil; ²⁰ whither as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

7

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham divided a tenth part of all (being first, by interpretation, King of righteousness, and then also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God), abideth a priest continually.

⁴ Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. ⁵ And they indeed of the sons of Levi that receive the priest's office have commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though these have come out of the loins of Abraham: ⁶ but he whose genealogy is not counted from them hath taken tithes of Abraham, and hath blessed him that hath the promises. ⁷ But without any dispute the less is blessed of the better. ⁸ And here men that die receive tithes; but there one, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. ⁹ And, so to say, through Abraham even Levi, who receiveth tithes, hath paid tithes; ¹⁰ for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchizedek met him.

¹¹ Now if there was perfection through the Levitical priesthood (for under it had the people received the law), what further need *was*

there that another priest should arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be reckoned after the order of Aaron? ¹² For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. ¹³ For he of whom these things are said belongeth to another tribe, from which no man hath given attendance at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord hath sprung out of Judah; as to which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵ And *what we say* is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest, ¹⁶ who hath been made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life: ¹⁷ for he testifieth *of him*,

Thou art a priest forever

After the order of Melchizedek.

¹⁸ For there is a disannulling of a foregoing commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw nigh unto God. ²⁰ And inasmuch as *it is* not without the taking of an oath (for they indeed have been made priests without an oath; ²¹ but he with an oath by him that saith of him,

The Lord sware and will not repent himself,

Thou art a priest forever

After the order of Melchizedek);

²² by so much hath Jesus become the surety of a better covenant. ²³ And they indeed have been made priests many in number, because that by death they are hindered from continuing: ²⁴ but he, because he abideth forever, hath his priesthood unchangeable. ²⁵ Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For such a high priest became us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who needeth not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the *sins* of the people: for this he did once for all, when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appointeth men high priests, having infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, *appointeth* a Son, perfected forevermore.

8

¹ Now in the things which we are saying the chief point *is this*: We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is necessary that this *high priest* also have somewhat to offer. ⁴ For if indeed he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; ⁵ who serve *that which is* a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses is warned *of God* when he is about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern that was shown thee in the mount. ⁶ But now hath he obtained a ministry the more excellent, by so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant,

which hath been enacted upon better promises. ⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second. ⁸ For finding fault *with it*, he saith unto them, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

⁹ Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Egypt;

For they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord;

I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart also will I write them: And I will be to them a God,

And they shall be to me a people:

¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his fellow citizen, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me,

From the least of them to the greatest of them.

¹² For I will be merciful to their iniquities,

And their sins and their lawless deeds will I remember no more.

¹³ In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. But that which is becoming old and waxeth aged is nigh unto vanishing away.

9

¹ Now even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service, and its sanctuary, a *sanctuary* of this world. ² For there was a tabernacle prepared, the first, wherein *were* the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the Holy place. ³ And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of holies; ⁴ having a golden censer; and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* a golden pot holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; ⁵ and above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; of which things we cannot now speak severally. ⁶ Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the services; ⁷ but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offereth for himself, and for the errors of the people: ⁸ the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holy place hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing; ⁹ which is a figure for the time present, in which are offered both gifts and sacrifices that cannot, as touching the conscience, make the worshiper perfect, ¹⁰ *consisting* only in meats and drinks, and diverse washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation.

¹¹ But Christ having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, ¹² nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the

holy place, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify unto the cleanness of the flesh: ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this cause he is the mediator of a new covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. ¹⁶ For where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of him that made it. ¹⁷ For a testament is of force where there hath been death: for it doth never avail while he that made it liveth. ¹⁸ Wherefore even the first *covenant* hath not been dedicated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded to you-ward. ²¹ Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. ²² And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.

²³ It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us: ²⁵ nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place year by year with blood not his own; ²⁶ else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the end of the ages hath he been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this *cometh* judgment; ²⁸ so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation.

10

¹ For the law having a shadow of the good *things* to come, not the very image of the things, they can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect them that draw nigh. ² Else would they not have ceased to be offered? because the worshipers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins. ³ But in those *sacrifices* there is a remembrance made of sins year by year. ⁴ For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. ⁵ Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith,

Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not,
But a body didst thou prepare for me;

⁶ In whole burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hadst no pleasure:

⁷ Then said I, Lo, I am come

(In the roll of the book it is written of me)

To do thy will, O God.

⁸ Saying above, Sacrifice and offering and whole burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. ¹⁰ By which will we have been sanctified, *we, I say, who have been sanctified* through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest indeed standeth day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: ¹² but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; ¹³ henceforth expecting till his enemies be made the footstool of his feet. ¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also beareth witness to us; for after that he hath said before,

¹⁶ This is the covenant that I will make with them

After those days, saith the Lord:

I will put my laws on their heart,

And upon their minds also will I write them;

¹⁷ *then saith he,*

And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

¹⁸ Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹ and *having* a great priest over the house of God; ²² let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our body washed with pure water: ²³ let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: ²⁴ and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.

²⁶ For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries. ²⁸ A man that hath set at nought Moses' law dieth without compassion *on the word of* two or three witnesses: ²⁹ of how much sorer punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were enlightened, ye endured a great conflict of sufferings; ³³ partly, being made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, becoming partakers with them that were so used. ³⁴ For ye both had compassion on me in my bonds, and took joyfully the plundering of your possessions, knowing that ye have for yourselves a better

possession in heaven and an abiding one. ³⁵ Cast not away therefore your boldness, which hath great recompense of reward. ³⁶ For ye have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise.

³⁷ For yet a very little while,

He that cometh shall come, and shall not tarry.

³⁸ But he that is righteous shall live by faith:

And if he shrink back, my soul hath no pleasure in him.

³⁹ But we are not of them that shrink back unto perdition; but of them that have faith unto the saving of the soul.

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¹ Now faith is assurance of *things* hoped for, a conviction of things not seen. ² For therein the elders had witness borne to them. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen have not been made out of things which appear. ⁴ By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness in respect of his gifts: and through it he being dead yet speaketh. ⁵ By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God translated him: for he hath had witness borne to him that before his translation he had been well-pleasing unto God: ⁶ and without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing *unto him*; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that seek after him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned *of God* concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out unto the place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. ⁹ By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a *land* not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰ for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God. ¹¹ By faith even Sarah herself received power to conceive seed, and she bare a child when she was past age, since she counted him faithful who had promised: ¹² wherefore also there sprang of one, and him as good as dead, so *many* as the stars of heaven in multitude, and as the sand, which is by the seashore, innumerable.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ For they that say such things make it manifest that they are seeking after a country of their own. ¹⁵ And if indeed they had been mindful of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, being tried, offered up Isaac: yea, he that had gladly received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 *even he* to whom it was said, In Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 accounting that God is able to raise up, even from the dead; from whence he did also in a figure receive him back. 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph; and worshiped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when his end was nigh, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a goodly child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were swallowed up. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been compassed about for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the harlot perished not with them that were disobedient, having received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak also, and Samson, and Jephthah; of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in war, turned to flight armies of aliens. 35 Women received their dead by a resurrection: and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 and others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword: they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth. 39 And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise, 40 God having provided some better thing concerning us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

12

1 Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of *our* faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against himself, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls. ⁴ Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin: ⁵ and ye have forgotten the exhortation which reasoneth with you as with sons,

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord,
Nor faint when thou art reprov'd of him;

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

⁷ It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father chasteneth not? ⁸ But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed good to them; but he for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of his holiness. ¹¹ Now all chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, *even the fruit* of righteousness. ¹² Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down, and the palsied knees; ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather be healed.

¹⁴ Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord: ¹⁵ looking carefully lest *there be* any man that falleth short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled; ¹⁶ lest *there be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his birthright. ¹⁷ For ye know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place for a change of mind *in his father*, though he sought it diligently with tears.

¹⁸ For ye are not come unto a mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, and unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard entreated that no word more should be spoken to them; ²⁰ for they could not endure that which was enjoined, If even a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned; ²¹ and so fearful was the appearance, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake: ²² but ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than *that of* Abel. ²⁵ See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not when they refused him that warned *them* on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape* who turn away from him that *warneth* from heaven: ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once

more I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heaven. ²⁷ And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain. ²⁸ Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and godly fear: ²⁹ for our God is also a consuming fire.

13

¹ Let love of the brethren continue. ² Forget not to show love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are ill-treated, as being yourselves also in the body. ⁴ *Let* marriage *be* had in honor among all, and *let* the bed *be* undefiled: but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. ⁵ Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. ⁶ So that with good courage we say,

The Lord is my helper,

And I will not fear

What man shall do unto me.

⁷ Remember them that had the rule over you, men that spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today, *yea* and forever. ⁹ Be not carried away by diverse and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be established by grace; not by meats, wherein they that occupied themselves were not profited. ¹⁰ We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat that serve the tabernacle. ¹¹ For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned without the camp. ¹² Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate. ¹³ Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. ¹⁴ For we have not here an abiding city, but we seek after *the city* which is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. ¹⁶ But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. ¹⁷ Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit *to them*: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with grief: for this *were* unprofitable for you.

¹⁸ Pray for us: for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things. ¹⁹ And I exhort *you* the more exceedingly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, *even* our Lord Jesus, ²¹ make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

²² But I exhort you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation: for I have written unto you in few words. ²³ Know ye that our brother Timothy hath been set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

²⁴ Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

²⁵ Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are of the Dispersion, greeting.

² Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations; ³ knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ And let patience have *its* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

⁵ But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. ⁷ For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord; ⁸ a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate: ¹⁰ and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. ¹¹ For the sun ariseth with the scorching wind, and withereth the grass; and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.

¹² Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him. ¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man: ¹⁴ but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death. ¹⁶ Be not deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: ²⁰ for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. ²¹ Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: ²⁴ for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightaway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵ But he that looketh into the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and so continueth, he being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If any man among you thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain. ²⁷ Pure religion and undefiled

before God, even the Father, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

2

¹ My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with respect of persons. ² For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing; ³ and ye have regard to him that weareth the fine clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and ye say to the poor man, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool; ⁴ do ye not then make distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor of the world *to be* rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him? ⁶ But ye have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgment seats? ⁷ Do not they blaspheme the honorable name by which ye are called? ⁸ Howbeit if ye fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: ⁹ but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is become guilty of all. ¹¹ For he that said, Thou shalt not commit adultery, said also, Thou shalt not kill. Now if thou dost not commit adultery, but killest, thou art become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment *is* without mercy to him that hath shown no mercy: mercy glorieth against judgment.

¹⁴ What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him? ¹⁵ Now if a brother or sister be naked and be in lack of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself. ¹⁸ Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith by thy works, and I by my works will show thee my faith. ¹⁹ Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder. ²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? ²² Seest thou that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴ Ye see then that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith. ²⁵ And in like manner was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.

3

¹ Be not many *of you* teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment. ² For in many things we all stumble. If any

stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. ³ Behold, we put the horses' bridles into their mouths that they may obey us; we turn about their whole body also. ⁴ Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder, whithersoever the impulse of the steersman may will. ⁵ So the tongue also is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how much wood a little fire kindleth! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, the world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of nature, and is set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed by mankind: ⁸ but the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, *it is* full of deadly poison. ⁹ Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God: ¹⁰ out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. ¹¹ Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet *water* and bitter? ¹² can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? so *can* no fountain yield salt water and sweet.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if ye have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom is not *a wisdom* that cometh down from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.

4

¹ Whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your pleasures that war in your members? ² Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and covet, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war; ye have not, because ye ask not. ³ Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend *it* in your pleasures. ⁴ Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or think ye that the scripture speaketh in vain? The spirit which dwelt in us longeth unto envying. ⁶ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore *the scripture* saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. ⁷ Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. ⁹ Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.

¹¹ Speak not one against another, brethren. He that speaketh against a brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh against the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judgest the law, thou art not a doer of

the law, but a judge. ¹² One *only* is the lawgiver, *even* he who is able to save and to destroy: but who art thou that judgest another?

¹³ Come now, ye that say, Today and tomorrow let us go into this city, and spend one year there, and trade, and get gain: ¹⁴ whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? For it will be a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then also vanisheth away. ¹⁵ For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, let us both live, and do this or that. ¹⁶ But now ye glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil. ¹⁷ To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

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¹ Come now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the hire of the laborers who mowed your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. ⁵ Ye have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. ⁶ Ye have condemned, ye have killed the righteous *one*; he doth not resist you.

⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receive the early and latter rain. ⁸ Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Murmur not one against another, brethren, that ye be not judged: behold, the judge standeth before the doors. ¹⁰ Take, my brethren, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who spake in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we call them blessed that endure: ye have heard of the patience of Job; now see ye the end of the Lord, how that he is full of pity, and merciful.

¹² But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that ye fall not into hypocrisy.

¹³ Is any among you suffering? let him pray. Is any cheerful? let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is any among you sick? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵ and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

¹⁹ Brethren, if any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; ²⁰ let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error

of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials, ⁷ that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and honor and unto glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ: ⁸ whom not having known ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹ receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. ¹⁰ Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that *should come* unto you: ¹¹ searching what *time* or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them. ¹² To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that preached the gospel unto you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

¹³ Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in *the time of* your ignorance: ¹⁵ but like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; ¹⁶ because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. ¹⁷ And if ye call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to each man's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear: ¹⁸ knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, *even the blood* of Christ: ²⁰ who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the last times for your sake, ²¹ who through him do believe in God, that raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God. ²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the

brethren, love one another from a clean heart fervently: ²³ having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. ²⁴ For, All flesh is as grass,
 And all the glory of man as the flower of grass.
 The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth:
²⁵ But the word of the Lord abideth forever.
 And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you.

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¹ Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, ² as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby; ³ if so be that ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious: ⁴ unto whom coming, a living stone, rejected indeed of men, but with God elect, precious, ⁵ ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Because it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious:
 And he that believeth on him shall not be put to shame.
⁷ For you therefore that believe is the preciousness: but unto them that are disobedient,
 The stone which the builders rejected,
 The same was made the head of the corner;
⁸ and,
 A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
 for they stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. ⁹ But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: ¹⁰ who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; ¹² having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³ Be subject therefore to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme; ¹⁴ or unto governors, as sent by him for vengeance on evildoers and for praise to them that do well. ¹⁵ For so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: ¹⁶ as free, and not using your freedom for a cloak of wickedness, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷ Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, *be* in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. ¹⁹ For this is acceptable, if for conscience toward God a man endureth griefs, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what glory is it, if, when ye sin, and are buffeted *for it*, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and

suffer *for it*, ye shall take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. ²¹ For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²² who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: ²³ who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: ²⁴ who his own self bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. ²⁵ For ye were like sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

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¹ In like manner, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they shall without the word be gained by the behavior of their wives; ² beholding your chaste behavior *coupled* with fear. ³ Whose *adorning* let it not be the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on apparel; ⁴ but *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible *apparel* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. ⁵ For after this manner aforetime the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands: ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose children ye now are, if ye do well, and are not put in fear by any terror.

⁷ Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with *your wives* according to knowledge, giving honor unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, as being also joint heirs of the grace of life; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.

⁸ Finally, *be* ye all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, courteous: ⁹ not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye were hereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

He that would love life,
And see good days,

Let him refrain his tongue from evil,
And his lips that they speak no guile:

¹¹ Let him turn away from evil, and do good;

Let him seek peace, and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,

And his ears unto their supplication:

But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.

¹³ And who is he that will harm you, if ye become imitators of that which is good? ¹⁴ But even if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed *are ye*: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled; ¹⁵ but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear: ¹⁶ having a good conscience; that, wherein they speak against you as evildoers, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. ¹⁷ For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evildoing. ¹⁸ Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the

righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹ in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, ²⁰ that aforetime were disobedient, when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: ²¹ which also after a true likeness doth now save us, *even* baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; ²² who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

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¹ Forasmuch then as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm ye yourselves also with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; ² that ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. ³ For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibbings, revelings, carousings, and abominable idolatries: ⁴ wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* into the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*: ⁵ who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For unto this end was the gospel preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

⁷ But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto prayer: ⁸ and above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love shall cover a multitude of sins: ⁹ using hospitality one to another without murmurings: ¹⁰ according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God; ¹¹ if any man speaketh, *speaking* as it were oracles of God; if any man ministereth, *ministering* as of strength as God supplieth: that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, whose is the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you: ¹³ but insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are ye*; because the *Spirit* of glory and the Spirit of God resteth upon you: on their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified. ¹⁵ For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: ¹⁶ but if *a man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this respect. ¹⁷ For the time *is come* for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if *it begin* first at us, what *shall be* the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? ¹⁹ Wherefore let

them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

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¹ The elders that are among you I exhort, who am a fellow elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: ² Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; ³ neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. ⁵ Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder: yea, all of you being subject one to another, gird yourselves with humility: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; ⁷ casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. ⁸ Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ whom withstand steadfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a little while, himself perfect you; he shall establish, strengthen, settle *you*. ¹¹ To him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² By Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I account *him*, I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand. ¹³ She that is in Babylon, elect together with *you*, saluteth you; and so *doth* Mark my son. ¹⁴ Salute one another with a kiss of love.

Peace be unto you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

¹ Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ² Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us through glory and virtue; ⁴ whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. ⁵ Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in *your* virtue knowledge; ⁶ and in *your* knowledge self-control; and in *your* self-control patience; and in *your* patience godliness; ⁷ and in *your* godliness brotherly kindness; and in *your* brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. ¹⁰ Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: ¹¹ for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² Wherefore I shall not neglect to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with *you*. ¹³ And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; ¹⁴ knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ signified unto me. ¹⁵ Yea, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after my decease to call these things to remembrance. ¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: ¹⁸ and this voice we *ourselves* heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount. ¹⁹ And we have the word of prophecy *made* more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the daystar arise in your hearts: ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but holy men of God spake, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

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¹ But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive

heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. ³ And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose sentence now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction shall not slumber. ⁴ For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to Tartarus, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; ⁵ and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly; ⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* lawless deeds): ⁹ the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment; ¹⁰ but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, self-willed, they tremble not to rail at dignities: ¹¹ whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgment against them before the Lord. ¹² But these, natural creatures without reason, made to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed, ¹³ receiving the hire of wrongdoing; *men* that count it pleasure to revel in the daytime, spots and blemishes, reveling in their deceivings while they feast with you; ¹⁴ having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unsteadfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing; ¹⁵ forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the hire of wrongdoing; ¹⁶ but he was rebuked for his own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man's voice and stayed the madness of the prophet. ¹⁷ These are springs without water, clouds driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved forever. ¹⁸ For, uttering great swelling *words* of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by lascivious doings, those who had truly escaped from them that live in error; ¹⁹ promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage. ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first. ²¹ For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them. ²² But it hath happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire.

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¹ This is now, beloved, the second epistle that I write unto you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance; ² that ye should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles: ³ knowing this first, that in the end of days mockers shall come, walking after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. ⁵ For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water, by the word of God; ⁶ by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: ⁷ but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by his word have been stored up, reserved for fire against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

⁸ But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. ¹¹ Seeing then that these things are all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in *all* holy living and godliness, ¹² looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? ¹³ But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. ¹⁵ And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; ¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unsteadfast wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. ¹⁷ Ye therefore, beloved, knowing *these things* beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own steadfastness. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life ² (and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal *life*, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us); ³ that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ: ⁴ and these things we write unto you, that our joy may be made full.

⁵ And this is the message which we have heard from him and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷ but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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¹ My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: ² and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. ³ And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; ⁵ but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected. Hereby we know that we are in him: ⁶ he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walked.

⁷ Brethren, no new commandment write I unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. ⁸ Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth. ⁹ He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now. ¹⁰ He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he that hateth his brother is in the darkness, and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes.

¹² I write unto you, *my* little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. ¹³ I write unto you, fathers, because ye know him who is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because

ye have overcome the evil one. I write unto you, little children, because ye know the Father. ¹⁴ I have written unto you, fathers, because ye know him who is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one. ¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour: and as ye heard that the antichrist cometh, even now have there arisen many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they all are not of us. ²⁰ And ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things. ²¹ I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, *even* he that denieth the Father and the Son. ²³ Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father. ²⁴ As for you then, let that abide in you which ye heard from the beginning. If that which ye heard from the beginning abide in you, ye also shall abide in the Son, and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise which he promised us, *even* the life eternal. ²⁶ These things have I written unto you concerning them that would lead you astray. ²⁷ And as for you, the anointing which ye received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, ye shall abide in him. ²⁸ And now, *my* little children, abide in him; that, when he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹ If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is begotten of him.

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¹ Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God. For this cause the world knoweth you not, because it knew him not. ² Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be: but we know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is. ³ And everyone that hath this hope *set* on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. ⁵ And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. ⁶ Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither knoweth him. ⁷ *My* little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous: ⁸ he that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the

works of the devil. ⁹ Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is begotten of God. ¹⁰ In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message which ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another: ¹² not as Cain was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

¹³ Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hateth you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. ¹⁵ Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him: ²⁰ because if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; ²² and whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he gave commandment. ²⁴ And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

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¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ² Hereby the Spirit of God is known: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³ and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it cometh; and now it is in the world already. ⁴ Ye are of God, *my* little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world: therefore speak they as of the world, and the world heareth them. ⁶ We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he who is not of God heareth us not. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. ⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. ⁹ Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No man hath beheld God at any time: if we love one

another, God abideth in us, and his love is perfected in us: ¹³ hereby we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father hath sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. ¹⁷ Herein is love made perfect with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, even so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment; and he that feareth is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love him, because he first loved us. ²⁰ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? ²¹ And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

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¹ Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God: and whosoever loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. ² Hereby we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. ⁴ For whatsoever is begotten of God overcome the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, *even* our faith. ⁵ Who is he that overcome the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and the blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three who bear witness, ⁸ the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one. ⁹ If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life.

¹³ These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. ¹⁴ And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵ and if we know that he heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him. ¹⁶ If any man see his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask, and *God* will give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: not concerning this do I say that he should make request. ¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

¹⁸ We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that was begotten of God keepeth himself, and the evil one toucheth

him not. ¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. ²¹ *My* little children, guard yourselves from idols. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the truth; ² for the truth's sake which abideth in us, and it shall be with us forever: ³ Grace, mercy, peace shall be with us, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

⁴ I rejoyce greatly that I have found *certain* of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵ And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though writing to thee a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers are entered into the world, *even* they that confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Look to yourselves, that we lose not the things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. ⁹ Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching of Christ, the same hath both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into *your* house, and give him no greeting: ¹¹ for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works.

¹² Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write them* with paper and ink: but I hope to come unto you, and to speak face to face, that our joy may be made full. ¹³ The children of thine elect sister salute thee. Amen.

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

¹ The elder unto Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.

² Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. ³ For I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness unto thy truth, even as thou walkest in truth. ⁴ Greater joy have I none than this, to hear of my children walking in truth.

⁵ Beloved, thou doest a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest toward the brethren and toward strangers; ⁶ who bare witness to thy love before the church: whom thou wilt do well to set forward on their journey worthily of God: ⁷ because that for the sake of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. ⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹ I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. ¹⁰ Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and them that would he forbiddeth and casteth *them* out of the church. ¹¹ Beloved, imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: he that doeth evil hath not seen God. ¹² Demetrius hath the witness of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, we also bear witness; and ye know that our witness is true.

¹³ I had many things to write, but I am unwilling to write *them* to thee with ink and pen: ¹⁴ but I hope shortly to see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* unto thee. The friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

¹ Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are called, sanctified by God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ:
² Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied.

³ Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints. ⁴ For there are certain men crept in privily, *even* they who were of old written of beforehand unto this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying our only Master, God, and Lord, Jesus Christ.

⁵ Now I desire to put you in remembrance, though ye know this once for all, that the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. ⁶ And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. ⁷ Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. ⁸ Yet in like manner these also in their dreamings defile the flesh, and set at nought dominion, and rail at dignities. ⁹ But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. ¹⁰ But these rail at whatsoever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things are they destroyed. ¹¹ Woe unto them! for they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah. ¹² These are hidden rocks in your love feasts when they feast *with you*, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; ¹³ wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved forever. ¹⁴ And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵ to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all their ungodly ones of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. ¹⁶ These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*), showing respect of persons for the sake of advantage.

¹⁷ But ye, beloved, remember ye the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁸ that they said to you that in the last time there should be mockers, walking after their

own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹ These are they who make separations, sensual, having not the Spirit. ²⁰ But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. ²² And on some have mercy, making a difference; ²³ and others save with fear, snatching them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

²⁴ Now unto him that is able to guard them from stumbling, and to set them before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, ²⁵ to the only wise God our Savior; *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forevermore. Amen.

THE REVELATION OF JOHN

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, *even* the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John; ² who bare witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* of all things that he saw. ³ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from God, who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits that *are* before his throne; ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins by his blood; ⁶ and he made us *to be* a kingdom, *to be* priests unto his God and Father; to him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they that pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ I am the Alpha and the Omega, saith the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

⁹ I John, your brother and partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and patience *which are* in Christ Jesus, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet ¹¹ saying, What thou seest, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches: unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. ¹² And there I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks; ¹³ and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about at the breasts with a golden girdle. ¹⁴ And his head and his hair were white as white wool, *white* as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; ¹⁵ and his feet like unto burnished brass, as if they had been refined in a furnace; and his voice as the voice of many waters. ¹⁶ And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and I have the keys of death and of Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things which thou sawest, and the things which are, and the things which shall come to pass hereafter; ²⁰ the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks are seven churches.

2

¹ To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: ² I know thy works, and thy toil and thy patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them that declare themselves to be apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false; ³ and thou hast patience and didst bear for my name's sake, and didst not grow weary. ⁴ But I have *this* against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. ⁵ Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to thee quickly, and will move thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent. ⁶ But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of my God.

⁸ And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These things saith the first and the last, who was dead, and lived *again*: ⁹ I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty (but thou art rich), and the blasphemy of them that call themselves Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Fear none of the things which thou art about to suffer: behold now, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life. ¹¹ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

¹² And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword: ¹³ I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith in the days in which Antipas *was* my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth. ¹⁴ But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, and to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. ¹⁵ So hast thou also some that hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans in like manner. ¹⁶ Repent therefore; or else I come to thee quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it.

¹⁸ And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished brass: ¹⁹ I know thy works, and thy love and faith and ministry and patience; and thy last works are more than the first. ²⁰ But I have *this* against thee, that thou sufferest thy wife Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess, and teacheth and seduceth my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹ And I gave her time that she should

repent; and she willeth not to repent of her fornication. ²² Behold, I cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of her works. ²³ And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he that searcheth the minds and hearts: and I will give unto each one of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as have not this teaching, who know not the deep things of Satan, as they are wont to say; I cast upon you none other burden. ²⁵ Nevertheless that which ye have, hold fast till I come. ²⁶ And he that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations: ²⁷ and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter shall they be broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father: ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

3

¹ And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead. ² Be thou watchful, and establish the things that remain, which thou wast about to cast away: for I have not found thy works perfected before my God. ³ Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep *it*, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come upon thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. ⁴ But thou hast a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. ⁵ He that overcometh, the same shall be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. ⁶ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and none shall shut it, except he that openeth; and none shall open: ⁸ I know thy works (behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name. ⁹ Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of them that declare themselves to be Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. ¹⁰ Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that *hour* which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. ¹¹ I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown. ¹² He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and my new name. ¹³ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

¹⁴ And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵ I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶ So because thou art lukewarm, and not hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth. ¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and the miserable one and poor and blind and naked: ¹⁸ I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eye salve that it may anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will both come in to him and sup with him, and he with me. ²¹ He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. ²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

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¹ After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, *a voice* as of a trumpet speaking with me, one saying, Come up hither, and I will show thee the things which must come to pass hereafter. ² And straightaway I was in the Spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven (and one sitting upon the throne) ³ like a jasper stone and a sardius to look upon: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, like emeralds to look upon. ⁴ And round about the throne *were* four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones the four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold. ⁵ And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before his throne, which are seven Spirits of God; ⁶ and before the throne, as it were a sea of glass like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. ⁷ And the first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, having each one six wings, are also full of eyes round about and within: and they have no rest day and night, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, *is* the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.

⁹ And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, to him that liveth forever and ever, ¹⁰ the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and shall worship him that liveth forever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ Worthy art thou, our Lord and God, the Holy One, to receive the glory and the honor and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created.

5

¹ And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and without, close sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? ³ And no one in the heaven above, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon. ⁴ And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon: ⁵ and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome, he that openeth the book and the seven seals thereof. ⁶ And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth. ⁷ And he came, and he taketh *it* out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sing a new song, saying,

Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and didst purchase us unto God with thy blood out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, ¹⁰ and madest them *to be* unto our God kings and priests; and they shall reign upon the earth.

¹¹ And I saw, and I heard as it were a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; ¹² saying with a great voice,

Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

¹³ And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and the things that are in them, I heard them all saying,

Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, *be* the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁴ And *I heard* the four living creatures saying the Amen. And the elders fell down and worshiped.

6

¹ And I saw that the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying, as a voice of thunder, Come and see. ² And behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth conquering, and to conquer.

³ And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come. ⁴ And another *horse* came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

⁵ And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come and see. And behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not.

⁷ And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature saying, Come and see. ⁸ And behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and Hades followed him. And there was given unto him authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

⁹ And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony of the Lamb which they held: ¹⁰ and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? ¹¹ And there was given them to each one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a time, until their fellow servants also, and their brethren, even they that should be killed even as they were, should fulfill *their course*.

¹² And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; ¹³ and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casting her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind. ¹⁴ And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶ and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: ¹⁷ for the great day of his wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

7

¹ And after this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree. ² And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, ³ saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. ⁴ And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel:

⁵ Of the tribe of Judah *were* sealed twelve thousand;

Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand;

Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand;

⁶ Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand;

Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand;

Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand;

⁷ Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand;

Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand;
 Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand;
⁸ Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand;
 Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand;
 Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.

⁹ After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; ¹⁰ and they cry with a great voice, saying,

Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

¹¹ And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, ¹² saying,

Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³ And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they?

¹⁴ And I said unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made *them* white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: ¹⁷ for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne is their shepherd, and guideth them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

8

¹ And when he opened the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels that stand before God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets.

³ And another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. ⁵ And the angel taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

⁶ And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

⁷ And the first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

⁸ And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great burning mountain was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became

blood; ⁹ and there died the third part of the creatures in the sea, *even* they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

¹⁰ And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters; ¹¹ and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many of the men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

¹² And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner.

¹³ And I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in midheaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, to them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.

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¹ And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss. ² And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a burning furnace; and the sun and the air became dark by reason of the smoke of the pit. ³ And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ And it was said unto them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And it was given them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when it striketh a man. ⁶ And in those days men shall seek death, and shall in no wise find it; and they shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. ⁷ And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared for war; and upon their heads as it were golden crowns, and their faces were as men's faces. ⁸ And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions. ⁹ And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war. ¹⁰ And they have tails like unto scorpions, and stings; and in their tails they have power to hurt men five months. ¹¹ They have as king over them the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek *tongue* he hath the name Apollyon.

¹² The first Woe is past: behold, there come yet two Woes hereafter.

¹³ And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel that had the trumpet, Loose the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates. ¹⁵ And the four angels were loosed, that had been prepared for the hour and for the day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men. ¹⁶ And the number of the armies of horse was ten thousand times ten thousand: I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates *as* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone:

and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceedeth fire and smoke and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails are like serpents, and have heads; and with them they hurt. ²⁰ And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: ²¹ and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

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¹ And I saw a strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; ² and he had in his hand a book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth; ³ and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. ⁴ And when the seven thunders sounded, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. ⁵ And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, ⁶ and sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer: ⁷ but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets. ⁸ And the voice which I heard from heaven, was again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. ⁹ And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey. ¹⁰ And I took the book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter. ¹¹ And they say unto me, Thou must prophesy again over many peoples and over nations and tongues and kings.

11

¹ And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and one said, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. ² And the court which is without the temple leave without, and measure it not; for it hath been given unto the nations: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. ³ And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks, standing before the Lord of the earth. ⁵ And if any man desireth to hurt them, fire proceedeth out

of their mouth and devoureth their enemies; and if any man desireth to hurt them, in this manner must he be killed. ⁶ These have power to shut the heaven, that it rain not during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth as often as they shall desire with every plague. ⁷ And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that cometh up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. ⁸ And their dead body *lieth* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹ And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do *men* look upon their dead body three days and a half, and they shall suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. ¹⁰ And they that dwell on the earth rejoyce over them, and shall make merry; and they shall give gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth. ¹¹ And after the three days and a half the breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them that beheld them. ¹² And I heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them. ¹³ And in that day there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell; and there were killed in the earthquake seven thousand persons: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴ The second Woe is past: the third Woe, behold, it cometh quickly.

¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, saying,

The kingdom of the world is become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign forever and ever.

¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders, who sit before the throne of God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying,

We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast; because thou hast taken thy great power, and didst reign.

¹⁸ And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, to the small and to the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth.

¹⁹ And there was opened the temple of God in heaven; and there was seen in his temple the ark of the covenant of the Lord; and there followed lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and great hail.

12

¹ And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; ² and she being with child cried out, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered. ³ And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great dragon of fire, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. ⁴ And his tail draweth the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and

the dragon standeth before the woman that is about to be delivered, that when she is delivered he may devour her child. ⁵ And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. ⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath there a place prepared by God, that there they may nourish her a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; ⁸ and he prevailed not, neither was a place found for him anymore in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying,

Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accuseth them before our God day and night.

¹¹ And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death. ¹² Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the earth and to the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman that brought forth the man *child*. ¹⁴ And there were given to the woman two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, that she might be nourished there for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵ And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream. ¹⁶ And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus.

13

¹ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy. ² And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority. ³ And one of his heads *was* as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast; ⁴ and they worshiped the dragon that had given his authority unto the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with him? ⁵ and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemy; and there was given to him authority to make war forty and two months. ⁶ And he opened his mouth for blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle,

even them that dwell in the heaven. ⁷ And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. ⁸ And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, *everyone* whose name have not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain. ⁹ If any man hath an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If any man hath captivity, he goeth away: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword must he be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

¹¹ And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹² And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he made the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose death-stroke was healed. ¹³ And he doeth great signs, even fire, that it should come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceiveth mine own *people* that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast which had the stroke and lived from the sword. ¹⁵ And it was given unto him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause *that* as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed. ¹⁶ And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them marks on their right hand, or upon their forehead; ¹⁷ and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, *even* the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred and sixty and six.

14

¹ And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand in number, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and the voice which I heard *was* as *the voice* of harpers harping with their harps: ³ and they sing a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders: and no man could learn the song save the hundred and forty and four thousand, *even* they that had been purchased out of the earth. ⁴ These are they that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever he may go. These were purchased by Jesus from among men, *to be* the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb. ⁵ And no lie was found in their mouth: for they are without blemish.

⁶ And I saw an angel flying in midheaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people; ⁷ and he saith with a great voice, Fear the Lord, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and the sea and fountains of waters.

⁸ And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen is Babylon the great: she hath made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

⁹ And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worshipeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand, ¹⁰ he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: ¹¹ and the smoke of their torment goeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name. ¹² Here is the patience of the saints, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works follow with them.

¹⁴ And I saw, and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud *I saw* one sitting like unto a son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. ¹⁵ And another angel came out from the temple, crying with a great voice to him that sat on the cloud, Send forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. ¹⁶ And he that sat on the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷ And another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, having power over fire; and he called with a great cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Send forth thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. ¹⁹ And the angel cast his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and cast it into the winepress, the great *winepress*, of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trodden without the city, and there came out blood from the winepress, even unto the bridles of the horses, as far as a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

15

¹ And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having seven plagues, *which are* the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God.

² And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God. ³ And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the nations. ⁴ Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest.

⁵ And after these things I saw, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: ⁶ and there came out from the

temple the seven angels that had the seven plagues, who were clothed in linen, pure *and* bright, and girt about their breasts with golden girdles. ⁷ And one of the four living creatures gave unto the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever. ⁸ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

16

¹ And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth.

² And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a noisome and grievous sore upon the men that had the mark of the beast, and that worshiped his image.

³ And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea; and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.

⁴ And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and into the fountains of the waters; and it became blood. ⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, who art and who wast, thou Holy One, because thou didst thus judge: ⁶ for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and blood didst thou give them to drink: they are worthy. ⁷ And I heard the altar saying, Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

⁸ And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given unto it to scorch men with fire. ⁹ And men were scorched with great heat: and the men blasphemed the name of God who hath power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory.

¹⁰ And the fifth poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom was darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, ¹¹ and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they repented not of their works.

¹² And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that *come* from the sunrising. ¹³ And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs: ¹⁴ for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of that great day of God, the Almighty. ¹⁵ (Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.) ¹⁶ And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Armageddon.

¹⁷ And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and there came forth a great voice from the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done: ¹⁸ and there were lightnings, and thunders, and voices, and a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. ¹⁹ And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the

cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. ²⁰ And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹ And great hail, every stone about the weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great.

17

¹ And there came one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls, and spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the judgment of the great harlot that sitteth upon the many waters; ² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and they that dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her fornication. ³ And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, even the unclean things of her fornication, ⁵ and upon her forehead a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. ⁶ And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered with a great wonder. ⁷ And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸ The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss, and to go into perdition. And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, *they* whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold that the beast was, and is not, and shall come. ⁹ Here is the mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth: ¹⁰ and they are seven kings; the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a little while. ¹¹ And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goeth into perdition. ¹² And the ten horns that thou sawest are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet; but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour. ¹³ These have one mind, and they give their power and authority unto the beast. ¹⁴ These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they *also shall overcome* that are with him, called and chosen and faithful. ¹⁵ And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which thou sawest, and the beast, these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate, and shall make her naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her utterly with fire. ¹⁷ For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. ¹⁸ And the woman whom thou sawest is the great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

18

¹ After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory. ² And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird. ³ For by the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations are fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her; and the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her wantonness.

⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth out of her, my people, that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues: ⁵ for her sins have reached even unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Render unto her even as she rendered, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she mingled, mingle unto her double. ⁷ How much soever she glorified herself, and waxed wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning. ⁸ Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judged her. ⁹ And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived wantonly with her, shall weep and wail over her, when they look upon the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰ standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. ¹¹ And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore; ¹² merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stone, and pearl, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thyne wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble; ¹³ and cinnamon, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and sheep, and cattle; and *merchandise* of horses and chariots and slaves; and souls of men. ¹⁴ And the fruits which thy soul lusted after are gone from thee, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous are perished from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. ¹⁵ The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, ¹⁶ and saying, Woe, woe, the great city, she that was arrayed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearls! ¹⁷ for in one hour so great riches is made desolate. And every shipmaster, and everyone that saileth anywhither, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood afar off, ¹⁸ and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city* is like the great city? ¹⁹ And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, and saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein all that had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. ²⁰ Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; for God hath judged your judgment on her.

²¹ And a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone

and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all. ²² And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute players and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft, shall be found anymore at all in thee; and the voice of a mill shall be heard no more at all in thee; ²³ and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the princes of the earth; for with thy sorcery were all the nations deceived. ²⁴ And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth.

19

¹ After these things I heard as it were a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

Hallelujah; salvation, and power, and glory, belong to our God: ² for true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great harlot, her that corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

³ And a second time *the voice* said, Hallelujah. And her smoke goeth up forever and ever. ⁴ And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God that sitteth on the throne, saying, Amen; Hallelujah. ⁵ And a voice came forth from the throne, saying,

Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, the small and the great.

⁶ And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying,

Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. ⁷ Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ⁸ And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

⁹ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are true words of God. ¹⁰ And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

¹¹ And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² And his eyes *are* a flame of fire, and upon his head *are* many diadems; and he hath names written, and a name written which no one knoweth but he himself. ¹³ And he *is* arrayed in a garment dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white *and* pure. ¹⁵ And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp two-edged sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of the anger of God, the

Almighty. ¹⁶ And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, Come *and* be gathered together unto the great supper of God; ¹⁸ that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and both small and great.

¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was taken, and the false prophet *that was* with him, that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshiped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone: ²¹ and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, *even the sword* which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

20

¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, who deceiveth the whole world, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and cast him into the abyss, and shut *it*, and sealed *it* over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: and after this he must be loosed for a little time.

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshiped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ for the thousand years. ⁵ And the rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

⁷ And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸ and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down out of heaven from God, and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book

was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴ And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, *even* the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

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¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them: ⁴ and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, anymore: for the first things are passed away. ⁵ And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. ⁶ And he said unto me, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Unto him that is athirst I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely. ⁷ He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. ⁸ But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and sinners, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part *shall be* in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

⁹ And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the wife, the bride of the Lamb. ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal: ¹² having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ on the east were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And he that spake with me had for a measure a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. ¹⁶ And the city lieth foursquare, and the length thereof is as great as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs, twelve *thousand stadia* being the length and the breadth and the height thereof; they are equal. ¹⁷ And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ And the building of the wall thereof was jasper: and the

city was pure gold, like unto pure glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; ²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the several gates was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. ²² And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. ²³ And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb. ²⁴ And the nations shall walk by the light thereof: and into it the kings of the earth bring unto him the glory and honor of the nations. ²⁵ And the gates thereof shall in no wise be shut by day (for there shall be no night there): ²⁶ and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it: ²⁷ and there shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean, or anything that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the midst of the street thereof, and on this side of the river and on that, was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no curse anymore: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; ⁴ and they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. ⁵ And there shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he saith unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass. ⁷ And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book.

⁸ And I John am he that heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things. ⁹ And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: worship God.

¹⁰ And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand. ¹¹ He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still. ¹² Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to each man according as his work shall be. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the

beginning and the end. ¹⁴ Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right *to come* to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone that loveth and maketh a lie.

¹⁶ I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star.

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely.

¹⁸ I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God add unto him the plagues which are written in this book: ¹⁹ and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book.

²⁰ He who testifieth these things saith, Yea: I come quickly. Amen. Yea, come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen.

THE PSALMS

BOOK I

1

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked,
 Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
 Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers:
 2 But his delight is in the law of Jehovah;
 And on his law doth he meditate day and night.
 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water,
 That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
 Whose leaf also doth not wither;
 And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
 4 The wicked are not so,
 But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment,
 Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
 6 For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous;
 But the way of the wicked shall perish.

2

1 Why do the nations rage,
 And the peoples meditate a vain thing?
 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
 And the rulers take counsel together,
 Against Jehovah, and against his anointed, *saying*,
 3 Let us break their bonds asunder,
 And cast away their cords from us.
 4 He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh:
 The Lord will have them in derision.
 5 Then will he speak unto them in his wrath,
 And vex them in his sore displeasure:
 6 Yet I have set my king
 Upon my holy hill of Zion.
 7 I will tell of the decree:
 Jehovah said unto me, Thou art my son;
 This day have I begotten thee.
 8 Ask of me, and I will give *thee* the nations for thine inheritance,
 And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
 Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
 10 Now therefore be wise, O ye kings:
 Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
 11 Serve Jehovah with fear,
 And rejoice with trembling.
 12 Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way,
 For his wrath will soon be kindled.

Blessed are all they that take refuge in him.

3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹ Jehovah, how are mine adversaries increased!

Many are they that rise up against me.

² Many there are that say of my soul,
There is no help for him in God.

Selah

³ But thou, O Jehovah, art a shield about me;
My glory, and the lifter up of my head.

⁴ I cry unto Jehovah with my voice,
And he answereth me out of his holy hill.

Selah

⁵ I laid me down and slept;
I awoke; for Jehovah sustaineth me.

⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people
That have set themselves against me round about.

⁷ Arise, O Jehovah; save me, O my God:
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongeth unto Jehovah:
Thy blessing be upon thy people.

Selah

4

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
Thou hast set me at large *when I was* in distress:
Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

² O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonor?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Selah

³ But know that Jehovah hath set apart for himself him that is godly:
Jehovah will hear when I call unto him.

⁴ Stand in awe, and sin not:
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Selah

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in Jehovah.

⁶ Many there are that say, Who will show us *any* good?
Jehovah, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

⁷ Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than *they have* when their grain and their new wine are
increased.

⁸ In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;
For thou, Jehovah, alone makest me dwell in safety.

5

For the Chief Musician; with the Nehiloth. A Psalm of David.

¹ Give ear to my words, O Jehovah,
Consider my meditation.

² Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God;
For unto thee do I pray.

³ O Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice;
In the morning will I order *my prayer* unto thee, and will keep watch.

⁴ For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:
Evil shall not sojourn with thee.

⁵ The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight:
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

⁶ Thou wilt destroy them that speak lies:
Jehovah abhorreth the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

⁷ But as for me, in the abundance of thy lovingkindness will I come
into thy house:

In thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

⁸ Lead me, O Jehovah, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies;
Make thy way straight before my face.

⁹ For there is no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part is very wickedness;

Their throat is an open sepulcher;
They flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰ Hold them guilty, O God;

Let them fall by their own counsels;

Thrust them out in the multitude of their transgressions;

For they have rebelled against thee.

¹¹ But let all those that take refuge in thee rejoice,

Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:

Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

¹² For thou wilt bless the righteous;

O Jehovah, thou wilt compass him with favor as with a shield.

6

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, set to the Sheminith.

A Psalm of David.

¹ O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thine anger,

Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

² Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah; for I am withered away:

O Jehovah, heal me; for my bones are troubled.

³ My soul also is sore troubled:

And thou, O Jehovah, how long?

⁴ Return, O Jehovah, deliver my soul:

Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.

⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of thee:

In Sheol who shall give thee thanks?

⁶ I am weary with my groaning;

Every night make I my bed to swim;

I water my couch with my tears.

⁷ Mine eye wasteth away because of grief;

It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.

⁸ Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;

For Jehovah hath heard the voice of my weeping.

⁹ Jehovah hath heard my supplication;

Jehovah will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be put to shame and sore troubled:
They shall turn back, they shall be put to shame suddenly.

7

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto Jehovah, concerning the words of Cush a Benjaminite.

1 O Jehovah my God, in thee do I take refuge:
Save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver me,
2 Lest they tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
3 O Jehovah my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me
(Yea, I have delivered him that without cause was mine adversary);
5 Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it;
Yea, let him tread my life down to the earth,
And lay my glory in the dust.

Selah

6 Arise, O Jehovah, in thine anger;
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine adversaries,
And awake for me; thou hast commanded judgment.
7 And let the congregation of the peoples compass thee about;
And over them return thou on high.
8 Jehovah ministereth judgment to the peoples:
Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness, and to mine
integrity that is in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish
thou the righteous:
For the righteous God trieth the minds and hearts.
10 My shield is with God,
Who saveth the upright in heart.
11 God is a righteous judge,
Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.
12 If a man turn not, he will whet his sword;
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready;
13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death;
He maketh his arrows fiery *shafts*.
14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity;
Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.
15 He hath made a pit, and dug it,
And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violence shall come down upon his own pate.
17 I will give thanks unto Jehovah according to his righteousness,
And will sing praise to the name of Jehovah Most High.

8

For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

1 O Jehovah, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth,
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength,

Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him but little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honor.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O Jehovah, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

9

For the Chief Musician; set to Muth-labben. A Psalm of David.

1 I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart;
I will show forth all thy marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and exult in thee;
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

3 When mine enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause;
Thou sittest in the throne judging righteously.

5 Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked;
Thou hast blotted out their name forever and ever.

6 The enemy are come to an end, they are desolate forever;
And the cities which thou hast overthrown,
The very remembrance of them is perished.

7 But Jehovah sitteth *as king* forever:
He hath prepared his throne for judgment;

8 And he will judge the world in righteousness,
He will minister judgment to the peoples in uprightness.

9 Jehovah also will be a high tower for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble;

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee;
For thou, Jehovah, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the people his doings.

12 For he that maketh inquisition for blood remembereth them;
He forgetteth not the cry of the poor.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah;
Behold my affliction *which I suffer* of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may show forth all thy praise.
In the gates of the daughter of Zion

I will rejoice in thy salvation.

¹⁵ The nations are sunk down in the pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

¹⁶ Jehovah hath made himself known, he hath executed judgment:
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

Higgaion. Selah

¹⁷ The wicked shall be turned back unto Sheol,
Even all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
Nor the expectation of the poor perish forever.

¹⁹ Arise, O Jehovah; let not man prevail:
Let the nations be judged in thy sight.

²⁰ Put them in fear, O Jehovah:
Let the nations know themselves to be but men.

Selah

10

¹ Why standest thou afar off, O Jehovah?

Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

² In the pride of the wicked the poor is hotly pursued;
Let them be taken in the devices that they have conceived.

³ For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire,
And the covetous renounceth, *yea*, contemneth Jehovah.

⁴ The wicked, in the pride of his countenance, *saith*, He will not require
it.

All his thoughts are, There is no God.

⁵ His ways are firm at all times;

Thy judgments are far above out of his sight:
As for all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.

⁶ He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved;
To all generations I shall not be in adversity.

⁷ His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression:
Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.

⁸ He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages;
In the secret places doth he murder the innocent;
His eyes are privily set against the helpless.

⁹ He lurketh in secret as a lion in his covert;
He lieth in wait to catch the poor:

He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him in his net.

¹⁰ He croucheth, he boweth down,
And the helpless fall by his strong ones.

¹¹ He saith in his heart: God hath forgotten;
He hideth his face, he will never see it.

¹² Arise, O Jehovah; O God, lift up thy hand:
Forget not the poor.

¹³ Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God,
And say in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*?

¹⁴ Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite
it with thy hand:

The helpless committeth *herself* unto thee;
Thou hast been the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked;
 And as for the evil man, seek out his wickedness till thou find none.
 16 Jehovah is King forever and ever:
 The nations are perished out of his land.
 17 Jehovah, thou hast heard the desire of the meek:
 Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear;
 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
 That man who is of the earth may be terrible no more.

11

For the Chief Musician. A *Psalm* of David.

1 In Jehovah do I take refuge:
 How say ye to my soul,
 Flee as a bird to your mountain;
 2 For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,
 They make ready their arrow upon the string,
 That they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart;
 3 If the foundations be destroyed,
 What can the righteous do?
 4 Jehovah is in his holy temple;
 Jehovah, his throne is in heaven;
 His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
 5 Jehovah trieth the righteous;
 But the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.
 6 Upon the wicked he will rain snares;
 Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.
 7 For Jehovah is righteous; he loveth righteousness:
 The upright shall behold his face.

12

For the Chief Musician; set to the Sheminith. A *Psalm* of David.

1 Help, Jehovah; for the godly man ceaseth;
 For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
 2 They speak falsehood everyone with his neighbor:
 With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do they speak.
 3 Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips,
 The tongue that speaketh great things;
 4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;
 Our lips are our own: who is lord over us?
 5 Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the sighing of the
 needy,
 Now will I arise, saith Jehovah;
 I will set him in the safety he panteth for.
 6 The words of Jehovah are pure words;
 As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,
 Purified seven times.
 7 Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah,
 Thou wilt preserve them from this generation forever.
 8 The wicked walk on every side,
 When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

13

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou forget me forever?
 How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
² How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
 Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
 How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
³ Consider *and* answer me, O Jehovah my God:
 Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;
⁴ Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
 Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.
⁵ But I have trusted in thy lovingkindness;
 My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
⁶ I will sing unto Jehovah,
 Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14

For the Chief Musician. A *Psalm* of David.

- ¹ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
 They are corrupt, they have done abominable works;
 There is none that doeth good.
² Jehovah looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
 To see if there were any that did understand,
 That did seek after God.
³ They are all gone aside; they are together become filthy;
 There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
⁴ Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
 Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
 And call not upon Jehovah?
⁵ There were they in great fear;
 For God is in the generation of the righteous.
⁶ Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor,
 Because Jehovah is his refuge.
⁷ Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
 When Jehovah bringeth back the captivity of his people,
 Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

15

A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle?
 Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
² He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
 And speaketh truth in his heart;
³ He that slandereth not with his tongue,
 Nor doeth evil to his friend,
 Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor;
⁴ In whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
 But who honoreth them that fear Jehovah;
 He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not;
⁵ He that putteth not out his money to interest,
 Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
 He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

16

Miktam of David.

- ¹ Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I take refuge.
- ² *O my soul*, thou hast said unto Jehovah, Thou art my Lord:
I have no good beyond thee.
- ³ As for the saints that are in the earth,
They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied that give gifts for another *god*:
Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵ Jehovah is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
- ⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I will bless Jehovah, who hath given me counsel;
Yea, my heart instructeth me in the night seasons.
- ⁸ I have set Jehovah always before me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
My flesh also shall dwell in safety.
- ¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol;
Neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.
- ¹¹ Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In thy presence is fullness of joy;
In thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

17

A Prayer of David.

- ¹ Hear the right, O Jehovah, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
- ² Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;
Let thine eyes look upon equity.
- ³ Thou hast proved my heart; thou hast visited me in the night;
Thou hast tried me, and findest nothing;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
- ⁴ As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips
I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My steps have held fast to thy paths,
My feet have not slipped.
- ⁶ I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God:
Incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.
- ⁷ Show thy marvelous lovingkindness,
O thou that savest by thy right hand them that take refuge *in thee*
From those that rise up *against them*.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,
- ⁹ From the wicked that oppress me,
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
- ¹⁰ They are enclosed in their own fat:
With their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps;
They set their eyes to cast *us* down to the earth.

12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O Jehovah,
Confront him, cast him down:
Deliver my soul from the wicked by thy sword;

14 From men by thy hand, O Jehovah,
From men of the world, whose portion is in *this* life,
And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure:

They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with *beholding* thy form.

18

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant of Jehovah, who spake unto Jehovah the words of this song in the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: and he said,

1 I love thee, O Jehovah, my strength.

2 Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
My God, my rock, in whom I will take refuge;
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

3 I will call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The cords of death compassed me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.

5 The cords of Sheol were round about me;
The snares of death came upon me.

6 In my distress I called upon Jehovah,
And cried unto my God:

He heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry before him came into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations also of the mountains quaked
And were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly;
Yea, he soared upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion round about him,
Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed,
Hailstones and coals of fire.

13 Jehovah also thundered in the heavens,
And the Most High uttered his voice,

Hailstones and coals of fire.

14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;

Yea, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.

¹⁵ Then the channels of waters appeared,
And the foundations of the world were laid bare,
At thy rebuke, O Jehovah,

At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me;
He drew me out of many waters.

¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them that hated me; for they were too mighty for me.

¹⁸ They came upon me in the day of my calamity;
But Jehovah was my stay.

¹⁹ He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

²⁰ Jehovah hath rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

²¹ For I have kept the ways of Jehovah,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.

²² For all his ordinances were before me,
And I put not away his statutes from me.

²³ I was also perfect with him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.

²⁴ Therefore hath Jehovah recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

²⁵ With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful;
With the perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect;

²⁶ With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure;
And with the perverse thou wilt show thyself froward.

²⁷ For thou wilt save the afflicted people;
But the haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.

²⁸ For thou wilt light my lamp:
Jehovah my God will lighten my darkness.

²⁹ For by thee I run upon a troop;
And by my God do I leap over a wall.

³⁰ As for God, his way is perfect:
The word of Jehovah is tried;

He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in him.

³¹ For who is God, save Jehovah?

And who is a rock, besides our God,

³² The God that girdeth me with strength,
And maketh my way perfect?

³³ He maketh my feet like hinds' feet:
And setteth me upon my high places.

³⁴ He teacheth my hands to war;
So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.

³⁵ Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation;
And thy right hand hath holden me up,

And thy gentleness hath made me great.

³⁶ Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
And my feet have not slipped.

37 I will pursue mine enemies, and overtake them;
 Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.
 38 I will smite them through, so that they shall not be able to rise:
 They shall fall under my feet.
 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:
 Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
 40 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,
 That I might cut off them that hate me.
 41 They cried, but there was none to save;
 Even unto Jehovah, but he answered them not.
 42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind;
 I did cast them out as the mire of the streets.
 43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;
 Thou hast made me the head of the nations:
 A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
 44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me;
 The foreigners shall submit themselves unto me.
 45 The foreigners shall fade away,
 And shall come trembling out of their close places.
 46 Jehovah liveth; and blessed be my rock;
 And exalted be the God of my salvation,
 47 Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,
 And subdueth peoples under me.
 48 He rescueth me from mine enemies;
 Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me;
 Thou deliverest me from the violent man.
 49 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah, among the nations,
 And will sing praises unto thy name.
 50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king,
 And showeth lovingkindness to his anointed,
 To David and to his seed, forevermore.

19

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
 And the firmament showeth his handiwork.
 2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
 And night unto night showeth knowledge.
 3 There is no speech nor language;
 Their voice is not heard.
 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
 And their words to the end of the world.
 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
 And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
 6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,
 And his circuit unto the ends of it;
 And there is nothing hidden from the heat thereof.
 7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul:
 The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple.
 8 The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart:

The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes.
 9 The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring forever:
 The ordinances of Jehovah are true, *and* righteous altogether.
 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
 Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb.
 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:
 In keeping them there is great reward.
 12 Who can discern *his* errors?
 Clear thou me from hidden *faults*.
 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*;
 Let them not have dominion over me:
 Then shall I be upright,
 And I shall be clear from great transgression.
 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
 Be acceptable in thy sight,
 O Jehovah, my rock, and my redeemer.

20

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble;
 The name of the God of Jacob set thee up on high;
 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
 And strengthen thee out of Zion;
 3 Remember all thy offerings,
 And accept thy burnt sacrifice;
 4 Grant thee thy heart's desire,
 And fulfill all thy counsel.
 5 We will triumph in thy salvation,
 And in the name of our God we will set up our banners:
 Jehovah fulfill all thy petitions.
 6 Now know I that Jehovah saveth his anointed;
 He will answer him from his holy heaven
 With the saving strength of his right hand.
 7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses;
 But we will make mention of the name of Jehovah our God.
 8 They are bowed down and fallen;
 But we are risen, and stand upright.
 9 Save, Jehovah:
 Let the King answer us when we call.

Selah

21

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O Jehovah;
 And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
 2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
 And hast not withholden the request of his lips.

Selah

3 For thou meetest him with the blessings of goodness:
 Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.
 4 He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him,

Even length of days forever and ever.

⁵ His glory is great in thy salvation:

Honor and majesty dost thou lay upon him.

⁶ For thou makest him most blessed forever:
Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence.

⁷ For the king trusteth in Jehovah;

And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he shall not be moved.

⁸ Thy hand will find out all thine enemies;

Thy right hand will find out those that hate thee.

⁹ Thou wilt make them as a fiery furnace in the time of thine anger:

Jehovah will swallow them up in his wrath,

And the fire shall devour them.

¹⁰ Their fruit wilt thou destroy from the earth,

And their seed from among the children of men.

¹¹ For they intended evil against thee;

They conceived a device which they are not able to perform.

¹² For thou wilt make them turn their back;

Thou wilt make ready with thy bowstrings against their face.

¹³ Be thou exalted, O Jehovah, in thy strength:

So will we sing and praise thy power.

22

For the Chief Musician; set to Aijeleth hash-Shahar. A Psalm of David.

¹ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou answerest not;

And in the night season, and am not silent.

³ But thou art holy,

O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

⁴ Our fathers trusted in thee:

They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

⁵ They cried unto thee, and were delivered:

They trusted in thee, and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm, and no man;

A reproach of men, and despised of the people.

⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn:

They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,

⁸ Commit *thyself* unto Jehovah; let him deliver him:

Let him rescue him, seeing he delighteth in him.

⁹ But thou art he that took me out of the womb;

Thou didst make me trust *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ I was cast upon thee from the womb;

Thou art my God since my mother bare me.

¹¹ Be not far from me; for trouble is near;

For there is none to help.

¹² Many bulls have compassed me;

Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

¹³ They gape upon me with their mouth,

As a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water,
 And all my bones are out of joint:
 My heart is like wax;
 It is melted within me.
 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
 And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
 And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
 16 For dogs have compassed me:
 A company of evildoers have enclosed me;
 They pierced my hands and my feet.
 17 I may count all my bones.
 They look and stare upon me;
 18 They part my garments among them,
 And upon my vesture do they cast lots.
 19 But be not thou far off, O Jehovah:
 O thou my succor, haste thee to help me.
 20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
 My darling from the power of the dog.
 21 Save me from the lion's mouth;
 Yea, from the horns of the wild oxen thou hast answered me.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:
 In the midst of the assembly will I praise thee.
 23 Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him;
 All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him;
 And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.
 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
 Neither hath he hidden his face from him;
 But when he cried unto him, he heard.
 25 Of thee cometh my praise in the great assembly:
 I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied;
 They shall praise Jehovah that seek after him:
 Let your heart live forever.
 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah;
 And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
 28 For the kingdom is Jehovah's;
 And he is the ruler over the nations.
 29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship:
 All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him,
 Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.
 30 A seed shall serve him;
 It shall be told of the Lord unto the *next* generation.
 31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness
 Unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done it.

23

A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
 He leadeth me beside still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul:

He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.

24

A Psalm of David.

¹ The earth is Jehovah's, and the fullness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.

² For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.

³ Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.

⁵ He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ This is the generation of them that seek after him,
That seek thy face, *even* Jacob.

Selah

⁷ Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory will come in.

⁸ Who is the King of glory?
Jehovah strong and mighty,
Jehovah mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors:
And the King of glory will come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
Jehovah of hosts,
He is the King of glory.

Selah

25

A Psalm of David.

¹ Unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in thee have I trusted,
Let me not be put to shame;

Let not mine enemies triumph over me.

³ Yea, none that wait for thee shall be put to shame:

They shall be put to shame that deal treacherously without cause.

4 Show me thy ways, O Jehovah;

Teach me thy paths.

5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me;

For thou art the God of my salvation;

For thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindness;

For they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:

According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me,

For thy goodness' sake, O Jehovah.

8 Good and upright is Jehovah:

Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in justice;

And the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of Jehovah are lovingkindness and truth

Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O Jehovah,

Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth Jehovah?

Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease;

And his seed shall inherit the land.

14 The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him;

And he will show them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward Jehovah;

For he will pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;

For I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged:

Oh bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Consider mine affliction and my travail;

And forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many;

And they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me:

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,

For I wait for thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God,

Out of all his troubles.

26

A Psalm of David.

1 Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in mine integrity:

I have trusted also in Jehovah without wavering.

2 Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me;

Try my heart and my mind.

3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes;

And I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with men of falsehood;

Neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I hate the assembly of evildoers,
 And will not sit with the wicked.
 6 I will wash my hands in innocency:
 So will I compass thine altar, O Jehovah;
 7 That I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard,
 And tell of all thy wondrous works.
 8 Jehovah, I love the habitation of thy house,
 And the place where thy glory dwelleth.
 9 Gather not my soul with sinners,
 Nor my life with men of blood;
 10 In whose hands is wickedness,
 And their right hand is full of bribes.
 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:
 Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
 12 My foot standeth in an even place:
 In the congregations will I bless Jehovah.

27

A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah is my light and my salvation;
 Whom shall I fear?
 Jehovah is the strength of my life;
 Of whom shall I be afraid?
 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
 3 Though a host should encamp against me,
 My heart shall not fear:
 Though war should rise against me,
 Even then will I be confident.
 4 One thing have I asked of Jehovah, that will I seek after:
 That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of my life,
 To behold the beauty of Jehovah,
 And to inquire in his temple.
 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion:
 In the covert of his tabernacle will he hide me;
 He will lift me up upon a rock.
 6 And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about
 me;
 And I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
 7 Hear, O Jehovah, when I cry with my voice:
 Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
 8 *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee,
 Thy face, Jehovah, will I seek.
 9 Hide not thy face from me;
 Put not thy servant away in anger:
 Thou hast been my help;
 Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
 10 When my father and my mother forsake me,
 Then Jehovah will take me up.
 11 Teach me thy way, O Jehovah;

And lead me in a plain path,
Because of mine enemies.

¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries:
For false witnesses are risen up against me,
And such as breathe out cruelty.

¹³ *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah
In the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for Jehovah:
Be strong, and let thy heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou for Jehovah.

28

A Psalm of David.

¹ Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I call:

My rock, be not thou deaf unto me;

Lest, if thou be silent unto me,
I become like them that go down into the pit.

² Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee,
When I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

³ Draw me not away with the wicked,
And with the workers of iniquity;
That speak peace with their neighbors,
But mischief is in their hearts.

⁴ Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness
of their doings:

Give them after the operation of their hands;
Render to them their desert.

⁵ Because they regard not the works of Jehovah,
Nor the operation of his hands,
He will break them down and not build them up.

⁶ Blessed be Jehovah,
Because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

⁷ Jehovah is my strength and my shield;
My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I praise him.

⁸ Jehovah is their strength,
And he is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.

⁹ Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Be their shepherd also, and bear them up forever.

29

A Psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe unto Jehovah, O ye sons of the mighty,
Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength.

² Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name;
Worship Jehovah in holy array.

³ The voice of Jehovah is upon the waters:
The God of glory thundereth,
Even Jehovah upon many waters.

4 The voice of Jehovah is powerful;
 The voice of Jehovah is full of majesty.
 5 The voice of Jehovah breaketh the cedars;
 Yea, Jehovah breaketh in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
 Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
 7 The voice of Jehovah cleaveth the flames of fire.
 8 The voice of Jehovah shaketh the wilderness;
 Jehovah shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
 9 The voice of Jehovah maketh the hinds to calve,
 And strippeth the forests bare:
 And in his temple everything saith, Glory.

10 Jehovah sat *as King* at the Flood;
 Yea, Jehovah sitteth as King forever.
 11 Jehovah will give strength unto his people;
 Jehovah will bless his people with peace.

30

A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House. *A Psalm* of David.

1 I will extol thee, O Jehovah; for thou hast raised me up,
 And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
 2 O Jehovah my God,
 I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
 3 O Jehovah, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol;
 Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
 4 Sing praise unto Jehovah, O ye saints of his,
 And give thanks to his holy memorial *name*.
 5 For his anger is but for a moment;
 His favor is for a lifetime:
 Weeping may tarry for the night,
 But joy *cometh* in the morning.
 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
 I shall never be moved.
 7 Thou, Jehovah, of thy favor hadst made my mountain to stand strong:
 Thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.
 8 I cried to thee, O Jehovah;
 And unto Jehovah I made supplication:
 9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
 Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
 10 Hear, O Jehovah, and have mercy upon me:
 Jehovah, be thou my helper.
 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing;
 Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
 12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent.
 O Jehovah my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever.

31

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 In thee, O Jehovah, do I take refuge;
 Let me never be put to shame:

Deliver me in thy righteousness.

² Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily:

Be thou to me a strong rock,

A house of defense to save me.

³ For thou art my rock and my fortress;

Therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.

⁴ Pluck me out of the net that they have laid privily for me;

For thou art my stronghold.

⁵ Into thy hand I commend my spirit:

Thou hast redeemed me, O Jehovah, thou God of truth.

⁶ I hate them that regard lying vanities;

But I trust in Jehovah.

⁷ I will be glad and rejoice in thy lovingkindness;

For thou hast seen my affliction:

Thou hast known my soul in adversities;

⁸ And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;

Thou hast set my feet in a large place.

⁹ Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah, for I am in distress:

Mine eye wasteth away with grief, *yea*, my soul and my body.

¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow,

And my years with sighing:

My strength faileth because of mine iniquity,

And my bones are wasted away.

¹¹ Because of all mine adversaries I am become a reproach,

Yea, unto my neighbors exceedingly,

And a fear to mine acquaintance:

They that did see me without fled from me.

¹² I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:

I am like a broken vessel.

¹³ For I have heard the defaming of many,

Terror on every side:

While they took counsel together against me,

They devised to take away my life.

¹⁴ But I trusted in thee, O Jehovah:

I said, Thou art my God.

¹⁵ My times are in thy hand:

Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

¹⁶ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:

Save me in thy lovingkindness.

¹⁷ Let me not be put to shame, O Jehovah; for I have called upon thee:

Let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol.

¹⁸ Let the lying lips be dumb,

Which speak against the righteous insolently,

With pride and contempt.

¹⁹ Oh how great is thy goodness,

Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee,

Which thou hast wrought for them that take refuge in thee,

Before the sons of men!

²⁰ In the covert of thy presence wilt thou hide them from the plottings of man:

Thou wilt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
²¹ Blessed be Jehovah;
 For he hath shown me his marvelous lovingkindness in a strong city.
²² As for me, I said in my haste,
 I am cut off from before thine eyes:
 Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications,
 When I cried unto thee.
²³ Oh love Jehovah, all ye his saints:
 Jehovah preserveth the faithful,
 And plentifully rewardeth him that dealeth proudly.
²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
 All ye that hope in Jehovah.

32

A Psalm of David. Maskil.

¹ Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
 Whose sin is covered.
² Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity,
 And in whose spirit there is no guile.
³ When I kept silence, my bones wasted away
 Through my groaning all the day long.
⁴ For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:
 My moisture was changed *as* with the drought of summer. Selah
⁵ I acknowledged my sin unto thee,
 And mine iniquity did I not hide:
 I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah;
 And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah
⁶ For this let everyone that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou
 mayest be found:
 Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him.
⁷ Thou art my hiding place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble;
 Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah
⁸ I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
 I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
⁹ Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding;
 Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in,
 Else they will not come near unto thee.
¹⁰ Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
 But he that trusteth in Jehovah, lovingkindness shall compass him
 about.
¹¹ Be glad in Jehovah, and rejoice, ye righteous;
 And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

33

¹ Rejoice in Jehovah, O ye righteous:
 Praise is comely for the upright.
² Give thanks unto Jehovah with the harp:
 Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
³ Sing unto him a new song;

Play skillfully with a loud noise.

⁴ For the word of Jehovah is right;
And all his work is *done* in faithfulness.

⁵ He loveth righteousness and justice:
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of Jehovah.

⁶ By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made,
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap:
He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear Jehovah:
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

⁹ For he spake, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ Jehovah bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought;
He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of no effect.

¹¹ The counsel of Jehovah standeth fast forever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah,
The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

¹³ Jehovah looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men;

¹⁴ From the place of his habitation he looketh forth
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ He that fashioneth the hearts of them all,
That considereth all their works.

¹⁶ There is no king saved by the multitude of a host:
A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

¹⁷ A horse is a vain thing for safety;
Neither doth he deliver any by his great power.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of Jehovah is upon them that fear him,
Upon them that hope in his lovingkindness;

¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul hath waited for Jehovah:
He is our help and our shield.

²¹ For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy name.

²² Let thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in thee.

34

A Psalm of David; when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

¹ I will bless Jehovah at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah:
The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.

³ Oh magnify Jehovah with me,
And let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought Jehovah, and he answered me,
And delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were radiant;
 And their faces shall never be confounded.
 6 This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard him,
 And saved him out of all his troubles.
 7 The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear him,
 And delivereth them.
 8 Oh taste and see that Jehovah is good:
 Blessed is the man that taketh refuge in him.
 9 Oh fear Jehovah, ye his saints;
 For there is no want to them that fear him.
 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger;
 But they that seek Jehovah shall not want any good thing.
 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me:
 I will teach you the fear of Jehovah.
 12 What man is he that desireth life,
 And loveth *many* days, that he may see good?
 13 Keep thy tongue from evil,
 And thy lips from speaking guile.
 14 Depart from evil, and do good;
 Seek peace, and pursue it.
 15 The eyes of Jehovah are toward the righteous,
 And his ears are *open* unto their cry.
 16 The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil,
 To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
 17 *The righteous* cried, and Jehovah heard,
 And delivered them out of all their troubles.
 18 Jehovah is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart,
 And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.
 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous;
 But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.
 20 He keepeth all his bones:
 Not one of them is broken.
 21 Evil shall slay the wicked;
 And they that hate the righteous shall be condemned.
 22 Jehovah redeemeth the soul of his servants;
 And none of them that take refuge in him shall be condemned.

35

A Psalm of David.

1 Strive thou, O Jehovah, with them that strive with me:
 Fight thou against them that fight against me.
 2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
 And stand up for my help.
 3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that pursue
 me:
 Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
 4 Let them be put to shame and brought to dishonor that seek after my
 soul:
 Let them be turned back and confounded that devise my hurt.
 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,
 And the angel of Jehovah driving *them* on.
 6 Let their way be dark and slippery,

And the angel of Jehovah pursuing them.

⁷ For without cause have they hidden for me their net *in* a pit;
Without cause have they dug *a pit* for my soul.

⁸ Let destruction come upon him unawares;
And let his net that he hath hidden catch himself:
With destruction let him fall therein.

⁹ And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah:
It shall rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say, Jehovah, who is like unto thee,
Who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from him that robbeth him?

¹¹ Unrighteous witnesses rise up;
They ask me of things that I know not.

¹² They reward me evil for good,
To the bereaving of my soul.

¹³ But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth:
I afflicted my soul with fasting;
And my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

¹⁴ I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother:
I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth his mother.

¹⁵ But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves
together:

The abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it*
not;

They did tear me, and ceased not:

¹⁶ Like the profane mockers in feasts,
They gnashed upon me with their teeth.

¹⁷ Lord, how long wilt thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their destructions,
My darling from the lions.

¹⁸ I will give thee thanks in the great assembly:
I will praise thee among much people.

¹⁹ Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me;
Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

²⁰ For they speak not peace;
But they devise deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.

²¹ Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me;
They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

²² Thou hast seen it, O Jehovah; keep not silence:
O Lord, be not far from me.

²³ Stir up thyself, and awake to the justice *due* unto me,
Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

²⁴ Judge me, O Jehovah my God, according to thy righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.

²⁵ Let them not say in their heart, Aha, so would we have it:
Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

²⁶ Let them be put to shame and confounded together that rejoice at
my hurt:

Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves
against me.

²⁷ Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause:

Yea, let them say continually, Jehovah be magnified,
 Who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.
²⁸ And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness
 And of thy praise all the day long.

36

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David the servant of Jehovah.

¹ The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart,
 There is no fear of God before his eyes.

² For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,
 That his iniquity will not be found out and be hated.

³ The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit:
 He hath ceased to be wise *and* to do good.

⁴ He deviseth iniquity upon his bed;
 He setteth himself in a way that is not good;
 He abhorreth not evil.

⁵ Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, is in the heavens;
 Thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the skies.

⁶ Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God;
 Thy judgments are a great deep:

O Jehovah, thou preservest man and beast.

⁷ How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God!

And the children of men take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.

⁸ They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;
 And thou wilt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

⁹ For with thee is the fountain of life:
 In thy light shall we see light.

¹⁰ Oh continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee,
 And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹ Let not the foot of pride come against me,
 And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹² There are the workers of iniquity fallen:
 They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

37

A Psalm of David.

¹ Fret not thyself because of evildoers,
 Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.

² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
 And wither as the green herb.

³ Trust in Jehovah, and do good;
 Dwell in the land, and feed on *his* faithfulness.

⁴ Delight thyself also in Jehovah;
 And he will give thee the desires of thy heart.

⁵ Commit thy way unto Jehovah;
 Trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass.

⁶ And he will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light,
 And thy justice as the noonday.

⁷ Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for him:
 Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,

Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:

Fret not thyself, *it tendeth* only to evildoing.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off;

But those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit the land.

¹⁰ For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:

Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall not be.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land,

And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

¹² The wicked plotteth against the just,

And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

¹³ The Lord will laugh at him;

For he seeth that his day is coming.

¹⁴ The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow,

To cast down the poor and needy,

To slay such as are upright in the way.

¹⁵ Their sword shall enter into their own heart,

And their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ Better is a little that the righteous hath

Than the abundance of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken;

But Jehovah upholdeth the righteous.

¹⁸ Jehovah knoweth the days of the perfect;

And their inheritance shall be forever.

¹⁹ They shall not be put to shame in the time of evil;

And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

²⁰ But the wicked shall perish,

And the enemies of Jehovah shall be as the fat of lambs:

They shall consume; in smoke shall they consume away.

²¹ The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again;

But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.

²² For such as are blessed of him shall inherit the land;

And they that are cursed of him shall be cut off.

²³ A man's goings are established of Jehovah;

And he delighteth in his way.

²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;

For Jehovah upholdeth him with his hand.

²⁵ I have been young, and now am old;

Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,

Nor his seed begging bread.

²⁶ All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth;

And his seed is blessed.

²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good;

And dwell forevermore.

²⁸ For Jehovah loveth justice,

And forsaketh not his saints;

They are preserved forever:

But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land,

And dwell therein forever.

³⁰ The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom,

And his tongue speaketh justice.

31 The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the righteous,
And seeketh to slay him.
33 Jehovah will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.
34 Wait for Jehovah, and keep his way,
And he will exalt thee to inherit the land:
When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.
36 But one passed by, and, lo, he was not:
Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright;
For there is a *happy* end to the man of peace.
38 As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together:
The end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is of Jehovah:
He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
40 And Jehovah helpeth them, and rescueth them:
He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,
Because they have taken refuge in him.

38

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

1 O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thy wrath;
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 For thine arrows stick fast in me,
And thy hand presseth me sore.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation;
Neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are gone over my head:
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt,
Because of my foolishness.
6 I am pained and bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with burning;
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am faint and sore bruised:
I have groaned by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9 Lord, all my desire is before thee;
And my groaning is not hidden from thee.
10 My heart throbbeth, my strength faileth me:
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.
12 They also that seek after my life lay snares *for me*;
And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
And meditate deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf man, hear not;

And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

¹⁴ Yea, I am as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.

¹⁵ For in thee, O Jehovah, do I hope:
Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.

¹⁶ For I said, Lest they rejoice over me:
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

¹⁷ For I am ready to fall,
And my sorrow is continually before me.

¹⁸ For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.

¹⁹ But mine enemies are lively, *and* are strong;
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

²⁰ They also that render evil for good
Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing that is good.

²¹ Forsake me not, O Jehovah:
O my God, be not far from me.

²² Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation.

39

For the Chief Musician, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

¹ I said, I will take heed to my ways,
That I sin not with my tongue:

I will keep my mouth with a bridle,
While the wicked is before me.

² I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good;
And my sorrow was stirred.

³ My heart was hot within me;
While I was musing the fire burned;

Then spake I with my tongue:

⁴ Jehovah, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;

Let me know how frail I am.

⁵ Behold, thou hast made my days *as* handbreadths;

And my lifetime is as nothing before thee:

Surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity.

Selah

⁶ Surely every man walketh in a vain show;

Surely they are disquieted in vain:

He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

⁷ And now, Lord, what wait I for?

My hope is in thee.

⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions:

Make me not the reproach of the foolish.

⁹ I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;

Because thou didst it.

¹⁰ Remove thy stroke away from me:

I am consumed by the blow of thy hand.

¹¹ When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity,

Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth:

Surely every man is vanity.

Selah

¹² Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, and give ear unto my cry;
 Hold not thy peace at my tears:
 For I am a stranger with thee,
 A sojourner, as all my fathers were.
¹³ Oh spare me, that I may recover strength,
 Before I go hence, and be no more.

40

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹ I waited patiently for Jehovah;
 And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
² He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay;
 And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
 Many shall see it, and fear,
 And shall trust in Jehovah.
⁴ Blessed is the man that maketh Jehovah his trust,
 And respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
⁵ Many, O Jehovah my God, are the wonderful works which thou hast
 done,
 And thy thoughts which are to us-ward:
 They cannot be set in order unto thee;
 If I would declare and speak of them,
 They are more than can be numbered.
⁶ Sacrifice and offering thou hast no delight in;
 Mine ears hast thou opened:
 Burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
⁷ Then said I, Lo, I am come;
 In the roll of the book it is written of me:
⁸ I delight to do thy will, O my God;
 Yea, thy law is within my heart.
⁹ I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great assembly;
 Lo, I will not refrain my lips,
 O Jehovah, thou knowest.
¹⁰ I have not hidden thy righteousness within my heart;
 I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation;
 I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great
 assembly.
¹¹ Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Jehovah;
 Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
¹² For innumerable evils have compassed me about;
 Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
 They are more than the hairs of my head;
 And my heart hath failed me.
¹³ Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me:
 Make haste to help me, O Jehovah.
¹⁴ Let them be put to shame and confounded together
 That seek after my soul to destroy it:
 Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor

That delight in my hurt.

¹⁵ Let them be desolate by reason of their shame

That say unto me, Aha, aha.

¹⁶ Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:

Let such as love thy salvation say continually,

Jehovah be magnified.

¹⁷ But I am poor and needy;

Yet the Lord thinketh upon me:

Thou art my help and my deliverer;

Make no tarrying, O my God.

41

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹ Blessed is he that considereth the poor:

Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil.

² Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive,

And he shall be blessed upon the earth;

And deliver not thou him unto the will of his enemies.

³ Jehovah will support him upon the couch of languishing:

Thou makest all his bed in his sickness.

⁴ I said, O Jehovah, have mercy upon me:

Heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

⁵ Mine enemies speak evil against me, *saying*,

When will he die, and his name perish?

⁶ And if he come to see *me*, he speaketh falsehood;

His heart gathereth iniquity to itself:

When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

⁷ All that hate me whisper together against me;

Against me do they devise my hurt.

⁸ An evil disease, *say they*, cleaveth fast unto him;

And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

⁹ Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,

Who did eat of my bread,

Hath lifted up his heel against me.

¹⁰ But thou, O Jehovah, have mercy upon me, and raise me up,

That I may requite them.

¹¹ By this I know that thou delightest in me,

Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

¹² And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity,

And settest me before thy face forever.

¹³ Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel,

From everlasting and to everlasting.

Amen, and Amen.

BOOK II

42

For the Chief Musician. Maskil of the sons of Korah.

¹ As the hart panteth after the water brooks,

So panteth my soul after thee, O God.

² My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:

When shall I come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my food day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

⁴ These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,
How I went with the throng, and led them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holy day.

⁵ Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And *why* art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him
For the help of his countenance.

⁶ O my God, my soul is cast down within me:
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of the Jordan,
And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.

⁷ Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls:
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

⁸ *Yet* Jehovah will command his lovingkindness in the daytime;
And in the night his song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.

⁹ I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

¹⁰ As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries reproach me,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

¹¹ Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43

¹ Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation:
Oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

² For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou cast me off?
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³ Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me:
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill,
And to thy tabernacles.

⁴ Then will I go unto the altar of God,
Unto God my exceeding joy;
And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

⁵ Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

44

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah. Maskil.

¹ We have heard with our ears, O God,
Our fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days,
In the days of old.

² Thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand;

But them thou didst plant;
 Thou didst afflict the peoples;
 But them thou didst spread abroad.

³ For they gat not the land in possession by their own sword,
 Neither did their own arm save them;
 But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance,
 Because thou wast favorable unto them.

⁴ Thou art my King, O God:
 Command deliverance for Jacob.

⁵ Through thee will we push down our adversaries:
 Through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

⁶ For I will not trust in my bow,
 Neither shall my sword save me.

⁷ But thou hast saved us from our adversaries,
 And hast put them to shame that hate us.

⁸ In God have we made our boast all the day long,
 And we will give thanks unto thy name forever.

Selah

⁹ But now thou hast cast *us* off, and brought us to dishonor,
 And goest not forth with our hosts.

¹⁰ Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary;
 And they that hate us take spoil for themselves.

¹¹ Thou hast made us like sheep *appointed* for food,
 And hast scattered us among the nations.

¹² Thou sellest thy people for nought,
 And hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price.

¹³ Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors,
 A scoffing and a derision to them that are round about us.

¹⁴ Thou makest us a byword among the nations,
 A shaking of the head among the peoples.

¹⁵ All the day long is my dishonor before me,
 And the shame of my face hath covered me,

¹⁶ For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth,
 By reason of the enemy and the avenger.

¹⁷ All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee,
 Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

¹⁸ Our heart is not turned back,
 Neither have our steps declined from thy way,

¹⁹ That thou hast sore broken us in the place of jackals,
 And covered us with the shadow of death.

²⁰ If we have forgotten the name of our God,
 Or spread forth our hands to a strange god;

²¹ Will not God search this out?
 For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

²² Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long;
 We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

²³ Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord?
 Arise, cast *us* not off forever.

²⁴ Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
 And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:
Our body cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Rise up for our help,
And redeem us for thy lovingkindness' sake.

45

For the Chief Musician; set to Shoshannim. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah. Maskil. A Song of loves.

1 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter;
I speak the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men;
Grace is poured into thy lips:

Therefore God hath blessed thee forever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,
Thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,
Because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness:
And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp;
The peoples fall under thee;

They are in the heart of the king's enemies.

6 Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever:
A scepter of equity is the scepter of thy kingdom.

7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *smell of* myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters are among thy honorable women:
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house:

11 So will the king desire thy beauty;
For he is thy lord; and reverence thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift;
The rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

13 The king's daughter within *the palace* is all glorious:
Her clothing is inwrought with gold.

14 She shall be led unto the king in broidered work:
The virgins her companions that follow her
Shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led:
They shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks forever and ever.

46

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah; set to Alamoth.
A Song.

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

² Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas;

³ Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains tremble with the swelling thereof.

Selah

⁴ There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God will help her, and that right early.

⁶ The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.

⁷ Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

⁸ Come, behold the works of Jehovah,
What desolations he hath made in the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

47

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of the sons of Korah.

¹ Oh clap your hands, all ye peoples;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

² For Jehovah Most High is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.

³ He subdueth peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.

⁴ He chooseth our inheritance for us,
The glory of Jacob whom he loved.

Selah

⁵ God is gone up with a shout,
Jehovah with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises:
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.

⁸ God reigneth over the nations:
God sitteth upon his holy throne.

⁹ The princes of the peoples are gathered together
To be the people of the God of Abraham;

For the shields of the earth belong unto God:
He is greatly exalted.

48

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹ Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.

² Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
Is mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.

³ God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.

⁴ For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,
They passed by together.

⁵ They saw it, then were they amazed;
They were dismayed, they hasted away.

⁶ Trembling took hold of them there,
Pain, as of a woman in travail.

⁷ With the east wind
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.

⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God:
God will establish it forever.

Selah

⁹ We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.

¹⁰ As is thy name, O God,
So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth:
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹ Let mount Zion be glad,
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of thy judgments.

¹² Walk about Zion, and go round about her;
Number the towers thereof;

¹³ Mark ye well her bulwarks;
Consider her palaces:

That ye may tell it to the generation following.

¹⁴ For this God is our God forever and ever:
He will be our guide *even* unto death.

49

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

¹ Hear this, all ye peoples;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world,

² Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

⁴ I will incline mine ear to a parable:
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

⁵ Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When iniquity at my heels compasseth me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth,
 And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
 7 None of *them* can by any means redeem his brother,
 Nor give to God a ransom for him
 8 (For the redemption of their life is costly,
 And it faileth forever),
 9 That he should still live always,
 That he should not see corruption.
 10 For he shall see it. Wise men die;
 The fool and the brutish alike perish,
 And leave their wealth to others.
 11 Their inward thought is, *that* their houses *shall continue* forever,
 And their dwelling places to all generations;
 They call their lands after their own names.
 12 But man *being* in honor abideth not:
 He is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is their folly:
 Yet after them men approve their sayings.

Selah

14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol;
 Death shall be their shepherd:
 And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
 And their beauty shall be for Sheol to consume,
 That there be no habitation for it.
 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol;
 For he will receive me.

Selah

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
 When the glory of his house is increased:
 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away;
 His glory shall not descend after him.
 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul
 (And men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself),
 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
 They shall never see the light.
 20 Man that is in honor, and understandeth not,
 Is like the beasts that perish.

50

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 The Mighty One, God, Jehovah, hath spoken,
 And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down
 thereof.
 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
 God hath shined forth.
 3 Our God cometh, and doth not keep silence:
 A fire devoureth before him,
 And it is very tempestuous round about him.
 4 He calleth to the heavens above,
 And to the earth, that he may judge his people:
 5 Gather my saints together unto me,

Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

⁶ And the heavens shall declare his righteousness;
For God is judge himself.

Selah

⁷ Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, and I will testify unto thee:
I am God, *even* thy God.

⁸ I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices;
And thy burnt offerings are continually before me.

⁹ I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.

¹⁰ For every beast of the forest is mine,
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the birds of the mountains;
And the wild beasts of the field are mine.

¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell thee;
For the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.

¹³ Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving;
And pay thy vows unto the Most High;

¹⁵ And call upon me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

¹⁶ But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
And that thou hast taken my covenant in thy mouth,

¹⁷ Seeing that thou hatest instruction,
And castest my words behind thee?

¹⁸ When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with him,
And hast been partaker with adulterers.

¹⁹ Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit.

²⁰ Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother;
Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

²¹ These things hast thou done, and I kept silence;
Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself:
But I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

²² Now consider this, ye that forget God,
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver:

²³ Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me;
And to him that ordereth his way *aright*
Will I show the salvation of God.

51

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness:
According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions;
And my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And done that which is evil in thy sight;
That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest,
And be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts;
And in the hidden part thou wilt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness,
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with a willing spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation;
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

16 For thou delightest not in sacrifice; else would I give it:
Thou hast no pleasure in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then wilt thou delight in the sacrifices of righteousness,
In burnt offering and whole burnt offering:
Then will they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

52

For the Chief Musician. Maskil of David; when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man?
The lovingkindness of God *endureth* continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth very wickedness,
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good,
And lying rather than to speak righteousness.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words,
O thou deceitful tongue.
5 God will likewise destroy thee forever;
He will take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy tent,
And root thee out of the land of the living.

Selah

6 The righteous also shall see *it*, and fear,
And shall laugh at him, *saying*,
7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength,
But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.
8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:
I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.
9 I will give thee thanks forever, because thou hast done it;
And I will hope in thy name, for it is good, in the presence of thy saints.

Selah

53

For the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath. Maskil of David.

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity;
There is none that doeth good.
2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand,
That did seek after God.
3 Every one of them is gone back; they are together become filthy;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge,
Who eat up my people *as* they eat bread,
And call not upon God?
5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was;
For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee:
Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath rejected them.
6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When God bringeth back the captivity of his people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

54

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maskil of David;
when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself
with us?

1 Save me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me in thy might.
2 Hear my prayer, O God;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against me,
And violent men have sought after my soul:
They have not set God before them.

Selah

4 Behold, God is my helper:
The Lord is of them that uphold my soul.
5 He will requite the evil unto mine enemies:

Destroy thou them in thy truth.

⁶ With a freewill offering will I sacrifice unto thee:

I will give thanks unto thy name, O Jehovah, for it is good.

⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all trouble;

And mine eye hath seen *my desire* upon mine enemies.

55

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maskil of David.

¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God;

And hide not thyself from my supplication.

² Attend unto me, and answer me:

I am restless in my complaint, and moan,

³ Because of the voice of the enemy,

Because of the oppression of the wicked;

For they cast iniquity upon me,

And in anger they persecute me.

⁴ My heart is sore pained within me:

And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

⁵ Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,

And horror hath overwhelmed me.

⁶ And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!

Then would I fly away, and be at rest.

⁷ Lo, then would I wander far off,

I would lodge in the wilderness.

Selah

⁸ I would haste me to a shelter

From the stormy wind and tempest.

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongue;

For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰ Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:

Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.

¹¹ Wickedness is in the midst thereof:

Oppression and guile depart not from its streets.

¹² For it was not an enemy that reproached me;

Then I could have borne it:

Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me;

Then I would have hidden myself from him:

¹³ But it was thou, a man mine equal,

My companion, and my familiar friend.

¹⁴ We took sweet counsel together;

We walked in the house of God with the throng.

¹⁵ Let death come suddenly upon them,

Let them go down alive into Sheol;

For wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst of them.

¹⁶ As for me, I will call upon God;

And Jehovah will save me.

¹⁷ Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan;

And he will hear my voice.

¹⁸ He hath redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me;

For they were many *that strove* with me.

19 God will hear, and answer them,
Even he that abideth of old,

Selah

The men who have no changes,
And who fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as were at peace with him:
He hath profaned his covenant.

21 His mouth was smooth as butter,
But his heart was war:
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and he will sustain thee:
He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, wilt bring them down into the pit of destruction:
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;
But I will trust in thee.

56

For the Chief Musician; set to Jonath elem rehokim. *A Psalm* of David.
Miktam; when the Philistines took him in Gath.

1 Be merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up:
All the day long he fighting oppresses me.

2 Mine enemies would swallow me up all the day long;
For they are many that fight proudly against me.

3 What time I am afraid,
I will put my trust in thee.

4 In God (I will praise his word),
In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;
What can flesh do unto me?

5 All the day long they wrest my words:
All their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves,
They mark my steps,
Even as they have waited for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoples, O God.

8 Thou numberest my wanderings:
Put thou my tears into thy bottle;
Are they not in thy book?

9 Then shall mine enemies turn back in the day that I call:
This I know, that God is for me.

10 In God (I will praise *his* word),
In Jehovah (I will praise *his* word),

11 In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid;
What can man do unto me?

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God:
I will render thank offerings unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death:
Hast thou not delivered my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God
In the light of the living?

57

For the Chief Musician; *set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David. Miktam;* when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

¹ Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me;
For my soul taketh refuge in thee:
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge,
Until *these* calamities be overpast.

² I will cry unto God Most High,
Unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

³ He will send from heaven, and save me,
When he that would swallow me up reproacheth;

Selah

God will send forth his lovingkindness and his truth.

⁴ My soul is among lions;
I lie among them that are set on fire,
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

⁶ They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down:
They have dug a pit before me;
They are fallen into the midst thereof themselves.

Selah

⁷ My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.

⁸ Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake right early.

⁹ I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples:
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

¹⁰ For thy lovingkindness is great unto the heavens,
And thy truth unto the skies.

¹¹ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let thy glory *be* above all the earth.

58

For the Chief Musician; *set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David. Miktam.*

¹ Do ye indeed in silence speak righteousness?
Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

² Nay, in heart ye work wickedness;
Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.

³ The wicked are estranged from the womb:
They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

⁴ Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:
They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear,

⁵ Which hearkeneth not to the voice of charmers,
Charming never so wisely.

⁶ Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:
Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah.

⁷ Let them melt away as water that runneth apace:

When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though they were cut off.
⁸ *Let them be* as a snail which melteth and passeth away,
Like the untimely birth of a woman, that hath not seen the sun.
⁹ Before your pots can feel the thorns,
 He will take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning
 alike.
¹⁰ The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:
 He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked;
¹¹ So that men shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous:
 Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

59

For the Chief Musician; *set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David. Miktam;*
 when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

¹ Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God:
 Set me on high from them that rise up against me.
² Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
 And save me from the bloodthirsty men.
³ For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul;
 The mighty gather themselves together against me:
 Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Jehovah.
⁴ They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault:
 Awake thou to help me, and behold.
⁵ Even thou, O Jehovah God of hosts, the God of Israel,
 Arise to visit all the nations:
 Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors.

Selah

⁶ They return at evening, they howl like a dog,
 And go round about the city.
⁷ Behold, they belch out with their mouth;
 Swords are in their lips:
 For who, *say they*, doth hear?
⁸ But thou, O Jehovah, wilt laugh at them;
 Thou wilt have all the nations in derision.
⁹ *Because of* his strength I will give heed unto thee;
 For God is my high tower.
¹⁰ My God with his lovingkindness will meet me:
 God will let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.
¹¹ Slay them not, lest my people forget:
 Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,
 O Lord our shield.
¹² *For* the sin of their mouth, *and* the words of their lips,
 Let them even be taken in their pride,
 And for cursing and lying which they speak.
¹³ Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that they shall be no
 more:
 And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,
 Unto the ends of the earth.

Selah

¹⁴ And at evening let them return, let them howl like a dog,
 And go round about the city.
¹⁵ They shall wander up and down for food,

And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.

¹⁶ But I will sing of thy strength;

Yea, I will sing aloud of thy lovingkindness in the morning:

For thou hast been my high tower,

And a refuge in the day of my distress.

¹⁷ Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises:

For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

60

For the Chief Musician; set to Shushan Eduth. Miktam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

¹ O God thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down;

Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.

² Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it:

Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

³ Thou hast shown thy people hard things:

Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.

⁴ Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,

That it may be displayed because of the truth.

Selah

⁵ That thy beloved may be delivered,

Save with thy right hand, and answer us.

⁶ God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;

I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

⁷ Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;

Ephraim also is the defense of my head;

Judah is my scepter.

⁸ Moab is my washpot;

Upon Edom will I cast my shoe:

Philistia, shout thou because of me.

⁹ Who will bring me into the strong city?

Who hath led me unto Edom?

¹⁰ Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?

And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

¹¹ Give us help against the adversary;

For vain is the help of man.

¹² Through God we shall do valiantly;

For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

61

For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument. *A Psalm of David.*

¹ Hear my cry, O God;

Attend unto my prayer.

² From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

³ For thou hast been a refuge for me,

A strong tower from the enemy.

⁴ I will dwell in thy tabernacle forever:

I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings.

Selah

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
 Thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.
 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life;
 His years shall be as many generations.
 7 He shall abide before God forever:
 Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name forever,
 That I may daily perform my vows.

62

For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

1 My soul waiteth in silence for God only:
 From him *cometh* my salvation.
 2 He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.
 3 How long will ye set upon a man,
 That ye may slay *him*, all of you,
 Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
 4 They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity;
 They delight in lies;
 They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.

Selah

5 My soul, wait thou in silence for God only;
 For my expectation is from him.
 6 He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.
 7 With God is my salvation and my glory:
 The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
 8 Trust in him at all times, ye people;
 Pour out your heart before him:
 God is a refuge for us.

Selah

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a
 lie;
 In the balances they will go up;
 They are together lighter than vanity.
 10 Trust not in oppression,
 And become not vain in robbery:
 If riches increase, set not your heart *thereon*.
 11 God hath spoken once,
 Twice have I heard this,
 That power belongeth unto God.
 12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth lovingkindness;
 For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

63

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

1 O God, thou art my God; earnestly will I seek thee:
 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee,
 In a dry and weary land, where no water is.

2 So have I looked upon thee in the sanctuary,
 To see thy power and thy glory.
 3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life,
 My lips shall praise thee.
 4 So will I bless thee while I live:
 I will lift up my hands in thy name.
 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness;
 And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips;
 6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
And meditate on thee in the night watches.
 7 For thou hast been my help,
 And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
 8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
 Thy right hand upholdeth me.
 9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it,
 Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
 10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword:
 They shall be a portion for foxes.
 11 But the king shall rejoice in God:
 Everyone that sweareth by him shall glory;
 For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

64

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.
 1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint:
 Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evildoers,
 From the tumult of the workers of iniquity;
 3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
 And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words,
 4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect:
 Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
 5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose;
 They commune of laying snares privily;
 They say, Who will see them?
 6 They search out iniquities;
 We have accomplished, *say they*, a diligent search:
 And the inward thought and the heart of every one is deep.
 7 But God will shoot at them;
 With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.
 8 So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue being against
 them:
 All that see them shall wag the head.
 9 And all men shall fear;
 And they shall declare the work of God,
 And shall wisely consider of his doing.
 10 The righteous shall be glad in Jehovah, and shall take refuge in him;
 And all the upright in heart shall glory.

65

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm. A Song of David.

1 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion;
 And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
 2 O thou that hearest prayer,
 Unto thee shall all flesh come.
 3 Iniquities prevail against me:
 As for our transgressions, thou wilt forgive them.
 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach *unto thee*,
 That he may dwell in thy courts:
 We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
 Thy holy temple.
 5 By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness,
 O God of our salvation,
 Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
 And of them that are afar off upon the sea:
 6 Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains,
 Being girded about with might;
 7 Who stilleth the roaring of the seas,
 The roaring of their waves,
 And the tumult of the peoples.
 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:
 Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
 9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it,
 Thou greatly enrichest it;
 The river of God is full of water:
 Thou providest them grain, when thou hast so prepared the earth.
 10 Thou waterest its furrows abundantly;
 Thou settlest the ridges thereof:
 Thou makest it soft with showers;
 Thou blessest the springing thereof.
 11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness;
 And thy paths drop fatness.
 12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness;
 And the hills are girded with joy.
 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
 The valleys also are covered over with grain;
 They shout for joy, they also sing.

66

For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm.

1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:
 2 Sing forth the glory of his name:
 Make his praise glorious.
 3 Say unto God, How terrible are thy works!
 Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit
 themselves unto thee.
 4 All the earth shall worship thee,
 And shall sing unto thee;
 They shall sing to thy name.

5 Come, and see the works of God;

Selah

He is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;
They went through the river on foot:
There did we rejoice in him.

⁷ He ruleth by his might forever;
His eyes observe the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Selah

⁸ Oh bless our God, ye peoples,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard;

⁹ Who holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

¹⁰ For thou, O God, hast proved us:
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

¹¹ Thou broughtest us into the net;
Thou laidst a sore burden upon our loins.

¹² Thou didst cause men to ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water;

But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

¹³ I will come into thy house with burnt offerings;
I will pay thee my vows,

¹⁴ Which my lips uttered,
And my mouth spake, when I was in distress.

¹⁵ I will offer unto thee burnt offerings of fatlings,
With the incense of rams;
I will offer bullocks with goats.

Selah

¹⁶ Come, and hear, all ye that fear God,
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried unto him with my mouth,
And he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart,

The Lord will not hear:

¹⁹ But verily God hath heard;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God,
Who hath not turned away my prayer,
Nor his lovingkindness from me.

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For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm, a Song.

¹ God be merciful unto us, and bless us,
And cause his face to shine upon us;

Selah

² That thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy salvation among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise thee.

⁴ Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
For thou wilt judge the peoples with equity,
And govern the nations upon earth.

Selah

⁵ Let the peoples praise thee, O God;
 Let all the peoples praise thee.
⁶ The earth hath yielded its increase:
 God, even our own God, will bless us.
⁷ God will bless us;
 And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

68

For the Chief Musician; A Psalm of David, a Song.

¹ Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;
 Let them also that hate him flee before him.
² As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:
 As wax melteth before the fire,
 So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
³ But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God:
 Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.
⁴ Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:
 Cast up a highway for him that rideth through the deserts;
 His name is Jehovah; and exult ye before him.
⁵ A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
 Is God in his holy habitation.
⁶ God setteth the solitary in families:
 He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity;
 But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

⁷ O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,
 When thou didst march through the wilderness;

Selah

⁸ The earth trembled,
 The heavens also dropped *rain* at the presence of God:
 Yon Sinai *trembled* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
⁹ Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,
 Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
¹⁰ Thy congregation dwelt therein:
 Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the poor.
¹¹ The Lord giveth the word:
 The women that publish the tidings are a great host.
¹² Kings of armies flee, they flee;
 And she that tarrieth at home divideth the spoil.
¹³ When ye lie among the sheepfolds,
It is as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
 And her pinions with yellow gold.
¹⁴ When the Almighty scattered kings therein,
It was as when it snoweth in Zalmon.
¹⁵ A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;
 A high mountain is the mountain of Bashan.
¹⁶ Why look ye askance, ye high mountains,
 At the mountain which God hath desired for his abode?
 Yea, Jehovah will dwell *in it* forever.
¹⁷ The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands upon
 thousands:
 The Lord is among them, *as in* Sinai, in the sanctuary.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led away captives;
 Thou hast received gifts among men,
 Yea, *among* the rebellious also, that Jehovah God might dwell *with them*.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden,
 Even the God who is our salvation.

Selah

20 God is unto us a God of deliverances;
 And unto Jehovah the Lord belongeth escape from death.

21 But God will smite through the head of his enemies,
 The hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his guiltiness.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan,
 I will bring *them* again from the depths of the sea;

23 That thou mayest crush *them*, *dipping* thy foot in blood,
 That the tongue of thy dogs may have its portion from *thine* enemies.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God,
 Even the goings of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed after,
 In the midst of the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
 Even the Lord, *ye that are* of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler,
 The princes of Judah *and* their council,
 The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
 Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem
 Kings shall bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,
 The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples,
 Trampling under foot the pieces of silver:
 He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;
 Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
 Oh sing praises unto the Lord;

Selah

33 To him that rideth upon the heaven of heavens, which are of old;
 Lo, he uttereth his voice, a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:
 His excellency is over Israel,
 And his strength is in the skies.

35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places:
 The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto *his* people.
 Blessed be God.

69

For the Chief Musician; set to Shoshannim. *A Psalm* of David.

¹ Save me, O God;

For the waters are come in unto my soul.

² I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing:

I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

³ I am weary with my crying; my throat is dried:

Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

⁴ They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head:

They that would cut me off, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty:

That which I took not away I have to restore.

⁵ O God, thou knowest my foolishness;

And my sins are not hidden from thee.

⁶ Let not them that wait for thee be put to shame through me, O Lord Jehovah of hosts:

Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.

⁷ Because for thy sake I have borne reproach;

Shame hath covered my face.

⁸ I am become a stranger unto my brethren,

And an alien unto my mother's children.

⁹ For the zeal of thy house hath eaten me up;

And the reproaches of them that reproach thee are fallen upon me.

¹⁰ When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting,

That was to my reproach.

¹¹ When I made sackcloth my clothing,

I became a byword unto them.

¹² They that sit in the gate talk of me;

And *I am* the song of the drunkards.

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Jehovah, in an acceptable time:

O God, in the abundance of thy lovingkindness,

Answer me in the truth of thy salvation.

¹⁴ Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink:

Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

¹⁵ Let not the waterflood overwhelm me,

Neither let the deep swallow me up;

And let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶ Answer me, O Jehovah; for thy lovingkindness is good:

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies turn thou unto me.

¹⁷ And hide not thy face from thy servant;

For I am in distress; answer me speedily.

¹⁸ Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:

Ransom me because of mine enemies.

¹⁹ Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor:

Mine adversaries are all before thee.

²⁰ Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness:

And I looked for some to take pity, but there was none;

And for comforters, but I found none.

²¹ They gave me also gall for my food;

And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table before them become a snare;
 And when they are in peace, *let it become* a trap.
 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see;
 And make their loins continually to shake.
 24 Pour out thine indignation upon them,
 And let the fierceness of thine anger overtake them.
 25 Let their habitation be desolate;
 Let none dwell in their tents.
 26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten;
 And they tell of the sorrow of those whom thou hast wounded.
 27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity;
 And let them not come into thy righteousness.
 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life,
 And not be written with the righteous.
 29 But I am poor and sorrowful:
 Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
 30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
 And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
 31 And it will please Jehovah better than an ox,
Or a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
 32 The meek have seen it, and are glad:
 Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.
 33 For Jehovah heareth the needy,
 And despiseth not his prisoners.
 34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
 The seas, and everything that moveth therein.
 35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah;
 And they shall abide there, and have it in possession.
 36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it;
 And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

70

For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David; to bring to remembrance.

1 *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me;
 Make haste to help me, O Jehovah.
 2 Let them be put to shame and confounded
 That seek after my soul:
 Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor
 That delight in my hurt.
 3 Let them be turned back by reason of their shame
 That say, Aha, aha.
 4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee;
 And let such as love thy salvation say continually,
 Let God be magnified.
 5 But I am poor and needy;
 Make haste unto me, O God:
 Thou art my help and my deliverer;
 O Jehovah, make no tarrying.

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1 In thee, O Jehovah, do I take refuge:

Let me never be put to shame.

² Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me:

Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.

³ Be thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually resort:

Thou hast given commandment to save me;

For thou art my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,

Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

⁵ For thou art my hope, O Lord Jehovah:

Thou art my trust from my youth.

⁶ By thee have I been holden up from the womb;

Thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels:

My praise shall be continually of thee.

⁷ I am as a wonder unto many;

But thou art my strong refuge.

⁸ My mouth shall be filled with thy praise,

And with thy honor all the day.

⁹ Cast me not off in the time of old age;

Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

¹⁰ For mine enemies speak concerning me;

And they that watch for my soul take counsel together;

¹¹ Saying, God hath forsaken him:

Pursue and take him; for there is none to deliver.

¹² O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me.

¹³ Let them be put to shame *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul;

Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.

¹⁴ But I will hope continually,

And will praise thee yet more and more.

¹⁵ My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness,

And of thy salvation all the day;

For I know not the numbers *thereof*.

¹⁶ I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord Jehovah:

I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

¹⁷ O God, thou hast taught me from my youth;

And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

¹⁸ Yea, even when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not,

Until I have declared thy strength unto *the next* generation,

Thy might to everyone that is to come.

¹⁹ Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high;

Thou who hast done great things, O God, who is like unto thee?

²⁰ Thou, who hast shown us many and sore troubles,

Wilt quicken us again,

And wilt bring us up again from the depths of the earth.

²¹ Increase thou my greatness,

And turn again and comfort me.

²² I will also praise thee with the psaltery,

Even thy truth, O my God:

Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp,
O thou Holy One of Israel.

²³ My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praises unto thee;
And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

²⁴ My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long;
For they are put to shame, for they are confounded, that seek my hurt.

72

A Psalm of Solomon.

¹ Give the king thy judgments, O God,
And thy righteousness unto the king's son.

² He will judge thy people with righteousness,
And thy poor with justice.

³ The mountains shall bring peace to the people,
And the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ He will judge the poor of the people,
He will save the children of the needy,
And will break in pieces the oppressor.

⁵ They shall fear thee while the sun endureth,
And so long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶ He will come down like rain upon the mown grass,
As showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his days shall the righteous flourish,
And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.

⁸ He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.

⁹ They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.

¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute:
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

¹¹ Yea, all kings shall fall down before him;
All nations shall serve him.

¹² For he will deliver the needy when he crieth,
And the poor, that hath no helper.

¹³ He will have pity on the poor and needy,
And the souls of the needy he will save.

¹⁴ He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence;
And precious will their blood be in his sight:

¹⁵ And they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba:
And men shall pray for him continually;
They shall bless him all the day long.

¹⁶ There shall be abundance of grain in the earth upon the top of the
mountains;

The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

¹⁷ His name shall endure forever;
His name shall be continued as long as the sun:
And men shall be blessed in him;
All nations shall call him happy.

¹⁸ Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things:

19 And blessed be his glorious name forever;
And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK III

73

A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Surely God is good to Israel,
Even to such as are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone;
My steps had well nigh slipped.
3 For I was envious at the arrogant,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For there are no pangs in their death;
But their strength is firm.
5 They are not in trouble as *other* men;
Neither are they plagued like *other* men.
6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck;
Violence covereth them as a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:
They have more than heart could wish.
8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression:
They speak loftily.
9 They have set their mouth in the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.
10 Therefore his people return hither:
And waters of a full *cup* are drained by them.
11 And they say, How doth God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?
12 Behold, these are the wicked;
And, being always at ease, they increase in riches.
13 Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,
And washed my hands in innocency;
14 For all the day long have I been plagued,
And chastened every morning.
15 If I had said, I will speak thus;
Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.
16 When I thought how I might know this,
It was too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their latter end.
18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places:
Thou castest them down to destruction.
19 How are they become a desolation in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when one awaketh,
So, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou wilt despise their image.
21 For my soul was grieved,
And I was pricked in my heart:

22 So brutish was I, and ignorant;
 I was *as* a beast before thee.
 23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee:
 Thou hast holden my right hand.
 24 Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel,
 And afterward receive me to glory.
 25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee*?
 And there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.
 26 My flesh and my heart faileth;
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
 27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish:
 Thou hast destroyed all them that play the harlot, *departing* from thee.
 28 But it is good for me to draw near unto God:
 I have made the Lord Jehovah my refuge,
 That I may tell of all thy works.

74

Maskil of Asaph.

1 O God, why hast thou cast *us* off forever?
 Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
 2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast gotten of old,
 Which thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of thine inheritance;
And mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
 3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual ruins,
 All the evil that the enemy hath done in the sanctuary.
 4 Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of thine assembly;
 They have set up their ensigns for signs.
 5 They seemed as men that lifted up
 Axes upon a thicket of trees.
 6 And now all the carved work thereof
 They break down with hatchet and hammers.
 7 They have set thy sanctuary on fire;
 They have profaned the dwelling place of thy name *by casting it* to the
 ground.
 8 They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of them altogether:
 They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.
 9 We see not our signs:
 There is no more any prophet;
 Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.
 10 How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach?
 Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name forever?
 11 Why drawest thou back thy hand, even thy right hand?
Pluck it out of thy bosom *and* consume *them*.
 12 Yet God is my King of old,
 Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
 13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength:
 Thou brakest the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.
 14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces;
 Thou gavest him to be food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
 15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood:

Thou driedst up mighty rivers.

¹⁶ The day is thine, the night also is thine:

Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

¹⁷ Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:

Thou hast made summer and winter.

¹⁸ Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Jehovah,

And that a foolish people hath blasphemed thy name.

¹⁹ Oh deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the wild beast:

Forget not the life of thy poor forever.

²⁰ Have respect unto the covenant;

For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of violence.

²¹ Oh let not the oppressed return ashamed:

Let the poor and needy praise thy name.

²² Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:

Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee all the day.

²³ Forget not the voice of thine adversaries:

The tumult of those that rise up against thee ascendeth continually.

75

For the Chief Musician; *set to* Al-tashheth. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

¹ We give thanks unto thee, O God;

We give thanks, for thy name is near:

Men tell of thy wondrous works.

² When I shall find the set time,

I will judge uprightly.

³ The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:

I have set up the pillars of it.

Selah

⁴ I said unto the arrogant, Deal not arrogantly;

And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

⁵ Lift not up your horn on high;

Speak not with a stiff neck.

⁶ For neither from the east, nor from the west,

Nor yet from the south, *cometh* lifting up.

⁷ But God is the judge:

He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.

⁸ For in the hand of Jehovah there is a cup, and the wine foameth;

It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same:

Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall drain them,
and drink them.

⁹ But I will declare forever,

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;

But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

76

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

¹ In Judah is God known:

His name is great in Israel.

² In Salem also is his tabernacle,

And his dwelling place in Zion.

³ There he brake the arrows of the bow;
The shield, and the sword, and the battle.

Selah

⁴ Glorious art thou *and* excellent,
From the mountains of prey.

⁵ The stouthearted are made a spoil,
They have slept their sleep;
And none of the men of might have found their hands.

⁶ At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

⁷ Thou, even thou, art to be feared;
And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

⁸ Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;
The earth feared, and was still,

⁹ When God arose to judgment,
To save all the meek of the earth.

Selah

¹⁰ Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
The residue of wrath shalt thou gird upon thee.

¹¹ Vow, and pay unto Jehovah your God:

Let all that are round about him bring presents unto him that ought
to be feared.

¹² He will cut off the spirit of princes:
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

77

For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

¹ I will cry unto God with my voice,
Even unto God with my voice; and he will give ear unto me.

² In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:
My hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked not;
My soul refused to be comforted.

³ I remember God, and am disquieted:
I complain, and my spirit is overwhelmed.

Selah

⁴ Thou holdest mine eyes watching:
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

⁵ I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.

⁶ I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart;
And my spirit maketh diligent search.

⁷ Will the Lord cast off forever?
And will he be favorable no more?

⁸ Is his lovingkindness clean gone forever?
Doth his promise fail forevermore?

⁹ Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

Selah

¹⁰ And I said, This is my infirmity;
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

11 I will make mention of the deeds of Jehovah;
 For I will remember thy wonders of old.
 12 I will meditate also upon all thy work,
 And muse on thy doings.
 13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
 Who is a great god like unto God?
 14 Thou art the God that doest wonders:
 Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.
 15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,
 The sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Selah

16 The waters saw thee, O God;
 The waters saw thee, they were afraid:
 The depths also trembled.
 17 The clouds poured out water;
 The skies sent out a sound:
 Thine arrows also went abroad.
 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind;
 The lightnings lightened the world:
 The earth trembled and shook.
 19 Thy way was in the sea,
 And thy paths in the great waters,
 And thy footsteps were not known.
 20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,
 By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

78

Maskil of Asaph.

1 Give ear, O my people, to my law:
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
 I will utter dark sayings of old,
 3 Which we have heard and known,
 And our fathers have told us.
 4 We will not hide them from their children,
 Telling to the generation to come the praises of Jehovah,
 And his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath done.
 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
 And appointed a law in Israel,
 Which he commanded our fathers,
 That they should make them known to their children;
 6 That the generation to come might know *them*, even the children that
 should be born;
 Who should arise and tell *them* to their children,
 7 That they might set their hope in God,
 And not forget the works of God,
 But keep his commandments,
 8 And might not be as their fathers,
 A stubborn and rebellious generation,
 A generation that set not their heart aright,
 And whose spirit was not steadfast with God.
 9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,

Turned back in the day of battle.

¹⁰ They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law;

¹¹ And they forgot his doings,

And his wondrous works that he had shown them.

¹² Marvelous things did he in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³ He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And he made the waters to stand as a heap.

¹⁴ In the daytime also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.

¹⁵ He clave rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.

¹⁶ He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

¹⁷ Yet went they on still to sin against him,
To rebel against the Most High in the desert.

¹⁸ And they tempted God in their heart
By asking food according to their desire.

¹⁹ Yea, they spake against God;
They said, Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?

²⁰ Behold, he smote the rock, so that waters gushed out,
And streams overflowed;

Can he give bread also?
Will he provide flesh for his people?

²¹ Therefore Jehovah heard, and was wroth;
And a fire was kindled against Jacob,

And anger also went up against Israel;
²² Because they believed not in God,

And trusted not in his salvation.
²³ Yet he commanded the skies above,

And opened the doors of heaven;
²⁴ And he rained down manna upon them to eat,

And gave them food from heaven.
²⁵ Man did eat the bread of the mighty:

He sent them food to the full.
²⁶ He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens;

And by his power he guided the south wind.
²⁷ He rained flesh also upon them as the dust,

And winged birds as the sand of the seas:
²⁸ And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,

Round about their habitations.
²⁹ So they did eat, and were well filled;

And he gave them their own desire.
³⁰ They were not estranged from that which they desired,

Their food was yet in their mouths,
³¹ When the anger of God went up against them,

And slew of the fattest of them,
And smote down the young men of Israel.

³² For all this they sinned still,
And believed not in his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in terror.
34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him;
And they returned and sought God earnestly.
35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
And the Most High God their redeemer.
36 But they flattered him with their mouth,
And lied unto him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not right with him,
Neither were they faithful in his covenant.
38 But he, being merciful, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them*
not:
Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
And did not stir up all his wrath.
39 And he remembered that they were but flesh,
A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they rebel against him in the wilderness,
And grieve him in the desert!
41 And they turned again and tempted God,
And provoked the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not his hand,
Nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary;
43 How he set his signs in Egypt,
And his wonders in the field of Zoan,
44 And turned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, so that they could not drink.
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
And their labor unto the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
A band of angels of evil.
50 He made a path for his anger;
He spared not their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence,
51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt,
The chief of their strength in the tents of Ham.
52 But he led forth his own people like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And he led them safely, so that they feared not;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary,
To this mountain, which his right hand had gotten.
55 He drove out the nations also before them,
And allotted them for an inheritance by line,
And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God,
And kept not his testimonies;
57 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers:
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
And moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth,
And greatly abhorred Israel;
60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent which he placed among men;
61 And delivered his strength into captivity,
And his glory into the adversary's hand.
62 He gave his people over also unto the sword,
And was wroth with his inheritance.
63 Fire devoured their young men;
And their virgins had no marriage song.
64 Their priests fell by the sword;
And their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awoke as one out of sleep,
Like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And he smote his adversaries backward:
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim,
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
The mount Zion which he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which he hath established forever.
70 He chose David also his servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds:
71 From following the ewes that have their young he brought him,
To be the shepherd of Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
72 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart,
And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

1 O God, the nations are come into thine inheritance;
Thy holy temple have they defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be food unto the
birds of the heavens,
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem;
And there was none to bury them.
4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and derision to them that are round about us.
5 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou be angry forever?
Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out thy wrath upon the nations that know thee not,
And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob,
 And laid waste his habitation.
 8 Remember not against us the iniquities of our forefathers:
 Let thy tender mercies speedily meet us;
 For we are brought very low.
 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name;
 And deliver us, and forgive our sins, for thy name's sake.
 10 Wherefore should the nations say, Where is their God?
 Let the avenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed
 Be known among the nations in our sight.
 11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee:
 According to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are
 appointed to death;
 12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom
 Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.
 13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture
 Will give thee thanks forever:
 We will show forth thy praise to all generations.

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For the Chief Musician; set to Shoshannim Eduth. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
 Thou that sittest *above* the cherubim, shine forth.
 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy might,
 And come to save us.
 3 Turn us again, O God;
 And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

 4 O Jehovah God of hosts,
 How long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
 5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears,
 And given them tears to drink in large measure.
 6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors;
 And our enemies laugh among themselves.
 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
 And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

 8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt:
 Thou didst drive out the nations, and plantedst it.
 9 Thou preparedst *room* before it,
 And it took deep root, and filled the land.
 10 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it,
 And the boughs thereof were *like* cedars of God.
 11 It sent out its branches unto the sea,
 And its shoots unto the River.
 12 Why hast thou broken down its walls,
 So that all they that pass by the way do pluck it?
 13 The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,
 And the wild beasts of the field feed on it.
 14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:

Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine,
 15 And the stock which thy right hand planted,
 And the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.
 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:
 They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
 Upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.
 18 So shall we not go back from thee:
 Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.
 19 Turn us again, O Jehovah God of hosts;
 Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

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For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. *A Psalm* of Asaph.

1 Sing aloud unto God our strength:
 Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
 2 Raise a song, and bring hither the timbrel,
 The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
 At the full moon, on our feast day.
 4 For it is a statute for Israel,
 An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
 5 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony,
 When he went out over the land of Egypt,
Where I heard a language that I knew not.
 6 I removed his shoulder from the burden:
 His hands were freed from the basket.
 7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee;
 I answered thee in the secret place of thunder;
 I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

Selah

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee:
 O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
 9 There shall no strange god be in thee;
 Neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.
 10 I am Jehovah thy God,
 Who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt:
 Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
 11 But my people hearkened not to my voice;
 And Israel would none of me.
 12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart,
 That they might walk in their own counsels.
 13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me,
 That Israel would walk in my ways!
 14 I would soon subdue their enemies,
 And turn my hand against their adversaries.
 15 The haters of Jehovah should submit themselves unto him:
 But their time should endure forever.
 16 He would feed them also with the finest of the wheat;
 And with honey out of the rock would I satisfy thee.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

¹ God standeth in the congregation of God;
He judgeth among the gods.

² How long will ye judge unjustly,
And respect the persons of the wicked?

Selah

³ Judge the poor and fatherless:
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

⁴ Rescue the poor and needy:
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
⁵ They know not, neither do they understand;

They walk to and fro in darkness:
All the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ I said, Ye are gods,
And all of you sons of the Most High.

⁷ Nevertheless ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.

⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

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A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

¹ O God, keep not thou silence:
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

² For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult;
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

³ They take crafty counsel against thy people,
And consult together against thy hidden ones.

⁴ They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;
That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

⁵ For they have consulted together with one consent;
Against thee do they make a covenant:

⁶ The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;
Moab, and the Hagrites;

⁷ Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre:

⁸ Assyria also is joined with them;
They have helped the children of Lot.

Selah

⁹ Do thou unto them as unto Midian,
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon;

¹⁰ Who perished at Endor,
Who became as dung for the earth.

¹¹ Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb;
Yea, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;

¹² Who said, Let us take to ourselves in possession
The habitations of God.

¹³ O my God, make them like the whirling dust;
As stubble before the wind.

¹⁴ As the fire that burneth the forest,
And as the flame that setteth the mountains on fire,

15 So pursue them with thy tempest,
And terrify them with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with confusion,
That they may seek thy name, O Jehovah.

17 Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever;
Yea, let them be confounded and perish;

18 That they may know that thou alone, whose name is Jehovah,
Art the Most High over all the earth.

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For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 How amiable are thy tabernacles,
O Jehovah of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah;
My heart and my flesh cry out unto the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts,
My King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be still praising thee.

Selah

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
In whose heart are the highways *to Zion*.

6 Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs;
Yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength;
Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.

8 O Jehovah God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob.

Selah

9 Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield:
Jehovah will give grace and glory;
No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O Jehovah of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

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For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 Jehovah, thou hast been favorable unto thy land;
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people;
Thou hast covered all their sin.

Selah

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath;
Thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation,

And cause thine indignation toward us to cease.
⁵ Wilt thou be angry with us forever?
 Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
⁶ Wilt thou not quicken us again,
 That thy people may rejoice in thee?
⁷ Show us thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah,
 And grant us thy salvation.
⁸ I will hear what God Jehovah will speak;
 For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints:
 But let them not turn again to folly.
⁹ Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him,
 That glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together;
 Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹ Truth springeth out of the earth;
 And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
¹² Yea, Jehovah will give that which is good;
 And our land shall yield its increase.
¹³ Righteousness shall go before him,
 And shall make his footsteps a way *to walk in*.

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A Prayer of David.

¹ Bow down thine ear, O Jehovah, and answer me;
 For I am poor and needy.
² Preserve my soul; for I am godly:
 O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
³ Be merciful unto me, O Lord;
 For unto thee do I cry all the day long.
⁴ Rejoice the soul of thy servant;
 For unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
⁵ For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive,
 And abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that call upon thee.
⁶ Give ear, O Jehovah, unto my prayer;
 And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.
⁷ In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;
 For thou wilt answer me.
⁸ There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Lord;
 Neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.
⁹ All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before
 thee, O Lord;
 And they shall glorify thy name.
¹⁰ For thou art great, and doest wondrous things:
 Thou art God alone.
¹¹ Teach me thy way, O Jehovah; I will walk in thy truth:
 Unite my heart to fear thy name.
¹² I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart;
 And I will glorify thy name forevermore.
¹³ For great is thy lovingkindness toward me;
 And thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
¹⁴ O God, the proud are risen up against me,

And a company of violent men have sought after my soul,
And have not set thee before them.

¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.

¹⁶ Oh turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;

Give thy strength unto thy servant,
And save the son of thy handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me a token for good,

That they who hate me may see it, and be put to shame,

Because thou, Jehovah, hast helped me, and comforted me.

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A Psalm of the sons of Korah; a Song.

¹ His foundation is in the holy mountains.

² Jehovah loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³ Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God.

⁴ I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon as among them that know
me:

Behold, Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia:

This one was born there.

⁵ Yea, of Zion it shall be said, This one and that one was born in her;
And the Most High himself will establish her.

⁶ Jehovah will count, when he writeth up the peoples,
This one was born there.

⁷ They that sing as well as they that dance *shall say*,
All my fountains are in thee.

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A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah; for the Chief Musician; set to
Mahalath Leannoth. Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹ O Jehovah, the God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee.

² Let my prayer enter into thy presence;
Incline thine ear unto my cry.

³ For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto Sheol.

⁴ I am reckoned with them that go down into the pit;
I am as a man that hath no help,

⁵ Cast off among the dead,
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more,
And they are cut off from thy hand.

⁶ Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the deeps.

⁷ Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.

⁸ Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;

Thou hast made me an abomination unto them:
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

⁹ Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction:
I have called daily upon thee, O Jehovah;
I have spread forth my hands unto thee.

¹⁰ Wilt thou show wonders to the dead?
Shall they that are deceased arise and praise thee?

Selah

¹¹ Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave?
Or thy faithfulness in Destruction?

¹² Shall thy wonders be known in the dark?
And thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³ But unto thee, O Jehovah, have I cried;
And in the morning shall my prayer come before thee.

¹⁴ Jehovah, why castest thou off my soul?
Why hidest thou thy face from me?

¹⁵ I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up:
While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

¹⁶ Thy fierce wrath is gone over me;
Thy terrors have cut me off.

¹⁷ They came round about me like water all the day long;
They compassed me about together.

¹⁸ Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance into darkness.

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Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

¹ I will sing of the lovingkindness of Jehovah forever:
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

² For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever;
Thy faithfulness wilt thou establish in the very heavens.

³ I have made a covenant with my chosen,
I have sworn unto David my servant:

⁴ Thy seed will I establish forever,
And build up thy throne to all generations.

Selah

⁵ And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Jehovah;
Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

⁶ For who in the skies can be compared unto Jehovah?
Who among the sons of the mighty is like unto Jehovah,

⁷ A God very terrible in the council of the holy ones,
And to be feared above all them that are round about him?

⁸ O Jehovah God of hosts,
Who is a mighty one, like unto thee, O Jehovah?
And thy faithfulness is round about thee.

⁹ Thou rulest the pride of the sea:
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

¹⁰ Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain;
Thou hast scattered thine enemies with the arm of thy strength.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine:
The world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south, thou hast created them:
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm;
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne:
Lovingkindness and truth go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:
They walk, O Jehovah, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name do they rejoice all the day;
And in thy righteousness are they exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength;
And in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

18 For our shield belongeth unto Jehovah;
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy saints,
And saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant;
With my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established;
Mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact from him,
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his adversaries before him,
And smite them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my lovingkindness shall be with him;
And in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also on the sea,
And his right hand on the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.

27 I also will make him *my* firstborn,
The highest of the kings of the earth.

28 My lovingkindness will I keep for him forevermore;
And my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure forever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law,
And walk not in mine ordinances;

31 If they break my statutes,
And keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.

33 But my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him,
Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break,
Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness:

I will not lie unto David:

³⁶ His seed shall endure forever,
And his throne as the sun before me.

³⁷ It shall be established forever as the moon,
And as the faithful witness in the sky.

Selah

³⁸ But thou hast cast off and rejected,

Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

³⁹ Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant:

Thou hast profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.

⁴⁰ Thou hast broken down all his hedges;

Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

⁴¹ All that pass by the way rob him:

He is become a reproach to his neighbors.

⁴² Thou hast exalted the right hand of his adversaries;

Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

⁴³ Yea, thou turnest back the edge of his sword,

And hast not made him to stand in the battle.

⁴⁴ Thou hast made his brightness to cease,

And cast his throne down to the ground.

⁴⁵ The days of his youth hast thou shortened:

Thou hast covered him with shame.

Selah

⁴⁶ How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou hide thyself forever?

How long shall thy wrath burn like fire?

⁴⁷ Oh remember how short my time is:

For what vanity hast thou created all the children of men!

⁴⁸ What man is he that shall live and not see death,

That shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?

Selah

⁴⁹ Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses,

Which thou swarest unto David in thy faithfulness?

⁵⁰ Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants;

How I do bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the mighty peoples,

⁵¹ Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Jehovah,

Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

⁵² Blessed be Jehovah forevermore.

Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV

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A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

¹ Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place

In all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,

Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

³ Thou turnest man to destruction,

And sayest, Return, ye children of men.

⁴ For a thousand years in thy sight

Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.

⁵ Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

⁶ In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

⁷ For we are consumed in thine anger,
And in thy wrath are we troubled.

⁸ Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

⁹ For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:
We bring our years to an end as a sigh.

¹⁰ The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow;
For it is soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
And thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto thee?

¹² So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O Jehovah; how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

¹⁴ Oh satisfy us in the morning with thy lovingkindness,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory upon their children.

¹⁷ And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;
And establish thou the work of our hands upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

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¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in whom I trust.

³ For he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge:
His truth is a shield and a buckler.

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

⁶ For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.

⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,

And see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ For thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge!

Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation;

¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee,

Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.

¹¹ For he will give his angels charge over thee,

To keep thee in all thy ways.

¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands,

Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:

The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under foot.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:

I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble:

I will deliver him, and honor him.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him,

And show him my salvation.

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A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day.

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah,

And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;

² To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,

And thy faithfulness every night,

³ With an instrument of ten strings, and with the psaltery;

With a solemn sound upon the harp.

⁴ For thou, Jehovah, hast made me glad through thy work:

I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

⁵ How great are thy works, O Jehovah!

Thy thoughts are very deep.

⁶ A brutish man knoweth not;

Neither doth a fool understand this:

⁷ When the wicked spring as the grass,

And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish;

It is that they shall be destroyed forever.

⁸ But thou, O Jehovah, art on high forevermore.

⁹ For, lo, thine enemies, O Jehovah,

For, lo, thine enemies shall perish;

All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

¹⁰ But my horn hast thou exalted like *the horn of the wild ox*:

I am anointed with fresh oil.

¹¹ Mine eye also hath seen *my desire* on mine enemies,

Mine ears have heard *my desire* of the evildoers that rise up against me.

¹² The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³ They are planted in the house of Jehovah;

They shall flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

They shall be full of sap and green:

15 To show that Jehovah is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

93

1 Jehovah reigneth; he is clothed with majesty;
Jehovah is clothed with strength; he hath girded himself therewith:
The world also is established, that it cannot be moved.
2 Thy throne is established of old:
Thou art from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O Jehovah,
The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.
4 Above the voices of many waters,
The mighty breakers of the sea,
Jehovah on high is mighty.
5 Thy testimonies are very sure:
Holiness becometh thy house,
O Jehovah, forevermore.

94

1 O Jehovah, thou God to whom vengeance belongeth,
Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.
2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth:
Render to the proud *their* desert.
3 Jehovah, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph?
4 They prate, they speak arrogantly:
All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.
5 They break in pieces thy people, O Jehovah,
And afflict thy heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the sojourner,
And murder the fatherless.
7 And they say, Jehovah will not see,
Neither will the God of Jacob consider.
8 Consider, ye brutish among the people;
And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He that chastiseth the nations, shall not he correct,
Even he that teacheth man knowledge?
11 Jehovah knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Jehovah,
And teachest out of thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit be dug for the wicked.
14 For Jehovah will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgment shall return unto righteousness;
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?

Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

¹⁷ Unless Jehovah had been my help,
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.

¹⁸ When I said, My foot slippeth;
Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, held me up.

¹⁹ In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.

²⁰ Shall the throne of wickedness have fellowship with thee,
Which frameth mischief by statute?

²¹ They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.

²² But Jehovah hath been my high tower,
And my God the rock of my refuge.

²³ And he hath brought upon them their own iniquity,
And will cut them off in their own wickedness;
Jehovah our God will cut them off.

95

¹ Oh come, let us sing unto Jehovah;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

³ For Jehovah is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the deep places of the earth;
The heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, and he made it;
And his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker:

⁷ For he is our God,
And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Today, oh that ye would hear his voice!

⁸ Harden not your heart, as at Meribah,
As in the day of Massah in the wilderness;

⁹ When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my work.

¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with *that* generation,
And said, It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known my ways:

¹¹ Wherefore I sware in my wrath,
That they should not enter into my rest.

96

¹ Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song:
Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.

² Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name;
Show forth his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised:

He is to be feared above all gods.
 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols;
 But Jehovah made the heavens.
 6 Honor and majesty are before him:
 Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
 7 Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of the peoples,
 Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength.
 8 Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name:
 Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
 9 Oh worship Jehovah in holy array:
 Tremble before him, all the earth.
 10 Say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth:
 The world also is established that it cannot be moved:
 He will judge the peoples with equity.
 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof;
 12 Let the field exult, and all that is therein;
 Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy
 13 Before Jehovah; for he cometh,
 For he cometh to judge the earth:
 He will judge the world with righteousness,
 And the peoples with his truth.

97

1 Jehovah reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
 Let the multitude of isles be glad.
 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
 3 A fire goeth before him,
 And burneth up his adversaries round about.
 4 His lightnings lightened the world:
 The earth saw, and trembled.
 5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of Jehovah,
 At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
 And all the peoples have seen his glory.
 7 Let all them be put to shame that serve graven images,
 That boast themselves of idols:
 Worship him, all ye gods.
 8 Zion heard and was glad,
 And the daughters of Judah rejoiced,
 Because of thy judgments, O Jehovah.
 9 For thou, Jehovah, art most high above all the earth:
 Thou art exalted far above all gods.
 10 O ye that love Jehovah, hate evil:
 He preserveth the souls of his saints;
 He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
 11 Light is sown for the righteous,
 And gladness for the upright in heart.
 12 Be glad in Jehovah, ye righteous;
 And give thanks to his holy memorial *name*.

98

A Psalm.

¹ Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song;
 For he hath done marvelous things:
 His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought salvation for him.
² Jehovah hath made known his salvation:
 His righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
³ He hath remembered his lovingkindness and his faithfulness toward
 the house of Israel:
 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
⁴ Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth:
 Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
⁵ Sing praises unto Jehovah with the harp;
 With the harp and the voice of melody.
⁶ With trumpets and sound of cornet
 Make a joyful noise before the King, Jehovah.
⁷ Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof;
 The world, and they that dwell therein;
⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
 Let the hills sing for joy together
⁹ Before Jehovah; for he cometh to judge the earth:
 He will judge the world with righteousness,
 And the peoples with equity.

99

¹ Jehovah reigneth; let the peoples tremble:
 He sitteth *above* the cherubim; let the earth be moved.
² Jehovah is great in Zion;
 And he is high above all the peoples.
³ Let them praise thy great and terrible name:
 Holy is he.
⁴ The king's strength also loveth justice;
 Thou dost establish equity;
 Thou executest justice and righteousness in Jacob.
⁵ Exalt ye Jehovah our God,
 And worship at his footstool:
 Holy is he.
⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 And Samuel among them that call upon his name;
 They called upon Jehovah, and he answered them.
⁷ He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud:
 They kept his testimonies,
 And the statute that he gave them.
⁸ Thou answeredst them, O Jehovah our God:
 Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
 Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.
⁹ Exalt ye Jehovah our God,
 And worship at his holy hill;
 For Jehovah our God is holy.

100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

¹ Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands.

² Serve Jehovah with gladness:

Come before his presence with singing.

³ Know ye that Jehovah, he is God:

It is he that hath made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

And into his courts with praise:

Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

⁵ For Jehovah is good; his lovingkindness *endureth* forever,

And his faithfulness unto all generations.

101

A Psalm of David.

¹ I will sing of lovingkindness and justice:

Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I sing praises.

² I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way:

Oh when wilt thou come unto me?

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

³ I will set no base thing before mine eyes:

I hate the work of them that turn aside;

It shall not cleave unto me.

⁴ A perverse heart shall depart from me:

I will know no evil thing.

⁵ Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I destroy:

Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer.

⁶ Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell
with me:

He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister unto me.

⁷ He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:

He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes.

⁸ Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land;

To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of Jehovah.

102

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before Jehovah.

¹ Hear my prayer, O Jehovah,

And let my cry come unto thee.

² Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress:

Incline thine ear unto me;

In the day when I call answer me speedily.

³ For my days consume away like smoke,

And my bones are burned as a firebrand.

⁴ My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;

For I forget to eat my bread.

⁵ By reason of the voice of my groaning

My bones cleave to my flesh.

⁶ I am like a pelican of the wilderness;

I am become as an owl of the waste places.

⁷ I watch, and am become like a sparrow

That is alone upon the housetop.

⁸ Mine enemies reproach me all the day;

They that are mad against me do curse by me.

⁹ For I have eaten ashes like bread,

And mingled my drink with weeping,

¹⁰ Because of thine indignation and thy wrath:

For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.

¹¹ My days are like a shadow that declineth;

And I am withered like grass.

¹² But thou, O Jehovah, wilt abide forever;

And thy memorial *name* unto all generations.

¹³ Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion;

For it is time to have pity upon her;

Yea, the set time is come.

¹⁴ For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,

And have pity upon her dust.

¹⁵ So the nations shall fear the name of Jehovah,

And all the kings of the earth thy glory.

¹⁶ For Jehovah hath built up Zion;

He hath appeared in his glory.

¹⁷ He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,

And hath not despised their prayer.

¹⁸ This shall be written for the generation to come;

And a people which shall be created shall praise Jehovah.

¹⁹ For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary;

From heaven did Jehovah behold the earth;

²⁰ To hear the sighing of the prisoner;

To loose those that are appointed to death;

²¹ That men may declare the name of Jehovah in Zion,

And his praise in Jerusalem;

²² When the peoples are gathered together,

And the kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.

²³ He weakened my strength in the way;

He shortened my days.

²⁴ I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:

Thy years are throughout all generations.

²⁵ Of old didst thou lay the foundation of the earth;

And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

²⁶ They shall perish, but thou shalt endure;

Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;

As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

²⁷ But thou art the same,

And thy years shall have no end.

²⁸ The children of thy servants shall continue,

And their seed shall be established before thee.

103

A Psalm of David.

¹ Bless Jehovah, O my soul;

And all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.

² Bless Jehovah, O my soul,

And forget not all his benefits:

³ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

Who healeth all thy diseases;

⁴ Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;

Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

⁵ Who satisfieth thy desire with good things,

So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.

⁶ Jehovah executeth righteous acts,

And judgments for all that are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways unto Moses,

His doings unto the children of Israel.

⁸ Jehovah is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.

⁹ He will not always chide;

Neither will he keep *his anger* forever.

¹⁰ He hath not dealt with us after our sins,

Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is his lovingkindness toward them that fear him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west,

So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ Like as a father pitieth his children,

So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.

¹⁴ For he knoweth our frame;

He remembereth that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for man, his days are as grass;

As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

¹⁶ For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;

And the place thereof shall know it no more.

¹⁷ But the lovingkindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting
upon them that fear him,

And his righteousness unto children's children;

¹⁸ To such as keep his covenant,

And to those that remember his precepts to do them.

¹⁹ Jehovah hath established his throne in the heavens;

And his kingdom ruleth over all.

²⁰ Bless Jehovah, ye his angels,

That are mighty in strength, that fulfill his word,

Hearkening unto the voice of his word.

²¹ Bless Jehovah, all ye his hosts,

Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

²² Bless Jehovah, all ye his works,

In all places of his dominion:

Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

104

¹ Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

O Jehovah my God, thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty:

² Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment;
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain;

³ Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters;
Who maketh the clouds his chariot;
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind;

⁴ Who maketh winds his messengers;
Flames of fire his ministers;

⁵ Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be moved forever.

⁶ Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture;
The waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ At thy rebuke they fled;

At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away

⁸ (The mountains rose, the valleys sank down)

Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.

⁹ Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.

¹⁰ He sendeth forth springs into the valleys;
They run among the mountains;

¹¹ They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild asses quench their thirst.

¹² By them the birds of the heavens have their habitation;
They sing among the branches.

¹³ He watereth the mountains from his chambers:
The earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

¹⁴ He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man;

That he may bring forth food out of the earth,

¹⁵ And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread that strengtheneth man's heart.

¹⁶ The trees of Jehovah are filled *with moisture*,
The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

¹⁷ Where the birds make their nests:
As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
The rocks are a refuge for the conies.

¹⁹ He appointed the moon for seasons:
The sun knoweth his going down.

²⁰ Thou makest darkness, and it is night,
Wherein all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

²¹ The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their food from God.

²² The sun ariseth, they get them away,
And lay them down in their dens.

²³ Man goeth forth unto his work
And to his labor until the evening.

24 O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works!
 In wisdom hast thou made them all:
 The earth is full of thy riches.
 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 Wherein are things creeping innumerable,
 Both small and great beasts.
 26 There go the ships;
 There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to play therein.
 27 These wait all for thee,
 That thou mayest give them their food in due season.
 28 Thou givest unto them, they gather;
 Thou openest thy hand, they are satisfied with good.
 29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;
 Thou takest away their breath, they die,
 And return to their dust.
 30 Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created;
 And thou renewest the face of the ground.
 31 Let the glory of Jehovah endure forever;
 Let Jehovah rejoice in his works:
 32 Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth;
 He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
 33 I will sing unto Jehovah as long as I live:
 I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
 34 Let my meditation be sweet unto him:
 I will rejoice in Jehovah.
 35 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth.
 And let the wicked be no more.
 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

105

1 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name;
 Make known among the peoples his doings.
 2 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him;
 Talk ye of all his marvelous works.
 3 Glory ye in his holy name:
 Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.
 4 Seek ye Jehovah and his strength;
 Seek his face evermore.
 5 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done,
 His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth,
 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
 Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
 7 He is Jehovah our God:
 His judgments are in all the earth.
 8 He hath remembered his covenant forever,
 The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,
 9 *The covenant* which he made with Abraham,
 And his oath unto Isaac,
 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel for an everlasting covenant,

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance;
12 When they were but a few men in number,
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it.
13 And they went about from nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another people.
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong;
Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,
15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.
16 And he called for a famine upon the land;
He brake the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them;
Joseph was sold for a servant:
18 His feet they hurt with fetters:
He was laid in *chains of iron*,
19 Until the time that his word came to pass,
The word of Jehovah tried him.
20 The king sent and loosed him;
Even the ruler of peoples, and let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance;
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly,
And made them stronger than their adversaries.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people,
To deal subtly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant,
And Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 They set among them his signs,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they rebelled not against his words.
29 He turned their waters into blood,
And slew their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs
In the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came swarms of flies,
And lice in all their borders.
32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees,
And brake the trees of their borders.
34 He spake, and the locust came,
And the grasshopper, and that without number,
35 And did eat up every herb in their land,
And did eat up the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land,
The chief of all their strength.

37 And he brought them forth with silver and gold;
 And there was not one feeble person among his tribes.
 38 Egypt was glad when they departed;
 For the fear of them had fallen upon them.
 39 He spread a cloud for a covering,
 And fire to give light in the night.
 40 They asked, and he brought quails,
 And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
 41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out;
 They ran in the dry places *like* a river.
 42 For he remembered his holy word,
And Abraham his servant.
 43 And he brought forth his people with joy,
And his chosen with singing.
 44 And he gave them the lands of the nations;
 And they took the labor of the peoples in possession:
 45 That they might keep his statutes,
 And observe his laws.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

106

1 Praise ye Jehovah.
 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Jehovah,
 Or show forth all his praise?
 3 Blessed are they that keep justice,
 And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
 4 Remember me, O Jehovah, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy
 people;
 Oh visit me with thy salvation,
 5 That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen,
 That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
 That I may glory with thine inheritance.
 6 We have sinned with our fathers,
 We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
 7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt;
 They remembered not the multitude of thy lovingkindnesses,
 But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
 8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
 That he might make his mighty power to be known.
 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up:
 So he led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.
 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
 And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
 11 And the waters covered their adversaries;
 There was not one of them left.
 12 Then believed they his words;
 They sang his praise.
 13 They soon forgot his works;

They waited not for his counsel,
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tempted God in the desert.
15 And he gave them their request,
But sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
And Aaron the saint of Jehovah.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
And covered the company of Abiram.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshiped a molten image.
20 Thus they changed their glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior,
Who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
Had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.
24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land,
They believed not his word,
25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah.
26 Therefore he swore unto them,
That he would overthrow them in the wilderness,
27 And that he would overthrow their seed among the nations,
And scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings;
And the plague brake in upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment;
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was reckoned unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations forevermore.
32 They angered him also at the waters of Meribah,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes;
33 Because they were rebellious against his spirit,
And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As Jehovah commanded them,
35 But mingled themselves with the nations,
And learned their works,
36 And served their idols,
Which became a snare unto them.
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,
38 And shed innocent blood,
Even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,

Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan;
 And the land was polluted with blood.
 39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
 And played the harlot in their doings.
 40 Therefore was the wrath of Jehovah kindled against his people,
 And he abhorred his inheritance.
 41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations;
 And they that hated them ruled over them.
 42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
 And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
 43 Many times did he deliver them;
 But they were rebellious in their counsel,
 And were brought low in their iniquity.
 44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress,
 When he heard their cry:
 45 And he remembered for them his covenant,
 And repented according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
 46 He made them also to be pitied
 Of all those that carried them captive.

47 Save us, O Jehovah our God,
 And gather us from among the nations,
 To give thanks unto thy holy name,
 And to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel,
 From everlasting even to everlasting.
 And let all the people say, Amen.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

BOOK V

107

1 O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 2 Let the redeemed of Jehovah say so,
 Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary,
 3 And gathered out of the lands,
 From the east and from the west,
 From the north and from the south.
 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
 They found no city of habitation.
 5 Hungry and thirsty,
 Their soul fainted in them.
 6 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble,
 And he delivered them out of their distresses,
 7 He led them also by a straight way,
 That they might go to a city of habitation.
 8 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness,
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul,

And the hungry soul he filleth with good.

¹⁰ Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron,

¹¹ Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High:

¹² Therefore he brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.

¹³ Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble,
And he saved them out of their distresses.

¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And brake their bonds in sunder.

¹⁵ Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

¹⁶ For he hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

¹⁷ Fools because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

¹⁸ Their soul abhorreth all manner of food;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.

¹⁹ Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble,
And he saveth them out of their distresses.

²⁰ He sendeth his word, and healeth them,
And delivereth *them* from their destructions.

²¹ Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

²² And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with singing.

²³ They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters;

²⁴ These see the works of Jehovah,
And his wonders in the deep.

²⁵ For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.

²⁶ They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths:
Their soul melteth away because of trouble.

²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wits' end.

²⁸ Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.

²⁹ He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.

³⁰ Then are they glad because they are quiet;
So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

³¹ Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men!

³² Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people,
And praise him in the seat of the elders.

³³ He turneth rivers into a wilderness,

And watersprings into a thirsty ground;
³⁴ A fruitful land into a salt desert,
 For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
³⁵ He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,
 And a dry land into watersprings.
³⁶ And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
 That they may prepare a city of habitation,
³⁷ And sow fields, and plant vineyards,
 And get them fruits of increase.
³⁸ He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
 And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
³⁹ Again, they are diminished and bowed down
 Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
⁴⁰ He poureth contempt upon princes,
 And causeth them to wander in the waste, where there is no way.
⁴¹ Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction,
 And maketh *him* families like a flock.
⁴² The upright shall see it, and be glad;
 And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
⁴³ Whoso is wise will give heed to these things;
 And they will consider the lovingkindnesses of Jehovah.

108

A Song, a Psalm of David.

¹ My heart is fixed, O God;
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises, even with my glory.
² Awake, psaltery and harp:
 I myself will awake right early.
³ I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah, among the peoples;
 And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
⁴ For thy lovingkindness is great above the heavens;
 And thy truth *reacheth* unto the skies.
⁵ Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
 And thy glory above all the earth.
⁶ That thy beloved may be delivered,
 Save with thy right hand, and answer us.
⁷ God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;
 I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
⁸ Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine;
 Ephraim also is the defense of my head;
 Judah is my scepter.
⁹ Moab is my washpot;
 Upon Edom will I cast my shoe;
 Over Philistia will I shout.
¹⁰ Who will bring me into the fortified city?
 Who hath led me unto Edom?
¹¹ Hast not thou cast us off, O God?
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
¹² Give us help against the adversary;
 For vain is the help of man.
¹³ Through God we shall do valiantly:

For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

109

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹ Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;

² For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me:

They have spoken unto me with a lying tongue.

³ They have compassed me about also with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause.

⁴ For my love they are my adversaries:

But I *give myself unto prayer*.

⁵ And they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

⁶ Set thou a wicked man over him; And let an adversary stand at his right hand.

⁷ When he is judged, let him come forth guilty; And let his prayer be turned into sin.

⁸ Let his days be few; And let another take his office.

⁹ Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

¹⁰ Let his children be vagabonds, and beg; And let them seek *their bread* out of their desolate places.

¹¹ Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; And let strangers make spoil of his labor.

¹² Let there be none to extend kindness unto him; Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.

¹³ Let his posterity be cut off; In the generation following let their name be blotted out.

¹⁴ Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with Jehovah; And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

¹⁵ Let them be before Jehovah continually, That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

¹⁶ Because he remembered not to show kindness, But persecuted the poor and needy man, And the broken in heart, to slay *them*.

¹⁷ Yea, he loved cursing, and it came unto him; And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him.

¹⁸ He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment, And it came into his inward parts like water, And like oil into his bones.

¹⁹ Let it be unto him as the raiment wherewith he covereth himself, And for the girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

²⁰ This is the reward of mine adversaries from Jehovah, And of them that speak evil against my soul.

²¹ But deal thou with me, O Jehovah the Lord, for thy name's sake: Because thy lovingkindness is good, deliver thou me;

²² For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

²³ I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting;
 And my flesh faileth of fatness.
 25 I am become also a reproach unto them:
 When they see me, they shake their head.
 26 Help me, O Jehovah my God;
 Oh save me according to thy lovingkindness:
 27 That they may know that this is thy hand;
That thou, Jehovah, hast done it.
 28 Let them curse, but bless thou:
 When they arise, they shall be put to shame,
 But thy servant shall rejoice.
 29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonor,
 And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.
 30 I will give great thanks unto Jehovah with my mouth;
 Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
 31 For he will stand at the right hand of the needy,
 To save him from them that judge his soul.

110

A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand,
 Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
 2 Jehovah will send forth the rod of thy strength out of Zion:
 Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
 3 Thy people offer themselves willingly
 In the day of thy power, in holy array:
 Out of the womb of the morning
 Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
 4 Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent:
 Thou art a priest forever
 After the order of Melchizedek.
 5 The Lord at thy right hand
 Will strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
 6 He will judge among the nations,
 He will fill *the places* with dead bodies;
 He will strike through the head in many countries.
 7 He will drink of the brook in the way:
 Therefore will he lift up the head.

111

1 Praise ye Jehovah.
 I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart,
 In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.
 2 The works of Jehovah are great,
 Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
 3 His work is honor and majesty;
 And his righteousness endureth forever.
 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:
 Jehovah is gracious and merciful.
 5 He hath given food unto them that fear him:
 He will ever be mindful of his covenant.
 6 He hath shown his people the power of his works,

In giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are truth and justice;
All his precepts are sure.

⁸ They are established forever and ever;
They are done in truth and uprightness.

⁹ He hath sent redemption unto his people;
He hath commanded his covenant forever:
Holy and reverend is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*:
His praise endureth forever.

112

¹ Praise ye Jehovah.

Blessed is the man that feareth Jehovah,
That delighteth greatly in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth:
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in his house;
And his righteousness endureth forever.

⁴ Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:
He is gracious, and merciful, and righteous.

⁵ Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth;
He shall maintain his cause in judgment.

⁶ For he shall never be moved;
The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:
His heart is fixed, trusting in Jehovah.

⁸ His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
Until he see *his desire* upon his adversaries.

⁹ He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy;
His righteousness endureth forever:

His horn shall be exalted with honor.

¹⁰ The wicked shall see it, and be grieved;
He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away:
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

113

¹ Praise ye Jehovah.

Praise, O ye servants of Jehovah,
Praise the name of Jehovah.

² Blessed be the name of Jehovah
From this time forth and forevermore.

³ From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same
Jehovah's name is to be praised.

⁴ Jehovah is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like unto Jehovah our God,
That hath his seat on high,

⁶ That humbleth himself to behold
The things that are in heaven and in the earth?

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
 And lifteth up the needy from the dunghill;
 8 That he may set him with princes,
 Even with the princes of his people.
 9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
And to be a joyful mother of children.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

114

1 When Israel went forth out of Egypt,
 The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
 2 Judah became his sanctuary,
 Israel his dominion.
 3 The sea saw it, and fled;
 The Jordan was driven back.
 4 The mountains skipped like rams,
 The little hills like lambs.
 5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest?
 Thou Jordan, that thou turnest back?
 6 Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams;
 Ye little hills, like lambs?
 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,
 At the presence of the God of Jacob,
 8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water,
 The flint into a fountain of waters.

115

1 Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us,
 But unto thy name give glory,
 For thy lovingkindness, and for thy truth's sake.
 2 Wherefore should the nations say,
 Where is now their God?
 3 But our God is in the heavens:
 He hath done whatsoever he pleased.
 4 Their idols are silver and gold,
 The work of men's hands.
 5 They have mouths, but they speak not;
 Eyes have they, but they see not;
 6 They have ears, but they hear not;
 Noses have they, but they smell not;
 7 They have hands, but they handle not;
 Feet have they, but they walk not;
 Neither speak they through their throat.
 8 They that make them shall be like unto them;
 Yea, everyone that trusteth in them.
 9 O Israel, trust thou in Jehovah:
 He is their help and their shield.
 10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in Jehovah:
 He is their help and their shield.
 11 Ye that fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah:
 He is their help and their shield.
 12 Jehovah hath been mindful of us; he will bless us:

He will bless the house of Israel;
 He will bless the house of Aaron,
¹³ He will bless them that fear Jehovah,
 Both small and great.
¹⁴ Jehovah increase you more and more,
 You and your children.
¹⁵ Blessed are ye of Jehovah,
 Who made heaven and earth.
¹⁶ The heavens are the heavens of Jehovah;
 But the earth hath he given to the children of men.
¹⁷ The dead praise not Jehovah,
 Neither any that go down into silence;
¹⁸ But we will bless Jehovah
 From this time forth and forevermore.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

116

¹ I love Jehovah, because he heareth
 My voice and my supplications.
² Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
 Therefore will I call *upon him* as long as I live.
³ The cords of death compassed me,
 And the pains of Sheol gat hold upon me:
 I found trouble and sorrow.
⁴ Then called I upon the name of Jehovah:
 O Jehovah, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
⁵ Gracious is Jehovah, and righteous;
 Yea, our God is merciful.
⁶ Jehovah preserveth the simple:
 I was brought low, and he saved me.
⁷ Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
 For Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.
⁸ For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
 Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
⁹ I will walk before Jehovah
 In the land of the living.
¹⁰ I believe, for I will speak:
 I was greatly afflicted:
¹¹ I said in my haste,
 All men are liars.
¹² What shall I render unto Jehovah
 For all his benefits toward me?
¹³ I will take the cup of salvation,
 And call upon the name of Jehovah.
¹⁴ I will pay my vows unto Jehovah,
 Yea, in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of Jehovah
 Is the death of his saints.
¹⁶ O Jehovah, truly I am thy servant:
 I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid;
 Thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 And will call upon the name of Jehovah.
 18 I will pay my vows unto Jehovah,
 Yea, in the presence of all his people,
 19 In the courts of Jehovah's house,
 In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

117

1 O praise Jehovah, all ye nations;
 Laud him, all ye peoples.
 2 For his lovingkindness is great toward us;
 And the truth of Jehovah *endureth* forever.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

118

1 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 2 Let Israel now say,
 That his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
 That his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 4 Let them now that fear Jehovah say,
 That his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 5 Out of my distress I called upon Jehovah:
 Jehovah answered me *and set me* in a large place.
 6 Jehovah is on my side; I will not fear:
 What can man do unto me?
 7 Jehovah is on my side among them that help me:
 Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
 8 It is better to take refuge in Jehovah
 Than to put confidence in man.
 9 It is better to take refuge in Jehovah
 Than to put confidence in princes.
 10 All nations compassed me about:
 In the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.
 11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:
 In the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.
 12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire
 of thorns:
 In the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.
 13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall;
 But Jehovah helped me.
 14 Jehovah is my strength and song;
 And he is become my salvation.
 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous:
 The right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly.
 16 The right hand of Jehovah is exalted:
 The right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly.
 17 I shall not die, but live,
 And declare the works of Jehovah.

18 Jehovah hath chastened me sore;
 But he hath not given me over unto death.
 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
 I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto Jehovah.
 20 This is the gate of Jehovah;
 The righteous shall enter into it.
 21 I will give thanks unto thee; for thou hast answered me,
 And art become my salvation.
 22 The stone which the builders rejected
 Is become the head of the corner.
 23 This is Jehovah's doing;
 It is marvelous in our eyes.
 24 This is the day which Jehovah hath made;
 We will rejoice and be glad in it.
 25 Save now, we beseech thee, O Jehovah:
 O Jehovah, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of Jehovah:
 We have blessed you out of the house of Jehovah.
 27 Jehovah is God, and he hath given us light:
 Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.
 28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee:
 Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
 29 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.

119

⌘ ALEPH.

1 Blessed are they that are perfect in the way,
 Who walk in the law of Jehovah.
 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
 That seek him with the whole heart.
 3 Yea, they do no unrighteousness;
 They walk in his ways.
 4 Thou hast commanded us thy precepts,
 That we should observe them diligently.
 5 Oh that my ways were established
 To observe thy statutes!
 6 Then shall I not be put to shame,
 When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
 7 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart,
 When I learn thy righteous judgments.
 8 I will observe thy statutes:
 Oh forsake me not utterly.

⌘ BETH.

9 Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?
 By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
 Oh let me not wander from thy commandments.
 11 Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
 That I might not sin against thee.
 12 Blessed art thou, O Jehovah:

Teach me thy statutes.

¹³ With my lips have I declared
All the ordinances of thy mouth.

¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.

¹⁶ I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word.

‡ GIMEL.

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live;
So will I observe thy word.

¹⁸ Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
Wondrous things out of thy law.

¹⁹ I am a sojourner in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul breaketh for the longing
That it hath unto thine ordinances at all times.

²¹ Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
That do wander from thy commandments.

²² Take away from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept thy testimonies.

²³ Princes also sat and talked against me;
But thy servant did meditate on thy statutes.

²⁴ Thy testimonies also are my delight
And my counselors.

‡ DALETH.

²⁵ My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken thou me according to thy word.

²⁶ I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me:
Teach me thy statutes.

²⁷ Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
So shall I meditate on thy wondrous works.

²⁸ My soul melteth for heaviness:
Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

²⁹ Remove from me the way of falsehood;
And grant me thy law graciously.

³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness:
Thine ordinances have I set *before me*.

³¹ I cleave unto thy testimonies:
O Jehovah, put me not to shame.

³² I will run the way of thy commandments,
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

‡ HE.

³³ Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.

³⁶ Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,

And not to covetousness.

³⁷ Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,

And quicken me in thy ways.

³⁸ Confirm unto thy servant thy word,

Which is *in order* unto the fear of thee.

³⁹ Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid;

For thine ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:

Quicken me in thy righteousness.

† VAV.

⁴¹ Let thy lovingkindnesses also come unto me, O Jehovah,

Even thy salvation, according to thy word.

⁴² So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth me;

For I trust in thy word.

⁴³ And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;

For I have hoped in thine ordinances.

⁴⁴ So shall I observe thy law continually

Forever and ever.

⁴⁵ And I shall walk at liberty;

For I have sought thy precepts.

⁴⁶ I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,

And shall not be put to shame.

⁴⁷ And I will delight myself in thy commandments,

Which I have loved.

⁴⁸ I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments, which I have
loved;

And I will meditate on thy statutes.

† ZAYIN.

⁴⁹ Remember the word unto thy servant,

Because thou hast made me to hope.

⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction;

For thy word hath quickened me.

⁵¹ The proud have had me greatly in derision:

Yet have I not swerved from thy law.

⁵² I have remembered thine ordinances of old, O Jehovah,

And have comforted myself.

⁵³ Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me,

Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

⁵⁴ Thy statutes have been my songs

In the house of my pilgrimage.

⁵⁵ I have remembered thy name, O Jehovah, in the night,

And have observed thy law.

⁵⁶ This I have had,

Because I have kept thy precepts.

† HETH.

⁵⁷ Jehovah is my portion:

I have said that I would observe thy words.

⁵⁸ I entreated thy favor with my whole heart:

Be merciful unto me according to thy word.

⁵⁹ I thought on my ways,

And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

⁶⁰ I made haste, and delayed not,

To observe thy commandments.

⁶¹ The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round;

But I have not forgotten thy law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee

Because of thy righteous ordinances.

⁶³ I am a companion of all them that fear thee,

And of them that observe thy precepts.

⁶⁴ The earth, O Jehovah, is full of thy lovingkindness:

Teach me thy statutes.

‏ TETH.

⁶⁵ Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,

O Jehovah, according unto thy word.

⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge;

For I have believed in thy commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray;

But now I observe thy word.

⁶⁸ Thou art good, and doest good;

Teach me thy statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have forged a lie against me:

With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.

⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as grease;

But I delight in thy law.

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted;

That I may learn thy statutes.

⁷² The law of thy mouth is better unto me

Than thousands of gold and silver.

‏ YODH.

⁷³ Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:

Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

⁷⁴ They that fear thee shall see me and be glad,

Because I have hoped in thy word.

⁷⁵ I know, O Jehovah, that thy judgments are righteous,

And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.

⁷⁶ Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort,

According to thy word unto thy servant.

⁷⁷ Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live;

For thy law is my delight.

⁷⁸ Let the proud be put to shame; for they have overthrown me

wrongfully:

But I will meditate on thy precepts.

⁷⁹ Let those that fear thee turn unto me;

And they shall know thy testimonies.

⁸⁰ Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes,

That I be not put to shame.

‏ KAPH.

⁸¹ My soul fainteth for thy salvation;

But I hope in thy word.

⁸² Mine eyes fail for thy word,

While I say, When wilt thou comfort me?

⁸³ For I am become like a wineskin in the smoke;

Yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant?
 When wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
 85 The proud have dug pits for me,
 Who are not according to thy law.
 86 All thy commandments are faithful:
 They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
 87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
 But I forsook not thy precepts.
 88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness;
 So shall I observe the testimony of thy mouth.

↳ LAMEDH.

89 Forever, O Jehovah,
 Thy word is settled in heaven.
 90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:
 Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
 91 They abide this day according to thine ordinances;
 For all things are thy servants.
 92 Unless thy law had been my delight,
 I should then have perished in mine affliction.
 93 I will never forget thy precepts;
 For with them thou hast quickened me.
 94 I am thine, save me;
 For I have sought thy precepts.
 95 The wicked have waited for me, to destroy me;
But I will consider thy testimonies.
 96 I have seen an end of all perfection;
But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

↳ MEM.

97 Oh how love I thy law!
 It is my meditation all the day.
 98 Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies;
 For they are ever with me.
 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers;
 For thy testimonies are my meditation.
 100 I understand more than the aged,
 Because I have kept thy precepts.
 101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
 That I might observe thy word.
 102 I have not turned aside from thine ordinances;
 For thou hast taught me.
 103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
 104 Through thy precepts I get understanding:
 Therefore I hate every false way.

↳ NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
 And light unto my path.
 106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it,
 That I will observe thy righteous ordinances.
 107 I am afflicted very much:
 Quicken me, O Jehovah, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O
Jehovah,

And teach me thine ordinances.

109 My soul is continually in my hand;

Yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me;

Yet have I not gone astray from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever;

For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes

Forever, even unto the end.

☩ SAMEKH.

113 I hate them that are of a double mind;

But thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield:

I hope in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evildoers,

That I may keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live;

And let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,

And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast set at nought all them that err from thy statutes;

For their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross:

Therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee;

And I am afraid of thy judgments.

☩ AYIN.

121 I have done justice and righteousness:

Leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good:

Let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,

And for thy righteous word.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy lovingkindness,

And teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant; give me understanding,

That I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for Jehovah to work;

For they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments

Above gold, yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts concerning all *things* to be right;

And I hate every false way.

☩ PE.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful;

Therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The opening of thy words giveth light;

It giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted;

For I longed for thy commandments.

132 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,
As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Establish my footsteps in thy word;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from the oppression of man:
So will I observe thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;
And teach me thy statutes.

136 Streams of water run down mine eyes,
Because they observe not thy law.

‡ TSADHE.

137 Righteous art thou, O Jehovah,
And upright are thy judgments.

138 Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in righteousness
And very faithfulness.

139 My zeal hath consumed me,
Because mine adversaries have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very pure;
Therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and despised;
Yet do I not forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And thy law is truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me;
Yet thy commandments are my delight.

144 Thy testimonies are righteous forever:
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

‡ QOPH.

145 I have called with my whole heart; answer me, O Jehovah:
I will keep thy statutes.

146 I have called unto thee; save me,
And I shall observe thy testimonies.

147 I anticipated the dawning of the morning, and cried:
I hoped in thy words.

148 Mine eyes anticipated the night watches,
That I might meditate on thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness:
Quicken me, O Jehovah, according to thine ordinances.

150 They draw nigh that follow after wickedness;
They are far from thy law.

151 Thou art nigh, O Jehovah;
And all thy commandments are truth.

152 Of old have I known from thy testimonies,
That thou hast founded them forever.

‡ RESH.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me;
For I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead thou my cause, and redeem me:
Quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked;
For they seek not thy statutes.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O Jehovah:
Quicken me according to thine ordinances.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries;
Yet have I not swerved from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the treacherous, and was grieved,
Because they observe not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts:
Quicken me, O Jehovah, according to thy lovingkindness.

160 The sum of thy word is truth;
And every one of thy righteous ordinances *endureth* forever.

‡ SHIN.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause;
But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.

162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor falsehood;
But thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous ordinances.

165 Great peace have they that love thy law;
And they have no occasion of stumbling.

166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O Jehovah,
And have done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.

168 I have observed thy precepts and thy testimonies;
For all my ways are before thee.

‡ TAV.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O Jehovah:
Give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee:
Deliver me according to thy word.

171 Let my lips utter praise;
For thou teachest me thy statutes.

172 Let my tongue sing of thy word;
For all thy commandments are righteousness.

173 Let thy hand be ready to help me;
For I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Jehovah;
And thy law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee;
And let thine ordinances help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant;
For I do not forget thy commandments.

120

A Song of Ascents.

¹ In my distress I cried unto Jehovah,
And he answered me.

² Deliver my soul, O Jehovah, from lying lips,
And from a deceitful tongue.

³ What shall be given unto thee, and what shall be done more unto thee,

Thou deceitful tongue?

⁴ Sharp arrows of the mighty,
 With coals of juniper.

⁵ Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
 That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

⁶ My soul hath long had her dwelling
 With him that hateth peace.

⁷ I am *for* peace:

But when I speak, they are for war.

121

A Song of Ascents.

¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:
 From whence shall my help come?

² My help *cometh* from Jehovah,
 Who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
 He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel
 Will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ Jehovah is thy keeper:
 Jehovah is thy shade upon thy right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day,
 Nor the moon by night.

⁷ Jehovah will keep thee from all evil;
 He will keep thy soul.

⁸ Jehovah will keep thy going out and thy coming in
 From this time forth and forevermore.

122

A Song of Ascents; of David.

¹ I was glad when they said unto me,
 Let us go unto the house of Jehovah.

² Our feet are standing
 Within thy gates, O Jerusalem,

³ Jerusalem, that art built
 As a city that is compact together;

⁴ Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Jehovah,
For an ordinance for Israel,
 To give thanks unto the name of Jehovah.

⁵ For there are set thrones for judgment,
 The thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 They shall prosper that love thee.

⁷ Peace be within thy walls,
 And prosperity within thy palaces.

⁸ For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
⁹ For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God
I will seek thy good.

123

A Song of Ascents.

¹ Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,
O thou that sittest in the heavens.
² Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maid unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes *look* unto Jehovah our God,
Until he have mercy upon us.
³ Have mercy upon us, O Jehovah, have mercy upon us;
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
⁴ Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scoffing of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

124

A Song of Ascents; of David.

¹ If it had not been Jehovah who was on our side,
Let Israel now say,
² If it had not been Jehovah who was on our side,
When men rose up against us;
³ Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
⁴ Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul;
⁵ Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
⁶ Blessed be Jehovah,
Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
⁷ Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name of Jehovah,
Who made heaven and earth.

125

A Song of Ascents.

¹ They that trust in Jehovah
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever.
² As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
So Jehovah is round about his people
From this time forth and forevermore.
³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the
righteous;
That the righteous put not forth their hands unto iniquity.
⁴ Do good, O Jehovah, unto those that are good,
And to them that are upright in their hearts.
⁵ But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
Jehovah will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.

Peace be upon Israel.

126

A Song of Ascents.

¹ When Jehovah brought back those that returned to Zion,
We were like unto them that dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing:

Then said they among the nations,
Jehovah hath done great things for them.

³ Jehovah hath done great things for us,
Whereof we are glad.

⁴ Turn again our captivity, O Jehovah,
As the streams in the South.

⁵ They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

127

A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.

¹ Except Jehovah build the house,
They labor in vain that build it:

Except Jehovah keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.

² It is vain for you to rise up early,
To take rest late,

To eat the bread of toil;
For so he giveth unto his beloved sleep.

³ Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah;
And the fruit of the womb is *his* reward.

⁴ As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of youth.

⁵ Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be put to shame,

When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

128

A Song of Ascents.

¹ Blessed is everyone that feareth Jehovah,
That walketh in his ways.

² For thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

³ Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine,
In the innermost parts of thy house;

Thy children like olive plants,
Round about thy table.

⁴ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth Jehovah.

⁵ Jehovah bless thee out of Zion:
And see thou the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

⁶ Yea, see thou thy children's children.
Peace be upon Israel.

129

A Song of Ascents.

¹ Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up,
Let Israel now say,

² Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up:
Yet they have not prevailed against me.

³ The plowers plowed upon my back;
They made long their furrows.

⁴ Jehovah is righteous:

He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

⁵ Let them be put to shame and turned backward,
All they that hate Zion.

⁶ Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth before it groweth up;

⁷ Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand,
Nor he that bindeth sheaves, his bosom:

⁸ Neither do they that go by say,
The blessing of Jehovah be upon you;
We bless you in the name of Jehovah.

130

A Song of Ascents.

¹ Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Jehovah.

² Lord, hear my voice:

Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.

³ If thou, Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.

⁵ I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.

⁶ My soul *waiteth* for the Lord
More than watchmen *wait* for the morning;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in Jehovah;
For with Jehovah there is lovingkindness,
And with him is plenteous redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

131

A Song of Ascents; of David.

¹ Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too wonderful for me.

² Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with his mother,
Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in Jehovah
From this time forth and forevermore.

132

A Song of Ascents.

- ¹ Jehovah, remember for David
All his affliction;
² How he swore unto Jehovah,
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
³ Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into my bed;
⁴ I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids;
⁵ Until I find out a place for Jehovah,
A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.
⁶ Lo, we heard of it in Ephrathah:
We found it in the field of the wood.
⁷ We will go into his tabernacles;
We will worship at his footstool.
⁸ Arise, O Jehovah, into thy resting place;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
⁹ Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints shout for joy.
¹⁰ For thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
¹¹ Jehovah hath sworn unto David in truth;
He will not turn from it:
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
¹² If thy children will keep my covenant
And my testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children also shall sit upon thy throne forevermore.
¹³ For Jehovah hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation.
¹⁴ This is my resting place forever:
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
¹⁶ Her priests also will I clothe with salvation;
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
¹⁷ There will I make the horn of David to bud:
I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
¹⁸ His enemies will I clothe with shame;
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

133

A Song of Ascents; of David.

- ¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
² It is like the precious oil upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard;
That came down upon the skirt of his garments;
³ Like the dew of Hermon,
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion:

For there Jehovah commanded the blessing,
Even life forevermore.

134

A Song of Ascents.

¹ Behold, bless ye Jehovah, all ye servants of Jehovah,
That by night stand in the house of Jehovah.

² Lift up your hands to the sanctuary,
And bless ye Jehovah.

³ Jehovah bless thee out of Zion;
Even he that made heaven and earth.

135

¹ Praise ye Jehovah.

Praise ye the name of Jehovah;
Praise *him*, O ye servants of Jehovah,

² Ye that stand in the house of Jehovah,
In the courts of the house of our God.

³ Praise ye Jehovah; for Jehovah is good:
Sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

⁴ For Jehovah hath chosen Jacob unto himself,
And Israel for his own possession.

⁵ For I know that Jehovah is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.

⁶ Whatsoever Jehovah pleased, that hath he done,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps;

⁷ Who causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
Who maketh lightnings for the rain;

Who bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries;

⁸ Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast;

⁹ Who sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants;

¹⁰ Who smote many nations,
And slew mighty kings,

¹¹ Sihon king of the Amorites,
And Og king of Bashan,

And all the kingdoms of Canaan,
¹² And gave their land for a heritage,

A heritage unto Israel his people.

¹³ Thy name, O Jehovah, *endureth* forever;
Thy memorial *name*, O Jehovah, throughout all generations.

¹⁴ For Jehovah will judge his people,
And repent himself concerning his servants.

¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.

¹⁶ They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;

¹⁷ They have ears, but they hear not;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them shall be like unto them;
 Yea, everyone that trusteth in them.
 19 O house of Israel, bless ye Jehovah:
 O house of Aaron, bless ye Jehovah:
 20 O house of Levi, bless ye Jehovah:
 Ye that fear Jehovah, bless ye Jehovah.
 21 Blessed be Jehovah out of Zion,
 Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

136

1 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 2 Oh give thanks unto the God of gods;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
 3 Oh give thanks unto the Lord of lords;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 4 To him who alone doeth great wonders;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 5 To him that by understanding made the heavens;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 6 To him that spread forth the earth above the waters;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 7 To him that made great lights;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 8 The sun to rule by day;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
 9 The moon and stars to rule by night;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
 11 And brought out Israel from among them;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
 12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 13 To him that divided the Red Sea in sunder;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 16 To him that led his people through the wilderness;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 17 To him that smote great kings;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
 18 And slew famous kings;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
 19 Sihon king of the Amorites;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
 20 And Og king of Bashan;

For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
²¹ And gave their land for a heritage;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
²² Even a heritage unto Israel his servant;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
²³ Who remembered us in our low estate;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever;
²⁴ And hath delivered us from our adversaries;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever:
²⁵ Who giveth food to all flesh;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.
²⁶ Oh give thanks unto the God of heaven;
 For his lovingkindness *endureth* forever.

137

¹ By the rivers of Babylon,
 There we sat down, yea, we wept,
 When we remembered Zion.
² Upon the willows in the midst thereof
 We hung up our harps.
³ For there they that led us captive required of us songs,
 And they that wasted us *required of us* mirth, *saying*,
 Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
⁴ How shall we sing Jehovah's song
 In a foreign land?
⁵ If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
 Let my right hand forget *her skill*.
⁶ Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
 If I remember thee not;
 If I prefer not Jerusalem
 Above my chief joy.
⁷ Remember, O Jehovah, against the children of Edom
 The day of Jerusalem;
 Who said, Raze it, raze it,
 Even to the foundation thereof.
⁸ O daughter of Babylon, that art to be destroyed,
 Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee
 As thou hast served us.
⁹ Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones
 Against the rock.

138

A Psalm of David.

¹ I will give thee thanks with my whole heart:
 Before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.
² I will worship toward thy holy temple,
 And give thanks unto thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy
 truth:
 For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
³ In the day that I called thou answeredst me,
 Thou didst encourage me with strength in my soul.
⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give thee thanks, O Jehovah,

For they have heard the words of thy mouth.

⁵ Yea, they shall sing of the ways of Jehovah;

For great is the glory of Jehovah.

⁶ For though Jehovah is high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
But the haughty he knoweth from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me;
Thou wilt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies,
And thy right hand will save me.

⁸ Jehovah will perfect that which concerneth me:
Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, *endureth* forever;
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

139

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹ O Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.

² Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;
Thou understandest my thought afar off.

³ Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether.

⁵ Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thy hand upon me.

⁶ *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.

⁷ Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there:
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, Surely the darkness shall overwhelm me,
And the light about me shall be night;

¹² Even the darkness hideth not from thee,
But the night shineth as the day:
The darkness and the light are both alike *to thee*.

¹³ For thou didst form my inward parts:
Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Wonderful are thy works;
And that my soul knoweth right well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from thee,
When I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶ Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance;
And in thy book they were all written,
Even the days that were ordained *for me*,

When as yet there was none of them.
¹⁷ How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:

When I awake, I am still with thee.

¹⁹ Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God:

Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.

²⁰ For they speak against thee wickedly,

And thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

²¹ Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate thee?

And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

²² I hate them with perfect hatred:

They are become mine enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart:

Try me, and know my thoughts;

²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

140

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

¹ Deliver me, O Jehovah, from the evil man;

Preserve me from the violent man:

² Who devise mischiefs in their heart;

Continually do they gather themselves together for war.

³ They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent;

Adders' poison is under their lips.

Selah

⁴ Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked;

Preserve me from the violent man:

Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.

⁵ The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;

They have spread a net by the wayside;

They have set gins for me.

Selah

⁶ I said unto Jehovah, Thou art my God:

Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O Jehovah.

⁷ O Jehovah the Lord, the strength of my salvation,

Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

⁸ Grant not, O Jehovah, the desires of the wicked;

Further not his evil device, *lest* they exalt themselves.

Selah

⁹ As for the head of those that compass me about,

Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

¹⁰ Let burning coals fall upon them:

Let them be cast into the fire,

Into deep pits, whence they shall not rise.

¹¹ An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth:

Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

¹² I know that Jehovah will maintain the cause of the afflicted,

And justice for the needy.

¹³ Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name:

The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

141

A Psalm of David.

¹ Jehovah, I have called upon thee; make haste unto me:
Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.

² Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

³ Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth;
Keep the door of my lips.

⁴ Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To practice deeds of wickedness

With men that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.

⁵ Let the righteous smite me, *it shall be* a kindness;
And let him reprove me, *it shall be* as oil upon the head;
Let not my head refuse it:

For even in their wickedness shall my prayer continue.

⁶ Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock;
And they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

⁷ As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,
Our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.

⁸ For mine eyes are unto thee, O Jehovah the Lord:
In thee do I take refuge; leave not my soul destitute.

⁹ Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
And from the gins of the workers of iniquity.

¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
While that I withal escape.

142

Maskil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer.

¹ I cry with my voice unto Jehovah;
With my voice unto Jehovah do I make supplication.

² I pour out my complaint before him;
I show before him my trouble.

³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
Thou knewest my path.

In the way wherein I walk
Have they hidden a snare for me.

⁴ Look on *my* right hand, and see;
For there is no man that knoweth me:
Refuge hath failed me;

No man careth for my soul.
⁵ I cried unto thee, O Jehovah;

I said, Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.

⁶ Attend unto my cry;
For I am brought very low:
Deliver me from my persecutors;

For they are stronger than I.
⁷ Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may give thanks unto thy name:
The righteous shall compass me about;

For thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

143

A Psalm of David.

¹ Hear my prayer, O Jehovah; give ear to my supplications:
In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

² And enter not into judgment with thy servant;
For in thy sight no man living is righteous.

³ For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;
He hath smitten my life down to the ground:
He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long
dead.

⁴ Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me;
My heart within me is desolate.

⁵ I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all thy doings;
I muse on the work of thy hands.

⁶ I spread forth my hands unto thee:
My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a weary land.

Selah

⁷ Make haste to answer me, O Jehovah; my spirit faileth:
Hide not thy face from me,
Lest I become like them that go down into the pit.

⁸ Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning;
For in thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;
For I lift up my soul unto thee.

⁹ Deliver me, O Jehovah, from mine enemies:
I flee unto thee to hide me.

¹⁰ Teach me to do thy will;
For thou art my God:
Thy Spirit is good;
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

¹¹ Quicken me, O Jehovah, for thy name's sake:
In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

¹² And in thy lovingkindness cut off mine enemies,
And destroy all them that afflict my soul;
For I am thy servant.

144

A Psalm of David.

¹ Blessed be Jehovah my rock,
Who teacheth my hands to war,
And my fingers to fight:

² My lovingkindness, and my fortress,
My high tower, and my deliverer;
My shield, and he in whom I take refuge;
Who subdueth my people under me.

³ Jehovah, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him?
Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him?

⁴ Man is like to vanity:
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O Jehovah, and come down:
 Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
 6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them;
 Send out thine arrows, and discomfit them.
 7 Stretch forth thy hand from above;
 Rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,
 Out of the hand of aliens;
 8 Whose mouth speaketh deceit,
 And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
 9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God:
 Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.
 10 Thou art he that giveth salvation unto kings;
 Who rescueth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
 11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of aliens,
 Whose mouth speaketh deceit,
 And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

12 When our sons shall be as plants grown up in their youth,
 And our daughters as cornerstones hewn after the fashion of a palace;
 13 *When* our garner are full, affording all manner of store,
And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
 14 *When* our oxen are well laden;
When there is no breaking in, and no going forth,
 And no outcry in our streets:
 15 Happy is the people that is in such a case;
Yea, happy is the people whose God is Jehovah.

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A Psalm of praise; of David.

1 I will extol thee, my God, O King;
 And I will bless thy name forever and ever.
 2 Every day will I bless thee;
 And I will praise thy name forever and ever.
 3 Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised;
 And his greatness is unsearchable.
 4 One generation shall laud thy works to another,
 And shall declare thy mighty acts.
 5 Of the glorious majesty of thine honor,
 And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts;
 And I will declare thy greatness.
 7 They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness,
 And shall sing of thy righteousness.
 8 Jehovah is gracious, and merciful;
 Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness.
 9 Jehovah is good to all;
 And his tender mercies are over all his works.
 10 All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah;
 And thy saints shall bless thee.
 11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
 And talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
 And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
 And thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.
 14 Jehovah upholdeth all that fall,
 And raiseth up all those that are bowed down.
 15 The eyes of all wait for thee;
 And thou givest them their food in due season.
 16 Thou openest thy hand,
 And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
 17 Jehovah is righteous in all his ways,
 And gracious in all his works.
 18 Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call upon him,
 To all that call upon him in truth.
 19 He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him;
 He also will hear their cry and will save them.
 20 Jehovah preserveth all them that love him;
 But all the wicked will he destroy.
 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah;
 And let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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1 Praise ye Jehovah.
 Praise Jehovah, O my soul.
 2 While I live will I praise Jehovah:
 I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
 3 Put not your trust in princes,
 Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;
 In that very day his thoughts perish.
 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
 Whose hope is in Jehovah his God:
 6 Who made heaven and earth,
 The sea, and all that in them is;
 Who keepeth truth forever;
 7 Who executeth justice for the oppressed;
 Who giveth food to the hungry.
 Jehovah looseth the prisoners;
 8 Jehovah openeth *the eyes of* the blind;
 Jehovah raiseth up them that are bowed down;
 Jehovah loveth the righteous;
 9 Jehovah preserveth the sojourners;
 He upholdeth the fatherless and widow;
 But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
 10 Jehovah will reign forever,
 Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

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1 Praise ye Jehovah;
 For it is good to sing praises unto our God;

For it is pleasant, *and* praise is comely.
 2 Jehovah doth build up Jerusalem;
 He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
 3 He healeth the broken in heart,
 And bindeth up their wounds.
 4 He counteth the number of the stars;
 He calleth them all by *their* names.
 5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
 His understanding is infinite.
 6 Jehovah upholdeth the meek:
 He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.
 7 Sing unto Jehovah with thanksgiving;
 Sing praises upon the harp unto our God,
 8 Who covereth the heavens with clouds,
 Who prepareth rain for the earth,
 Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
 9 He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
 10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:
 He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.
 11 Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear him,
 In those that hope in his lovingkindness.
 12 Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem;
 Praise thy God, O Zion.
 13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates;
 He hath blessed thy children within thee.
 14 He maketh peace in thy borders;
 He filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
 15 He sendeth out his commandment upon earth;
 His word runneth very swiftly.
 16 He giveth snow like wool;
 He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
 Who can stand before his cold?
 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:
 He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
 19 He showeth his word unto Jacob,
 His statutes and his ordinances unto Israel.
 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation;
 And as for his ordinances, they have not known them.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

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1 Praise ye Jehovah.
 Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens:
 Praise him in the heights.
 2 Praise ye him, all his angels:
 Praise ye him, all his host.
 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:
 Praise him, all ye stars of light.
 4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,

And ye waters that are above the heavens.
 5 Let them praise the name of Jehovah;
 For he commanded, and they were created.
 6 He hath also established them forever and ever:
 He hath made a decree which shall not pass away.
 7 Praise Jehovah from the earth,
 Ye sea monsters, and all deeps;
 8 Fire and hail, snow and vapor;
 Stormy wind, fulfilling his word;
 9 Mountains and all hills;
 Fruitful trees and all cedars;
 10 Beasts and all cattle;
 Creeping things and flying birds;
 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;
 Princes and all judges of the earth;
 12 Both young men and virgins;
 Old men and children:
 13 Let them praise the name of Jehovah;
 For his name alone is exalted;
 His glory is above the earth and the heavens.
 14 And he hath lifted up the horn of his people,
 The praise of all his saints;
 Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

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1 Praise ye Jehovah.
 Sing unto Jehovah a new song,
 And his praise in the assembly of the saints.
 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
 Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
 3 Let them praise his name in the dance:
 Let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.
 4 For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people:
 He will beautify the meek with salvation.
 5 Let the saints exult in glory:
 Let them sing for joy upon their beds.
 6 Let the high praises of God *be* in their mouth,
 And a two-edged sword in their hand;
 7 To execute vengeance upon the nations,
 And punishments upon the peoples;
 8 To bind their kings with chains,
 And their nobles with fetters of iron;
 9 To execute upon them the judgment written:
 This honor have all his saints.
 Praise ye Jehovah.

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1 Praise ye Jehovah.
 Praise God in his sanctuary:
 Praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
³ Praise him with trumpet sound:
Praise him with psaltery and harp.
⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance:
Praise him with stringed instruments and pipe.
⁵ Praise him with loud cymbals:
Praise him with high sounding cymbals.
⁶ Let everything that hath breath praise Jehovah.
Praise ye Jehovah.