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## The Good News According to Matthew

<sup>1</sup> The book of the generations of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. <sup>2</sup> The son of Abraham was Isaac; and the son of Isaac was Jacob; and the sons of Jacob were Judah and his brothers; <sup>3</sup> And the sons of Judah were Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and the son of Perez was Hezron; and the son of Hezron was Ram; <sup>4</sup> And the son of Ram was Amminadab; and the son of Amminadab was Nahshon; and the son of Nahshon was Salmon; <sup>5</sup> And the son of Salmon by Rahab was Boaz; and the son of Boaz by Ruth was Obed; and the son of Obed was Jesse; <sup>6</sup> And the son of Jesse was David the king; and the son of David was Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah; <sup>7</sup> And the son of Solomon was Rehoboam; and the son of Rehoboam was Abijah; and the son of Abijah was Asa; <sup>8</sup> And the son of Asa was Jehoshaphat; and the son of Jehoshaphat was Joram; and the son of Joram was Uzziah; <sup>9</sup> And the son of Uzziah was Jotham; and the son of Jotham was Ahaz; and the son of Ahaz was Hezekiah; <sup>10</sup> And the son of Hezekiah was Manasseh; and the son of Manasseh was Amon; and the son of Amon was Josiah; <sup>11</sup> And the sons of Josiah were Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the taking away to Babylon. <sup>12</sup> And after the taking away to Babylon, Jechoniah had a son Shealtiel; and Shealtiel had Zerubbabel; <sup>13</sup> And Zerubbabel had Abiud; and Abiud had Eliakim; and Eliakim had Azor; <sup>14</sup> And Azor had Zadok; and Zadok had Achim; and Achim had Eliud; <sup>15</sup> And Eliud had Eleazar; and Eleazar had Matthan; and Matthan had Jacob; <sup>16</sup> And the son of Jacob was Joseph the husband of Mary, who gave birth to Jesus, whose name is Christ. <sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the taking away to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the taking away to Babylon to the coming of Christ, fourteen generations. <sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was in this way: when his mother Mary was going to be married to Joseph, before they came together the discovery was made that she was with child by the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And Joseph, her husband, being an upright man, and not desiring to make her a public example, had a mind to put her away privately. <sup>20</sup> But when he was giving thought to these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, have no fear of taking Mary as your wife; because that which is in her body is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will give birth to a son; and you will give him the name Jesus; for he will give his people salvation from their sins. <sup>22</sup> Now all this took place so that the word of the Lord by the prophet might come true, <sup>23</sup> See, the virgin will be with child, and will give birth to a son, and they will give him the name Immanuel, that is, God with us. <sup>24</sup> And Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had said to him, and took her as his wife; <sup>25</sup> And he had no connection with her till she had given birth to a son; and he gave him the name Jesus.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Now when the birth of Jesus took place in Beth-lehem of Judaea, in the days of Herod the king, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

<sup>2</sup> Saying, Where is the King of the Jews whose birth has now taken place? We have seen his star in the east and have come to give him worship. <sup>3</sup> And when it came to the ears of Herod the king, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> And he got together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, questioning them as to where the birth-place of the Christ would be. <sup>5</sup> And they said to him, In Beth-lehem of Judaea; for so it is said in the writings of the prophet, <sup>6</sup> You Beth-lehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the chiefs of Judah: out of you will come a ruler, who will be the keeper of my people Israel. <sup>7</sup> Then Herod sent for the wise men privately, and put questions to them about what time the star had been seen. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Beth-lehem and said, Go and make certain where the young child is; and when you have seen him, let me have news of it, so that I may come and give him worship. <sup>9</sup> And after hearing the king, they went on their way; and the star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the young child was. <sup>10</sup> And when they saw the star they were full of joy. <sup>11</sup> And they came into the house, and saw the young child with Mary, his mother; and falling down on their faces they gave him worship; and from their store they gave him offerings of gold, perfume, and spices. <sup>12</sup> And it was made clear to them by God in a dream that they were not to go back to Herod; so they went into their country by another way. <sup>13</sup> And when they had gone, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream, saying, Get up and take the young child and his mother, and go into Egypt, and do not go from there till I give you word; for Herod will be searching for the young child to put him to death. <sup>14</sup> So he took the young child and his mother by night, and went into Egypt; <sup>15</sup> And was there till the death of Herod; so that the word of the Lord through the prophet might come true, Out of Egypt have I sent for my son. <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was very angry; and he sent out, and put to death all the male children in Beth-lehem and in all the parts round about it, from two years old and under; acting on the knowledge which he had got with care from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then the word of Jeremiah the prophet came true, <sup>18</sup> In Ramah there was a sound of weeping and great sorrow, Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted for their loss. <sup>19</sup> But when Herod was dead, an angel of the Lord came in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> Saying, Get up and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: because they who were attempting to take the young child's life are dead. <sup>21</sup> And he got up, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when it came to his ears that Archelaus was ruling over Judaea in the place of his father Herod, he was in fear of going there; and God having given him news of the danger in a dream, he went out of the way into the country parts of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he came and was living in a town named Nazareth: so that the word of the prophets might come true, He will be named a Nazarene.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> And in those days John the Baptist came preaching in the waste land of Judaea, <sup>2</sup> Saying, Let your hearts be turned from sin; for the kingdom of heaven is near. <sup>3</sup> For this is he of whom Isaiah the prophet said,

The voice of one crying in the waste land, Make ready the way of the Lord, make his roads straight. <sup>4</sup> Now John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather band about him; and his food was locusts and honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judaea went out to him, and all the people from near Jordan; <sup>6</sup> And they were given baptism by him in the river Jordan, saying openly that they had done wrong. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw a number of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Offspring of snakes, at whose word are you going in flight from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Let your change of heart be seen in your works: <sup>9</sup> And say not to yourselves, We have Abraham for our father; because I say to you that God is able from these stones to make children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> And even now the axe is put to the root of the trees; every tree then which does not give good fruit is cut down, and put into the fire. <sup>11</sup> Truly, I give baptism with water to those of you whose hearts are changed; but he who comes after me is greater than I, whose shoes I am not good enough to take up: he will give you baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire: <sup>12</sup> In whose hand is the instrument with which he will make clean his grain; he will put the good grain in his store, but the waste will be burned up in the fire which will never be put out. <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be given baptism by him. <sup>14</sup> But John would have kept him back, saying, It is I who have need of baptism from you, and do you come to me? <sup>15</sup> But Jesus made answer, saying to him, Let it be so now: because so it is right for us to make righteousness complete. Then he gave him baptism. <sup>16</sup> And Jesus, having been given baptism, straight away went up from the water; and, the heavens opening, he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him as a dove; <sup>17</sup> And a voice came out of heaven, saying, This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was sent by the Spirit into the waste land to be tested by the Evil One. <sup>2</sup> And after going without food for forty days and forty nights, he was in need of it. <sup>3</sup> And the Evil One came and said to him, If you are the Son of God, give the word for these stones to become bread. <sup>4</sup> But he made answer and said, It is in the Writings, Bread is not man's only need, but every word which comes out of the mouth of God. <sup>5</sup> Then the Evil One took him to the holy town; and he put him on the highest point of the Temple and said to him, <sup>6</sup> If you are the Son of God, let yourself go down; for it is in the Writings, He will give his angels care over you; and, In their hands they will keep you up, so that your foot may not be crushed against a stone. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, Again it is in the Writings, You may not put the Lord your God to the test. <sup>8</sup> Again, the Evil One took him up to a very high mountain, and let him see all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, All these things will I give you, if you will go down on your face and give me worship. <sup>10</sup> Then said Jesus to him, Away, Satan: for it is in the Writings, Give worship to the Lord your God and be his servant only. <sup>11</sup> Then the Evil One went away from him, and angels came and took care of him. <sup>12</sup> Now when it came to his ears that John had been put in prison, he went away to Galilee; <sup>13</sup> And going away from Nazareth, he

came and made his living-place in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali: <sup>14</sup> So that the word of the prophet Isaiah might come true, <sup>15</sup> The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, <sup>16</sup> The people who were in the dark saw a great light, and to those in the land of the shade of death did the dawn come up. <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus went about preaching and saying, Let your hearts be turned from sin, for the kingdom of heaven is near. <sup>18</sup> And when he was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, whose other name was Peter, and Andrew, his brother, who were putting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. <sup>20</sup> And straight away they let go the nets and went after him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, in the boat with their father, stitching up their nets; and he said, Come. <sup>22</sup> And they went straight from the boat and their father and came after him. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom, and making well those who were ill with any disease among the people. <sup>24</sup> And news of him went out through all Syria; and they took to him all who were ill with different diseases and pains, those having evil spirits and those who were off their heads, and those who had no power of moving. And he made them well. <sup>25</sup> And there went after him great numbers from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judaea and from the other side of Jordan.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> And seeing great masses of people he went up into the mountain; and when he was seated his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And with these words he gave them teaching, saying, <sup>3</sup> Happy are the poor in spirit: for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. <sup>4</sup> Happy are those who are sad: for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Happy are the gentle: for the earth will be their heritage. <sup>6</sup> Happy are those whose heart's desire is for righteousness: for they will have their desire. <sup>7</sup> Happy are those who have mercy: for they will be given mercy. <sup>8</sup> Happy are the clean in heart: for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Happy are the peacemakers: for they will be named sons of God. <sup>10</sup> Happy are those who are attacked on account of righteousness: for the kingdom of heaven will be theirs. <sup>11</sup> Happy are you when men give you a bad name, and are cruel to you, and say all evil things against you falsely, because of me. <sup>12</sup> Be glad and full of joy; for great is your reward in heaven: for so were the prophets attacked who were before you. <sup>13</sup> You are the salt of the earth; but if its taste goes from the salt, how will you make it salt again? it is then good for nothing but to be put out and crushed under foot by men. <sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A town put on a hill may be seen by all. <sup>15</sup> And a burning light is not put under a vessel, but on its table; so that its rays may be shining on all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Even so let your light be shining before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> Let there be no thought that I have come to put an end to the law or the prophets. I have not come for destruction, but to make complete. <sup>18</sup> Truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth come to an end, not the smallest letter

or part of a letter will in any way be taken from the law, till all things are done. <sup>19</sup> Whoever then goes against the smallest of these laws, teaching men to do the same, will be named least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who keeps the laws, teaching others to keep them, will be named great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I say to you, If your righteousness is not greater than the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never go into the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup> You have knowledge that it was said in old times, You may not put to death; and, Whoever puts to death will be in danger of being judged: <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be in danger of being judged; and he who says to his brother, Raca, will be in danger from the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, You foolish one, will be in danger of the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> If then you are making an offering at the altar and there it comes to your mind that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> While your offering is still before the altar, first go and make peace with your brother, then come and make your offering. <sup>25</sup> Come to an agreement quickly with him who has a cause against you at law, while you are with him on the way, for fear that he may give you up to the judge and the judge may give you to the police and you may be put into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I say to you, You will not come out from there till you have made payment of the very last farthing. <sup>27</sup> You have knowledge that it was said, You may not have connection with another man's wife: <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone whose eyes are turned on a woman with desire has had connection with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> And if your right eye is a cause of trouble to you, take it out and put it away from you; because it is better to undergo the loss of one part, than for all your body to go into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand is a cause of trouble to you, let it be cut off and put it away from you; because it is better to undergo the loss of one part, than for all your body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup> Again, it was said, Whoever puts away his wife has to give her a statement in writing for this purpose: <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who puts away his wife for any other cause but the loss of her virtue, makes her false to her husband; and whoever takes her as his wife after she is put away, is no true husband to her. <sup>33</sup> Again, you have knowledge that it was said in old times, Do not take false oaths, but give effect to your oaths to the Lord: <sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Take no oaths at all: not by the heaven, because it is the seat of God; <sup>35</sup> Or by the earth, because it is the resting-place for his foot; or by Jerusalem, because it is the town of the great King. <sup>36</sup> You may not take an oath by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> But let your words be simply, Yes or No: and whatever is more than these is of the Evil One. <sup>38</sup> You have knowledge that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not make use of force against an evil man; but to him who gives you a blow on the right side of your face let the left be turned. <sup>40</sup> And if any man goes to law with you and takes away your coat, do not keep back your robe from him. <sup>41</sup> And whoever makes you go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup> Give to him who comes with a request, and keep not your property from him who would for a time make use of it. <sup>43</sup> You have knowledge that it was said, Have love for your neighbour, and hate for him who is against you: <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Have love for those who are against you, and make prayer for those who



are cruel to you; <sup>45</sup> So that you may be the sons of your Father in heaven; for his sun gives light to the evil and to the good, and he sends rain on the upright man and on the sinner. <sup>46</sup> For if you have love for those who have love for you, what credit is it to you? do not the tax-farmers the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you say, Good day, to your brothers only, what do you do more than others? do not even the Gentiles the same? <sup>48</sup> Be then complete in righteousness, even as your Father in heaven is complete.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> Take care not to do your good works before men, to be seen by them; or you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> When then you give money to the poor, do not make a noise about it, as the false-hearted men do in the Synagogues and in the streets, so that they may have glory from men. Truly, I say to you, They have their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give money, let not your left hand see what your right hand does: <sup>4</sup> So that your giving may be in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will give you your reward. <sup>5</sup> And when you make your prayers, be not like the false-hearted men, who take pleasure in getting up and saying their prayers in the Synagogues and at the street turnings so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you make your prayer, go into your private room, and, shutting the door, say a prayer to your Father in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will give you your reward. <sup>7</sup> And in your prayer do not make use of the same words again and again, as the Gentiles do: for they have the idea that God will give attention to them because of the number of their words. <sup>8</sup> So be not like them; because your Father has knowledge of your needs even before you make your requests to him. <sup>9</sup> Let this then be your prayer: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. <sup>10</sup> Let your kingdom come. Let your pleasure be done, as in heaven, so on earth. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day bread for our needs. <sup>12</sup> And make us free of our debts, as we have made those free who are in debt to us. <sup>13</sup> And let us not be put to the test, but keep us safe from the Evil One. <sup>14</sup> For if you let men have forgiveness for their sins, you will have forgiveness from your Father in heaven. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not let men have forgiveness for their sins, you will not have forgiveness from your Father for your sins. <sup>16</sup> And when you go without food, be not sad-faced as the false-hearted are. For they go about with changed looks, so that men may see that they are going without food. Truly I say to you, They have their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you go without food, put oil on your head and make your face clean; <sup>18</sup> So that no one may see that you are going without food, but your Father in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will give you your reward. <sup>19</sup> Make no store of wealth for yourselves on earth, where it may be turned to dust by worms and weather, and where thieves may come in by force and take it away. <sup>20</sup> But make a store for yourselves in heaven, where it will not be turned to dust and where thieves do not come in to take it away: <sup>21</sup> For where your wealth is, there will your heart be. <sup>22</sup> The light of the body is the eye; if then your eye is true, all your body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is evil, all your body will be dark. If then the light which is in you is dark, how dark it will be! <sup>24</sup> No man is able to be a servant to two masters: for he will have hate for the one and love

for the other, or he will keep to one and have no respect for the other. You may not be servants of God and of wealth. <sup>25</sup> So I say to you, Take no thought for your life, about food or drink, or about clothing for your body. Is not life more than food, and the body more than its clothing? <sup>26</sup> See the birds of heaven; they do not put seeds in the earth, they do not get in grain, or put it in store-houses; and your Father in heaven gives them food. Are you not of much more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by taking thought is able to make himself a cubit taller? <sup>28</sup> And why are you troubled about clothing? See the flowers of the field, how they come up; they do no work, they make no thread: <sup>29</sup> But I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God gives such clothing to the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is put into the oven, will he not much more give you clothing, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Then do not be full of care, saying, What are we to have for food or drink? or, With what may we be clothed? <sup>32</sup> Because the Gentiles go in search of all these things: for your Father in heaven has knowledge that you have need of all these things: <sup>33</sup> But let your first care be for his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these other things will be given to you in addition. <sup>34</sup> Then have no care for tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Take the trouble of the day as it comes.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> Be not judges of others, and you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For as you have been judging, so you will be judged, and with your measure will it be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you take note of the grain of dust in your brother's eye, but take no note of the bit of wood which is in your eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how will you say to your brother, Let me take out the grain of dust from your eye, when you yourself have a bit of wood in your eye? <sup>5</sup> You false one, first take out the bit of wood from your eye, then will you see clearly to take out the grain of dust from your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup> Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, or put your jewels before pigs, for fear that they will be crushed under foot by the pigs whose attack will then be made against you. <sup>7</sup> Make a request, and it will be answered; what you are searching for you will get; give the sign, and the door will be open to you: <sup>8</sup> Because to everyone who makes a request, it will be given; and he who is searching will get his desire, and to him who gives the sign, the door will be open. <sup>9</sup> Or which of you, if his son makes a request for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he makes a request for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, being evil, are able to give good things to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who make requests to him? <sup>12</sup> All those things, then, which you would have men do to you, even so do you to them: because this is the law and the prophets. <sup>13</sup> Go in by the narrow door; for wide is the door and open is the way which goes to destruction, and great numbers go in by it. <sup>14</sup> For narrow is the door and hard the road to life, and only a small number make discovery of it. <sup>15</sup> Be on the watch for false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are cruel wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruits you will get knowledge of them. Do men get grapes from thorns or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Even so, every good tree gives good fruit; but the bad tree gives evil fruit. <sup>18</sup> It is not possible for a good tree

to give bad fruit, and a bad tree will not give good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree which does not give good fruit is cut down and put in the fire. <sup>20</sup> So by their fruits you will get knowledge of them. <sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will go into the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the pleasure of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> A great number will say to me on that day, Lord, Lord, were we not prophets in your name, and did we not by your name send out evil spirits, and by your name do works of power? <sup>23</sup> And then will I say to them, I never had knowledge of you: go from me, you workers of evil. <sup>24</sup> Everyone, then, to whom my words come and who does them, will be like a wise man who made his house on a rock; <sup>25</sup> And the rain came down and there was a rush of waters and the winds were driving against that house, but it was not moved; because it was based on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone to whom my words come and who does them not, will be like a foolish man who made his house on sand; <sup>27</sup> And the rain came down and there was a rush of waters and the winds were driving against that house; and it came down and great was its fall. <sup>28</sup> And it came about, when Jesus had come to the end of these words, that the people were surprised at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he was teaching as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> And when he had come down from the mountain, great numbers of people came after him. <sup>2</sup> And a leper came and gave him worship, saying, Lord, if it is your pleasure, you have power to make me clean. <sup>3</sup> And he put his hand on him, saying, It is my pleasure; be clean. And straight away he was made clean. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to him, See that you say nothing about this to anyone; but go and let the priest see you and make the offering which was ordered by Moses, for a witness to them. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus was come into Capernaum, a certain captain came to him with a request, <sup>6</sup> Saying, Lord, my servant is ill in bed at the house, with no power in his body, and in great pain. <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, I will come and make him well. <sup>8</sup> And the captain in answer said, Lord, I am not good enough for you to come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be made well. <sup>9</sup> Because I myself am a man under authority, having under me fighting men; and I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. <sup>10</sup> And when these words came to the ears of Jesus he was surprised, and said to those who came after him, Truly I say to you, I have not seen such great faith, no, not in Israel. <sup>11</sup> And I say to you that numbers will come from the east and the west, and will take their seats with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven: <sup>12</sup> But the sons of the kingdom will be put out into the dark, and there will be weeping and cries of pain. <sup>13</sup> And Jesus said to the captain, Go in peace; as your faith is, so let it be done to you. And the servant was made well in that hour. <sup>14</sup> And when Jesus had come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother in bed, very ill. <sup>15</sup> And he put his hand on hers and the disease went from her, and she got up and took care of his needs. <sup>16</sup> And in the evening, they took to him a number of people who had evil spirits; and he sent the spirits out of them with a word, and made well all who were ill; <sup>17</sup> So that the word of Isaiah the prophet might come true:

He himself took our pains and our diseases. <sup>18</sup> Now when Jesus saw a great mass of people about him, he gave an order to go to the other side. <sup>19</sup> And there came a scribe and said to him, Master, I will come after you wherever you go. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of heaven have a resting-place; but the Son of man has nowhere to put his head. <sup>21</sup> And another of the disciples said to him, Lord, let me first go and give the last honours to my father. <sup>22</sup> But Jesus said to him, Come after me; and let the dead take care of their dead. <sup>23</sup> And when he had got into a boat, his disciples went after him. <sup>24</sup> And there came up a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves: but he was sleeping. <sup>25</sup> And they came to him, and, awaking him, said, Help, Lord; destruction is near. <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, Why are you full of fear, O you of little faith? Then he got up and gave orders to the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> And the men were full of wonder, saying, What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea do his orders? <sup>28</sup> And when he had come to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, there came out to him from the place of the dead, two who had evil spirits, so violent that no man was able to go that way. <sup>29</sup> And they gave a loud cry, saying, What have we to do with you, you Son of God? Have you come here to give us punishment before the time? <sup>30</sup> Now there was, some distance away, a great herd of pigs taking their food. <sup>31</sup> And the evil spirits made strong prayers to him, saying, If you send us out, let us go into the herd of pigs. <sup>32</sup> And he said to them, Go. And they came out, and went into the pigs; and the herd went rushing down a sharp slope into the sea and came to their end in the water. <sup>33</sup> And their keepers went in flight to the town and gave an account of everything, and of the men who had the evil spirits. <sup>34</sup> And all the town came out to Jesus; and seeing him they made request that he would go away from their part of the country.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> And he got into a boat and went across and came to his town. <sup>2</sup> And they took to him a man stretched on a bed who had no power of moving; and Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the man who was ill, Son, take heart; you have forgiveness for your sins. <sup>3</sup> And some of the scribes said among themselves, This man has no respect for God. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus, having knowledge of what was in their minds, said, Why are your thoughts evil? <sup>5</sup> For which is the simpler, to say, You have forgiveness for your sins; or to say, Get up and go? <sup>6</sup> But so that you may see that on earth the Son of man has authority for the forgiveness of sins, (then said he to the man who was ill,) Get up, and take up your bed, and go to your house. <sup>7</sup> And he got up and went away to his house. <sup>8</sup> But when the people saw it they were full of fear, and gave glory to God who had given such authority to men. <sup>9</sup> And when Jesus was going from there, he saw a man whose name was Matthew, seated at the place where taxes were taken; and he said to him, Come after me. And he got up and went after him. <sup>10</sup> And it came about, when he was in the house taking food, that a number of tax-farmers and sinners came and took their places with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, Why does your Master take food with tax-farmers and sinners? <sup>12</sup> But

on hearing this he said, Those who are well have no need of a medical man, but those who are ill. <sup>13</sup> But go and take to heart the sense of these words, My desire is for mercy, not offerings: for I have come not to get the upright, but sinners. <sup>14</sup> Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees frequently go without food, but your disciples do not? <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, Will the friends of the newly-married man be sad as long as he is with them? But the days will come when he will be taken away from them, and then will they go without food. <sup>16</sup> And no man puts a bit of new cloth on an old coat, for by pulling away from the old, it makes a worse hole. <sup>17</sup> And men do not put new wine into old wine-skins; or the skins will be burst and the wine will come out, and the skins are of no more use: but they put new wine into new wine-skins, and so the two will be safe. <sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, there came a ruler and gave him worship, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and put your hand on her, and she will come back to life. <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and went after him, and so did his disciples. <sup>20</sup> And a woman, who for twelve years had had a flow of blood, came after him, and put her hand on the edge of his robe: <sup>21</sup> Because, she said to herself, if I may but put my hand on his robe, I will be made well. <sup>22</sup> But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said, Daughter, take heart; your faith has made you well. And the woman was made well from that hour. <sup>23</sup> And when Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the players with their instruments and the people making a noise, <sup>24</sup> He said, Make room; for the girl is not dead, but sleeping. And they were laughing at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the people were sent out, he went in and took her by the hand; and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the news of it went out into all that land. <sup>27</sup> And when Jesus went on from there, two blind men came after him, crying out, Have mercy on us, you Son of David. <sup>28</sup> And when he had come into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, Have you faith that I am able to do this? They said to him, Yes, Lord. <sup>29</sup> Then he put his hand on their eyes, saying, As your faith is, let it be done to you. <sup>30</sup> And their eyes were made open. And Jesus said to them sharply, Let no man have knowledge of it. <sup>31</sup> But they went out and gave news of him in all that land. <sup>32</sup> And while they were going away, there came to him a man without the power of talking, and with an evil spirit. <sup>33</sup> And when the evil spirit had been sent out, the man had the power of talking: and they were all surprised, saying, Such a thing has never been seen in Israel. <sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, By the ruler of evil spirits, he sends evil spirits out of men. <sup>35</sup> And Jesus went about all the towns and small places, teaching in their Synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom and making well all sorts of disease and pain. <sup>36</sup> But when he saw all the people he was moved with pity for them, because they were troubled and wandering like sheep without a keeper. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, There is much grain but not enough men to get it in. <sup>38</sup> Make prayer, then, to the Lord of the grain-fields, that he may send out workers to get in his grain.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> And he got together his twelve disciples and gave them the power of driving out unclean spirits, and of making well all sorts of disease and

pain. <sup>2</sup> Now the names of the twelve are these: The first, Simon, who is named Peter, and Andrew, his brother; James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax-farmer; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who was false to him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out and gave them orders, saying, Do not go among the Gentiles, or into any town of Samaria, <sup>6</sup> But go to the wandering sheep of the house of Israel, <sup>7</sup> And, on your way, say, The kingdom of heaven is near. <sup>8</sup> Make well those who are ill, give life to the dead, make lepers clean, send evil spirits out of men; freely it has been given to you, freely give. <sup>9</sup> Take no gold or silver or copper in your pockets; <sup>10</sup> Take no bag for your journey and do not take two coats or shoes or a stick: for the workman has a right to his food. <sup>11</sup> And into whatever town or small place you go, make search there for someone who is respected, and make his house your resting-place till you go away. <sup>12</sup> And when you go in, say, May peace be on this house. <sup>13</sup> And if the house is good enough, let your peace come on it: but if not, let your peace come back to you. <sup>14</sup> And whoever will not take you in, or give ear to your words, when you go out from that house or that town, put off its dust from your feet. <sup>15</sup> Truly I say to you, It will be better for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of God's judging than for that town. <sup>16</sup> See, I send you out as sheep among wolves. Be then as wise as snakes, and as gentle as doves. <sup>17</sup> But be on the watch against men: for they will give you up to the Sanhedrins, and in their Synagogues they will give you blows; <sup>18</sup> And you will come before rulers and kings because of me, for a witness to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> But when you are given up into their hands, do not be troubled about what to say or how to say it: for in that hour what you are to say will be given to you; <sup>20</sup> Because it is not you who say the words, but the Spirit of your Father in you. <sup>21</sup> And brother will give up brother to death, and the father his child: and children will go against their fathers and mothers, and put them to death. <sup>22</sup> And you will be hated by all men because of my name: but he who is strong to the end will have salvation. <sup>23</sup> But when they are cruel to you in one town, go in flight to another: for truly, I say to you, You will not have gone through the towns of Israel before the Son of man comes. <sup>24</sup> A disciple is not greater than his master, or a servant than his lord. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple that he may be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have given the name Beelzebub to the master of the house, how much more to those of his house! <sup>26</sup> Have, then, no fear of them: because nothing is covered which will not come to light, or secret which will not be made clear. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, say in the light: and what comes to your ear secretly, say publicly from the rooftops. <sup>28</sup> And have no fear of those who put to death the body, but are not able to put to death the soul. But have fear of him who has power to give soul and body to destruction in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not sparrows two a farthing? and not one of them comes to an end without your Father: <sup>30</sup> But the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Then have no fear; you are of more value than a flock of sparrows. <sup>32</sup> To everyone, then, who gives witness to me before men, I will give witness before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But if anyone says before men that he has no knowledge of me, I will say that I have no knowledge of him before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> Do not

have the thought that I have come to send peace on the earth; I came not to send peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to put a man against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: <sup>36</sup> And a man will be hated by those of his house. <sup>37</sup> He who has more love for his father or mother than for me is not good enough for me; he who has more love for son or daughter than for me is not good enough for me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and come after me is not good enough for me. <sup>39</sup> He who has the desire to keep his life will have it taken from him, and he who gives up his life because of me will have it given back to him. <sup>40</sup> He who gives honour to you gives honour to me; and he who gives honour to me gives honour to him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> He who gives honour to a prophet, in the name of a prophet, will be given a prophet's reward; and he who gives honour to an upright man, in the name of an upright man, will be given an upright man's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will not go without his reward.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> And it came about that when Jesus had come to the end of giving these orders to his twelve disciples, he went away from there, teaching and preaching in their towns. <sup>2</sup> Now when John had news in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> To say to him, Are you he who is to come, or are we waiting for another? <sup>4</sup> And Jesus, answering, said to them, Go and give news to John of the things which you are seeing and hearing: <sup>5</sup> The blind see; those who were not able to, are walking; lepers are made clean; those who were without hearing, now have their ears open; the dead come to life again, and the poor have the good news given to them. <sup>6</sup> And a blessing will be on him who has no doubts about me. <sup>7</sup> And when they were going away, Jesus, talking of John, said to all the people, What went you out into the waste land to see? a tall stem moving in the wind? <sup>8</sup> But what went you out to see? a man delicately clothed? Those who have fair robes are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup> But why did you go out? to see a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it has been said, See, I send my servant before your face, who will make ready your way before you. <sup>11</sup> Truly I say to you, Among the sons of women there has not been a greater than John the Baptist: but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup> And from the days of John the Baptist till now, the kingdom of heaven is forcing its way in, and men of force take it. <sup>13</sup> For all the prophets and the law were in force till John. <sup>14</sup> And if you are able to see it, this is Elijah who was to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear. <sup>16</sup> But what comparison may I make of this generation? It is like children seated in the market-places, crying out to one another, <sup>17</sup> We made music for you and you did not take part in the dance; we gave cries of sorrow and you made no signs of grief. <sup>18</sup> For John came, taking no food or drink, and they say, He has an evil spirit. <sup>19</sup> The Son of man has come feasting, and they say, See, a lover of food and wine, a friend of tax-farmers and sinners! And wisdom is judged to be right by her works. <sup>20</sup> Then he went on to say hard things to the towns where most of his works of power were

done, because they had not been turned from their sins. <sup>21</sup> Unhappy are you, Chorazin! Unhappy are you, Beth-saida! For if the works of power which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have been turned from their sins in days gone by, clothing themselves in haircloth and putting dust on their heads. <sup>22</sup> But I say to you, It will be better for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judging, than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, were you not to be lifted up to heaven? you will go down into hell: for if the works of power which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have been here to this day. <sup>24</sup> But I say to you that it will be better for the land of Sodom in the day of judging, than for you. <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus made answer and said, I give praise to you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have kept these things secret from the wise and the men of learning, and have made them clear to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for so it was pleasing in your eyes. <sup>27</sup> All things have been given to me by my Father; and no one has knowledge of the Son, but the Father; and no one has knowledge of the Father, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will make it clear. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all you who are troubled and weighted down with care, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke on you and become like me, for I am gentle and without pride, and you will have rest for your souls; <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is good, and the weight I take up is not hard.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> At that time Jesus went through the fields on the Sabbath day; and his disciples, being in need of food, were taking the heads of grain. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said to him, See, your disciples do that which it is not right to do on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> But he said to them, Have you no knowledge of what David did when he had need of food, and those who were with him? <sup>4</sup> How he went into the house of God and took for food the holy bread which it was not right for him or for those who were with him to take, but only for the priests? <sup>5</sup> Or is it not said in the law, how the Sabbath is broken by the priests in the Temple and they do no wrong? <sup>6</sup> But I say to you that a greater thing than the Temple is here. <sup>7</sup> But if these words had been in your minds, My desire is for mercy and not for offerings, you would not have been judging those who have done no wrong. <sup>8</sup> For the Son of man is lord of the Sabbath. <sup>9</sup> And he went from there into their Synagogue: <sup>10</sup> And there was a man with a dead hand. And they put a question to him, saying, Is it right to make a man well on the Sabbath day? so that they might have something against him. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, Which of you, having a sheep, if it gets into a hole on the Sabbath day, will not put out a helping hand and get it back? <sup>12</sup> Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! For this reason it is right to do good on the Sabbath day. <sup>13</sup> Then said he to the man, Put out your hand. And he put it out, and it was made as well as the other. <sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees went out and made designs against him, how they might put him to death. <sup>15</sup> And Jesus, having knowledge of this, went away from there, and a great number went after him; and he made them all well, <sup>16</sup> Ordering them not to give people word of him: <sup>17</sup> So that what was said by Isaiah the prophet might come true, <sup>18</sup> See my servant, the man of my selection, my loved one in whom my soul is well pleased: I will



put my Spirit on him, and he will make my decision clear to the Gentiles.<sup>19</sup> His coming will not be with fighting or loud cries; and his voice will not be lifted up in the streets.<sup>20</sup> The crushed stem will not be broken by him; and the feebly burning light will he not put out, till he has made righteousness overcome all.<sup>21</sup> And in his name will the Gentiles put their hope.<sup>22</sup> Then they took to him one with an evil spirit, who was blind and had no power of talking; and he made him well so that he had the power of talking and seeing.<sup>23</sup> And all the people were surprised and said, Is not this the Son of David?<sup>24</sup> But the Pharisees, hearing of it, said, This man only sends evil spirits out of men by Beelzebub, the ruler of evil spirits.<sup>25</sup> And having knowledge of their thoughts he said to them, Every kingdom having division in itself is made waste, and every town or house having division in itself will come to destruction.<sup>26</sup> And if Satan sends out Satan, he makes war against himself; how then will he keep his kingdom?<sup>27</sup> And if I by Beelzebub send evil spirits out of men, by whom do your sons send them out? So let them be your judges.<sup>28</sup> But if I by the Spirit of God send out evil spirits, then is the kingdom of God come on you.<sup>29</sup> Or how may one go into a strong man's house and take his goods, if he does not first put cords round the strong man? and then he may take his goods.<sup>30</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me; and he who does not take part with me in getting people together, is driving them away.<sup>31</sup> So I say to you, Every sin and every evil word against God will have forgiveness; but for evil words against the Spirit there will be no forgiveness.<sup>32</sup> And whoever says a word against the Son of man, will have forgiveness; but whoever says a word against the Holy Spirit, will not have forgiveness in this life or in that which is to come.<sup>33</sup> Make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for by its fruit you will get knowledge of the tree.<sup>34</sup> You offspring of snakes, how are you, being evil, able to say good things? because out of the heart's store come the words of the mouth.<sup>35</sup> The good man out of his good store gives good things; and the evil man out of his evil store gives evil things.<sup>36</sup> And I say to you that in the day when they are judged, men will have to give an account of every foolish word they have said.<sup>37</sup> For by your words will your righteousness be seen, and by your words you will be judged.<sup>38</sup> Then some of the scribes and Pharisees, hearing this, said to him, Master, we are looking for a sign from you.<sup>39</sup> But he, answering, said to them, An evil and false generation is looking for a sign; and no sign will be given to it but the sign of the prophet Jonah:<sup>40</sup> For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the stomach of the great fish, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.<sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will come up in the day of judging and give their decision against this generation: because they were turned from their sins at the preaching of Jonah; and now a greater than Jonah is here.<sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will come up in the day of judging and give her decision against this generation: for she came from the ends of the earth to give ear to the wisdom of Solomon; and now a greater than Solomon is here.<sup>43</sup> But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of a man, goes through dry places looking for rest, and getting it not.<sup>44</sup> Then he says, I will go back into my house from which I came out; and when he comes, he sees that there is no one in it, but

that it has been made fair and clean. <sup>45</sup> Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits worse than himself, and they go in and make it their living-place: and the last condition of that man is worse than the first. Even so will it be with this evil generation. <sup>46</sup> While he was still talking to the people, his mother and his brothers came, desiring to have talk with him. <sup>47</sup> And one said to him, See, your mother and your brothers are outside, desiring to have talk with you. <sup>48</sup> But he in answer said to him who gave the news, Who is my mother and who are my brothers? <sup>49</sup> And he put out his hand to his disciples and said, See, my mother and my brothers! <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the pleasure of my Father in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> On that day Jesus went out of the house and was seated by the seaside. <sup>2</sup> And great numbers of people came together to him, so that he got into a boat; and the people took up their position by the sea. <sup>3</sup> And he gave them teaching in the form of a story, saying, A man went out to put seed in the earth; <sup>4</sup> And while he did so, some seeds were dropped by the wayside, and the birds came and took them for food: <sup>5</sup> And some of the seed went among the stones, where it had not much earth, and straight away it came up because the earth was not deep: <sup>6</sup> And when the sun was high, it was burned; and because it had no root it became dry and dead. <sup>7</sup> And some seeds went among thorns, and the thorns came up and they had no room for growth: <sup>8</sup> And some, falling on good earth, gave fruit, some a hundred, some sixty, some thirty times as much. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear. <sup>10</sup> And the disciples came and said to him, Why do you say things to them in the form of stories? <sup>11</sup> And he said to them in answer, To you is given the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. <sup>12</sup> Because whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have more; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>13</sup> For this reason I put things into the form of stories; because they see without seeing, and give ear without hearing, and the sense is not clear to them. <sup>14</sup> And for them the words of Isaiah have come true, Though you give ear, you will not get knowledge; and seeing, you will see, but the sense will not be clear to you: <sup>15</sup> For the heart of this people has become fat and their ears are slow in hearing and their eyes are shut; for fear that they might see with their eyes and give hearing with their ears and become wise in their hearts and be turned again to me, so that I might make them well. <sup>16</sup> But a blessing be on your eyes, because they see; and on your ears, because they are open. <sup>17</sup> For truly, I say to you that prophets and upright men had a desire to see the things which you see, and saw them not; and to have knowledge of the words which have come to your ears, and they had it not. <sup>18</sup> Give ear, then, to the story of the man who put the seed in the earth. <sup>19</sup> When the word of the kingdom comes to anyone, and the sense of it is not clear to him, then the Evil One comes, and quickly takes away that which was put in his heart. He is the seed dropped by the wayside. <sup>20</sup> And that which went on the stones, this is he who, hearing the word, straight away takes it with joy; <sup>21</sup> But having no root in himself, he goes on for a time; and when trouble comes or pain, because of the word, he quickly becomes

full of doubts. <sup>22</sup> And that which was dropped among the thorns, this is he who has the word; and the cares of this life, and the deceits of wealth, put a stop to the growth of the word and it gives no fruit. <sup>23</sup> And the seed which was put in good earth, this is he who gives ear to the word, and gets the sense of it; who gives fruit, some a hundred, some sixty, some thirty times as much. <sup>24</sup> And he gave them another story, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who put good seed in his field: <sup>25</sup> But while men were sleeping, one who had hate for him came and put evil seeds among the grain, and went away. <sup>26</sup> But when the green stem came up and gave fruit, the evil plants were seen at the same time. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, Sir, did you not put good seed in your field? how then has it evil plants? <sup>28</sup> And he said, Someone has done this in hate. And the servants say to him, Is it your pleasure that we go and take them up? <sup>29</sup> But he says, No, for fear that by chance while you take up the evil plants, you may be rooting up the grain with them. <sup>30</sup> Let them come up together till the getting in of the grain; and then I will say to the workers, Take up first the evil plants, and put them together for burning; but put the grain into my store-house. <sup>31</sup> He put another story before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and put in his field: <sup>32</sup> Which is smaller than all seeds; but when it has come up it is greater than the plants, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of heaven come and make their resting-places in its branches. <sup>33</sup> Another story he gave to them: The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and put in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened. <sup>34</sup> All these things Jesus said to the people in the form of stories; and without a story he said nothing to them: <sup>35</sup> That it might come true which was said by the prophet, Opening my mouth, I will give out stories; I will give knowledge of things kept secret from before all time. <sup>36</sup> Then he went away from the people, and went into the house; and his disciples came to him, saying, Make clear to us the story of the evil plants in the field. <sup>37</sup> And he made answer and said, He who puts the good seed in the earth is the Son of man; <sup>38</sup> And the field is the world; and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom; and the evil seeds are the sons of the Evil One; <sup>39</sup> And he who put them in the earth is Satan; and the getting in of the grain is the end of the world; and those who get it in are the angels. <sup>40</sup> As then the evil plants are got together and burned with fire, so will it be in the end of the world. <sup>41</sup> The Son of man will send out his angels, and they will take out of his kingdom everything which is a cause of error, and all those who do wrong, <sup>42</sup> And will put them into the fire; there will be weeping and cries of sorrow. <sup>43</sup> Then will the upright be shining as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him give ear. <sup>44</sup> The kingdom of heaven is like a secret store of wealth in a field, which a man came across and put back again; and in his joy he goes and gives all he has, to get that field. <sup>45</sup> Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader searching for beautiful jewels. <sup>46</sup> And having come across one jewel of great price, he went and gave all he had in exchange for it. <sup>47</sup> Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net, which was put into the sea and took in every sort of fish: <sup>48</sup> When it was full, they took it up on the sands; and seated there they put the good into vessels, but the bad they put away. <sup>49</sup> So will it be in the end of the world: the angels will come

and take out the bad from the good,<sup>50</sup> And will put them into the fire: there will be weeping and cries of sorrow.<sup>51</sup> Are all these things now clear to you? They say to him, Yes.<sup>52</sup> And he said to them, For this reason every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house, who gives out from his store things new and old.<sup>53</sup> And when Jesus had come to the end of these stories he went away from there.<sup>54</sup> And coming into his country, he gave them teaching in their Synagogue, so that they were greatly surprised and said, Where did this man get this wisdom and these works of power?<sup>55</sup> Is not this the woodworker's son? is not his mother named Mary? and his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?<sup>56</sup> And his sisters, are they not all with us? from where, then, has he all these things?<sup>57</sup> And they were bitter against him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is nowhere without honour but in his country and among his family.<sup>58</sup> And the works of power which he did there were small in number because they had no faith.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> At that time news of Jesus came to Herod the king; <sup>2</sup> And he said to his servants, This is John the Baptist; he has come back from the dead, and so these powers are working in him. <sup>3</sup> For Herod had taken John and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. <sup>4</sup> Because John had said to him, It is not right for you to have her. <sup>5</sup> And he would have put him to death, but for his fear of the people, because in their eyes John was a prophet. <sup>6</sup> But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias was dancing before them, and Herod was pleased with her. <sup>7</sup> So he gave her his word with an oath to let her have whatever she might make request for. <sup>8</sup> And she, at her mother's suggestion, said, Give me here on a plate the head of John the Baptist. <sup>9</sup> And the king was sad; but because of his oaths and because of his guests, he gave the order for it to be given to her; <sup>10</sup> And he sent and had John's head cut off in the prison. <sup>11</sup> And his head was put on a plate and given to the girl; and she took it to her mother. <sup>12</sup> And his disciples came, and took up his body and put it in the earth; and they went and gave Jesus news of what had taken place. <sup>13</sup> Now when it came to the ears of Jesus, he went away from there in a boat, to a waste place by himself: and the people hearing of it, went after him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> And he came out and saw a great number of people and he had pity on them, and made well those of them who were ill. <sup>15</sup> And when evening had come, the disciples came to him, saying, This place is waste land, and the time is now past; send the people away so that they may go into the towns and get themselves food. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, There is no need for them to go away; give them food yourselves. <sup>17</sup> And they say to him, We have here but five cakes of bread and two fishes. <sup>18</sup> And he said, Give them to me. <sup>19</sup> And he gave orders for the people to be seated on the grass; and he took the five cakes of bread and the two fishes and, looking up to heaven, he said words of blessing, and made division of the food, and gave it to the disciples, and the disciples gave it to the people. <sup>20</sup> And they all took of the food and had enough: and they took up twelve baskets full of broken bits which were not used. <sup>21</sup> And those who had food were about five thousand

men, in addition to women and children. <sup>22</sup> And straight away he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, till he had sent the people away. <sup>23</sup> And after he had sent the people away, he went up into the mountain by himself for prayer: and when evening was come, he was there by himself. <sup>24</sup> But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, and was troubled by the waves: for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> And when they saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they gave cries of fear. <sup>27</sup> But straight away Jesus said to them, Take heart; it is I, have no fear. <sup>28</sup> And Peter, answering, said to him, Lord, if it is you, give me the order to come to you on the water. <sup>29</sup> And he said, Come. And Peter got out of the boat, and walking on the water, went to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind he was in fear and, starting to go down, he gave a cry, saying, Help, Lord. <sup>31</sup> And straight away Jesus put out his hand and took a grip of him, and said to him, O man of little faith, why were you in doubt? <sup>32</sup> And when they had got into the boat, the wind went down. <sup>33</sup> And those who were in the boat gave him worship, saying, Truly you are the Son of God. <sup>34</sup> And when they had gone across, they came to land at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place had news of him, they sent into all the country round about, and took to him all who were ill, <sup>36</sup> With the request that they might only put their hands on the edge of his robe: and all those who did so were made well.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> Then there came to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes, saying, <sup>2</sup> Why do your disciples go against the teaching of the fathers? for they take food with unwashed hands. <sup>3</sup> And in answer he said to them, Why do you, yourselves, go against the word of God on account of the teaching which has been handed down to you? <sup>4</sup> For God said, Give honour to your father and mother: and, He who says evil of father or mother will be put to death. <sup>5</sup> But you say, If a man says to his father or his mother, That by which you might have had profit from me is given to God; <sup>6</sup> There is no need for him to give honour to his father. And you have made the word of God without effect because of your teaching. <sup>7</sup> You false ones, well did Isaiah say of you, <sup>8</sup> These people give me honour with their lips, but their heart is far from me. <sup>9</sup> But their worship is to no purpose, while they give as their teaching the rules of men. <sup>10</sup> And he got the people together and said to them, Give ear, and let my words be clear to you: <sup>11</sup> Not that which goes into the mouth makes a man unclean, but that which comes out of the mouth. <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came and said to him, Did you see that the Pharisees were troubled when these words came to their ears? <sup>13</sup> But he said in answer, Every plant which my Father in heaven has not put in the earth, will be taken up by the roots. <sup>14</sup> Let them be: they are blind guides. And if a blind man is guiding a blind man, the two will go falling into a hole together. <sup>15</sup> Then Peter said to him, Make the story clear to us. <sup>16</sup> And he said, Are you, like them, still without wisdom? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth goes on into the stomach, and is sent out as waste? <sup>18</sup> But the things which come out of the mouth come from the heart; and they make

a man unclean. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, the taking of life, broken faith between the married, unclean desires of the flesh, taking of property, false witness, bitter words: <sup>20</sup> These are the things which make a man unclean; but to take food with unwashed hands does not make a man unclean. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there into the country of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And a woman of Canaan came out from those parts, crying and saying, Have pity on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is greatly troubled with an unclean spirit. <sup>23</sup> But he gave her no answer. And his disciples came and said to him, Send her away, for she is crying after us. <sup>24</sup> But he made answer and said, I was sent only to the wandering sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>25</sup> But she came and gave him worship, saying, Help, Lord. <sup>26</sup> And he made answer and said, It is not right to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs. <sup>27</sup> But she said, Yes, Lord: but even the dogs take the bits from under their masters' table. <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus, answering, said to her, O woman, great is your faith: let your desire be done. And her daughter was made well from that hour. <sup>29</sup> And Jesus went from there and came to the sea of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and took his seat there. <sup>30</sup> And there came to him great numbers of people having with them those who were broken in body, or blind, or without voice, or wounded, or ill in any way, and a number of others; they put them down at his feet and he made them well: <sup>31</sup> So that the people were full of wonder when they saw that those who had no voice were talking, the feeble were made strong, those whose bodies were broken had the power of walking, and the blind were able to see: and they gave glory to the God of Israel. <sup>32</sup> And Jesus got his disciples together and said, I have pity for the people, because they have now been with me three days and have no food: and I will not send them away without food, or they will have no strength for the journey. <sup>33</sup> And the disciples say to him, How may we get enough bread in a waste place, to give food to such a number of people? <sup>34</sup> And Jesus says to them, How much bread have you? And they said, Seven cakes, and some small fishes. <sup>35</sup> Then he gave an order to the people to be seated on the earth, <sup>36</sup> And he took the seven cakes of bread and the fishes; and having given praise, he gave the broken bread to the disciples, and the disciples gave it to the people. <sup>37</sup> And they all took food, and had enough; and they took up of the broken bits, seven baskets full. <sup>38</sup> And there were four thousand men who took food, together with women and children. <sup>39</sup> And when he had sent the people away, he got into the boat, and came into the country of Magadan.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> And the Pharisees and Sadducees came and, testing him, made a request to him to give them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> But in answer he said to them, At nightfall you say, The weather will be good, for the sky is red. <sup>3</sup> And in the morning, The weather will be bad today, for the sky is red and angry. You are able to see the face of heaven, but not the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup> An evil and false generation is searching after a sign; and no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. And he went away from them. <sup>5</sup> And when the disciples came to the other side they had not taken thought to get bread. <sup>6</sup> And Jesus said to them, Take care to

have nothing to do with the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. <sup>7</sup> And they were reasoning among themselves, saying, We took no bread. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus, seeing it, said, O you of little faith, why are you reasoning among yourselves, because you have no bread? <sup>9</sup> Do you still not see, or keep in mind the five cakes of bread of the five thousand, and the number of baskets you took up? <sup>10</sup> Or the seven cakes of bread of the four thousand, and the number of baskets you took up? <sup>11</sup> How is it that you do not see that I was not talking to you about bread, but about keeping away from the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees? <sup>12</sup> Then they saw that it was not the leaven of bread which he had in mind, but the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. <sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus had come into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he said, questioning his disciples, Who do men say that the Son of man is? <sup>14</sup> And they said, Some say, John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. <sup>15</sup> He says to them, But who do you say that I am? <sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter made answer and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus made answer and said to him, A blessing on you, Simon Bar-jonah: because this knowledge has not come to you from flesh and blood, but from my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock will my church be based, and the doors of hell will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatever is fixed by you on earth will be fixed in heaven: and whatever you make free on earth will be made free in heaven. <sup>20</sup> Then he gave orders to the disciples to give no man word that he was the Christ. <sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus went on to make clear to his disciples how he would have to go up to Jerusalem, and undergo much at the hands of those in authority and the chief priests and scribes, and be put to death, and the third day come again from the dead. <sup>22</sup> And Peter, protesting, said to him, Be it far from you, Lord; it is impossible that this will come about. <sup>23</sup> But he, turning to Peter, said, Get out of my way, Satan: you are a danger to me because your mind is not on the things of God, but on the things of men. <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him give up all, and take up his cross, and come after me. <sup>25</sup> Because whoever has a desire to keep his life safe will have it taken from him; but whoever gives up his life because of me, will have it given back to him. <sup>26</sup> For what profit has a man, if he gets all the world with the loss of his life? or what will a man give in exchange for his life? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he will give to every man the reward of his works. <sup>28</sup> Truly I say to you, There are some of those here who will not have a taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

## 17

<sup>1</sup> And after six days Jesus takes with him Peter, and James, and John, his brother, and makes them go up with him into a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was changed in form before them; and his face was shining like the sun, and his clothing became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And Moses and Elijah came before their eyes, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter made answer and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if you will let me, I will make here three tents, one for you, and one for Moses,

and one for Elijah. <sup>5</sup> While he was still talking, a bright cloud came over them: and a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased; give ear to him. <sup>6</sup> And at these words the disciples went down on their faces in great fear. <sup>7</sup> And Jesus came and put his hand on them and said, Get up and have no fear. <sup>8</sup> And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And when they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them orders, saying, Let no man have word of what you have seen, till the Son of man has come again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> And his disciples, questioning him, said, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah has to come first? <sup>11</sup> And in answer he said, Elijah truly has to come and put all things right: <sup>12</sup> But I say to you that Elijah has come, and they had no knowledge of him, but did to him whatever they were pleased to do; the same will the Son of man undergo at their hands. <sup>13</sup> Then the disciples saw that he was talking to them of John the Baptist. <sup>14</sup> And when they came to the people, a man went down on his knees to him, saying, <sup>15</sup> Lord have mercy on my son: for he is off his head, and is in great pain; and frequently he goes falling into the fire, and frequently into the water. <sup>16</sup> And I took him to your disciples, and they were not able to make him well. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, answering, said, O false and foolish generation, how long will I be with you? how long will I put up with you? let him come here to me. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus gave orders to the unclean spirit, and it went out of him: and the boy was made well from that hour. <sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately, and said, Why were we not able to send it out? <sup>20</sup> And he says to them, Because of your little faith: for truly I say to you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Be moved from this place to that; and it will be moved; and nothing will be impossible to you. <sup>21</sup> [] <sup>22</sup> And while they were going about in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of man will be given up into the hands of men; <sup>23</sup> And they will put him to death, and the third day he will come again from the dead. And they were very sad. <sup>24</sup> And when they had come to Capernaum, those who took the Temple tax came to Peter and said, Does not your master make payment of the Temple tax? <sup>25</sup> He says, Yes. And when he came into the house, Jesus said to him, What is your opinion, Simon? from whom do the kings of the earth get payment or tax? from their sons or from other people? <sup>26</sup> And when he said, From other people, Jesus said to him, Then are the sons free. <sup>27</sup> But, so that we may not be a cause of trouble to them, go to the sea, and let down a hook, and take the first fish which comes up; and in his mouth you will see a bit of money: take that, and give it to them for me and you.

## 18

<sup>1</sup> In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? <sup>2</sup> And he took a little child, and put him in the middle of them, <sup>3</sup> And said, Truly, I say to you, If you do not have a change of heart and become like little children, you will not go into the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever, then, will make himself as low as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And whoever gives honour to one such little child in my name, gives honour to me: <sup>6</sup> But whoever is a cause of trouble to one of these little ones who have faith



in me, it would be better for him to have a great stone fixed to his neck, and to come to his end in the deep sea. <sup>7</sup> A curse is on the earth because of trouble! for it is necessary for trouble to come; but unhappy is that man through whom the trouble comes. <sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot is a cause of trouble, let it be cut off and put it away from you: it is better for you to go into life with the loss of a hand or a foot than, having two hands or two feet, to go into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye is a cause of trouble to you, take it out, and put it away from you: it is better for you to go into life with one eye than, having two eyes, to go into the hell of fire. <sup>10</sup> Let it not seem to you that one of these little ones is of no value; for I say to you that in heaven their angels see at all times the face of my Father in heaven. <sup>11</sup> [ ] <sup>12</sup> What would you say now? if a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone wandering away, will he not let the ninety-nine be, and go to the mountains in search of the wandering one? <sup>13</sup> And if he comes across it, truly I say to you, he has more joy over it than over the ninety-nine which have not gone out of the way. <sup>14</sup> Even so it is not the pleasure of your Father in heaven for one of these little ones to come to destruction. <sup>15</sup> And if your brother does wrong to you, go, make clear to him his error between you and him in private: if he gives ear to you, you have got your brother back again. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not give ear to you, take with you one or two more, that by the lips of two or three witnesses every word may be made certain. <sup>17</sup> And if he will not give ear to them, let it come to the hearing of the church: and if he will not give ear to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-farmer. <sup>18</sup> Truly I say to you, Whatever things are fixed by you on earth will be fixed in heaven: and whatever you make free on earth will be made free in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, I say to you, that if two of you are in agreement on earth about anything for which they will make a request, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are come together in my name, there am I among them. <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, Lord, what number of times may my brother do wrong against me, and I give him forgiveness? till seven times? <sup>22</sup> Jesus says to him, I say not to you, Till seven times; but, Till seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup> For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king, who went over his accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> And at the start, one came to him who was in his debt for ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And because he was not able to make payment, his lord gave orders for him, and his wife, and his sons and daughters, and all he had, to be given for money, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant went down on his face and gave him worship, saying, Lord, give me time to make payment and I will give you all. <sup>27</sup> And the lord of that servant, being moved with pity, let him go, and made him free of the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that servant went out, and meeting one of the other servants, who was in debt to him for one hundred pence, he took him by the throat, saying, Make payment of your debt. <sup>29</sup> So that servant went down on his face, requesting him and saying, Give me time and I will make payment to you. <sup>30</sup> And he would not: but went and put him into prison till he had made payment of the debt. <sup>31</sup> So when the other servants saw what was done they were very sad, and came and gave word to their lord of what had been done. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord sent for him and said, You evil servant; I made you free of all that debt, because of

your request to me: <sup>33</sup> Was it not right for you to have mercy on the other servant, even as I had mercy on you? <sup>34</sup> And his lord was very angry, and put him in the hands of those who would give him punishment till he made payment of all the debt. <sup>35</sup> So will my Father in heaven do to you, if you do not everyone, from your hearts, give forgiveness to his brother.

## 19

<sup>1</sup> And it came about that after saying these words, Jesus went away from Galilee, and came into the parts of Judaea on the other side of Jordan. <sup>2</sup> And a great number went after him; and he made them well there. <sup>3</sup> And certain Pharisees came to him, testing him, and saying, Is it right for a man to put away his wife for every cause? <sup>4</sup> And he said in answer, Have you not seen in the Writings, that he who made them at the first made them male and female, and said, <sup>5</sup> For this cause will a man go away from his father and mother, and be joined to his wife; and the two will become one flesh? <sup>6</sup> So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Then let not that which has been joined by God be parted by man. <sup>7</sup> They say to him, Why then did Moses give orders that a husband might give her a statement in writing and be free from her? <sup>8</sup> He says to them, Moses, because of your hard hearts, let you put away your wives: but it has not been so from the first. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you, Whoever puts away his wife for any other cause than the loss of her virtue, and takes another, is a false husband: and he who takes her as his wife when she is put away, is no true husband to her. <sup>10</sup> The disciples say to him, If this is the position of a man in relation to his wife, it is better not to be married. <sup>11</sup> But he said to them, Not all men are able to take in this saying, but only those to whom it is given. <sup>12</sup> For there are men who, from birth, were without sex: and there are some who were made so by men: and there are others who have made themselves so for the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to take it, let him take it. <sup>13</sup> Then some people took little children to him, so that he might put his hands on them in blessing: and the disciples said sharp words to them. <sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, Let the little ones come to me, and do not keep them away: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>15</sup> And he put his hands on them, and went away. <sup>16</sup> And one came to him and said, Master, what good thing have I to do, so that I may have eternal life? <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, Why are you questioning me about what is good? One there is who is good: but if you have a desire to go into life, keep the rules of the law. <sup>18</sup> He says to him, Which? And Jesus said, Do not put anyone to death, Do not be untrue in married life, Do not take what is not yours, Do not give false witness, <sup>19</sup> Give honour to your father and your mother: and, Have love for your neighbour as for yourself. <sup>20</sup> The young man says to him, All these things have I done: what more is there? <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, If you have a desire to be complete, go, get money for your property, and give it to the poor, and you will have wealth in heaven: and come after me. <sup>22</sup> But hearing these words the young man went away sorrowing: for he had much property. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to his disciples, Truly I say to you, It is hard for a man with much money to go into the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> And again I say to you, It is simpler for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a man with much money to go into the kingdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> And the disciples, hearing this, were greatly surprised, saying, Who then may have salvation? <sup>26</sup> And Jesus, looking at them, said, With men this is not possible; but with God all things are possible. <sup>27</sup> Then Peter said to him, See, we have given up everything and have come after you; what then will we have? <sup>28</sup> And Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that in the time when all things are made new, and the Son of man is seated in his glory, you who have come after me will be seated on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has given up houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or child, or land, for my name, will be given a hundred times as much, and have eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But a great number who are first will be last, and some who are last will be first.

## 20

<sup>1</sup> For the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a house, who went out early in the morning to get workers into his vine-garden. <sup>2</sup> And when he had made an agreement with the workmen for a penny a day, he sent them into his vine-garden. <sup>3</sup> And he went out about the third hour, and saw others in the market-place doing nothing; <sup>4</sup> And he said to them, Go into the vine-garden with the others, and whatever is right I will give you. And they went to work. <sup>5</sup> Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and saw others doing nothing; and he says to them, Why are you here all the day doing nothing? <sup>7</sup> They say to him, Because no man has given us work. He says to them, Go in with the rest, into the vine-garden. <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the lord of the vine-garden said to his manager, Let the workers come, and give them their payment, from the last to the first. <sup>9</sup> And when those men came who had gone to work at the eleventh hour, they were given every man a penny. <sup>10</sup> Then those who came first had the idea that they would get more; and they, like the rest, were given a penny. <sup>11</sup> And when they got it, they made a protest against the master of the house, <sup>12</sup> Saying, These last have done only one hour's work, and you have made them equal to us, who have undergone the hard work of the day and the burning heat. <sup>13</sup> But he in answer said to one of them, Friend, I do you no wrong: did you not make an agreement with me for a penny? <sup>14</sup> Take what is yours, and go away; it is my pleasure to give to this last, even as to you. <sup>15</sup> Have I not the right to do as seems good to me in my house? or is your eye evil, because I am good? <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last. <sup>17</sup> And when Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples on one side, and said to them, <sup>18</sup> See, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be given into the hands of the chief priests and scribes; and they will give orders for him to be put to death, <sup>19</sup> And will give him up to the Gentiles to be made sport of and to be whipped and to be put to death on the cross: and the third day he will come back again from the dead. <sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, giving him worship and making a request of him. <sup>21</sup> And he said to her, What is your desire? She says to him, Let my two sons be seated, the one at your right hand, and the other at your left, in your kingdom. <sup>22</sup> But Jesus made answer and said, You have no idea what you are requesting. Are you able to

take of the cup which I am about to take? <sup>23</sup> They say to him, We are able. He says to them, Truly, you will take of my cup: but to be seated at my right hand and at my left is not for me to give, but it is for those for whom my Father has made it ready. <sup>24</sup> And when it came to the ears of the ten, they were angry with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> But Jesus said to them, You see that the rulers of the Gentiles are lords over them, and their great ones have authority over them. <sup>26</sup> Let it not be so among you: but if anyone has a desire to become great among you, let him be your servant; <sup>27</sup> And whoever has a desire to be first among you, let him take the lowest place: <sup>28</sup> Even as the Son of man did not come to have servants, but to be a servant, and to give his life for the salvation of men. <sup>29</sup> And when they were going out from Jericho, a great number went after him. <sup>30</sup> And two blind men seated by the wayside, when they had the news that Jesus was going by, gave a loud cry, saying, Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us. <sup>31</sup> And the people gave them orders to be quiet; but they went on crying even louder, Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us. <sup>32</sup> And Jesus, stopping, sent for them, and said, What would you have me do to you? <sup>33</sup> They say to him, Lord, that our eyes may be open. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus, being moved with pity, put his fingers on their eyes: and straight away they were able to see, and went after him.

## 21

<sup>1</sup> And when they were near Jerusalem, and had come to Beth-phage, to the Mountain of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> Saying to them, Go into the little town in front of you, and straight away you will see an ass with a cord round her neck, and a young one with her; let them loose and come with them to me. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says anything to you, you will say, The Lord has need of them; and straight away he will send them. <sup>4</sup> Now this took place so that these words of the prophet might come true, <sup>5</sup> Say to the daughter of Zion, See, your King comes to you, gentle and seated on an ass, and on a young ass. <sup>6</sup> And the disciples went and did as Jesus had given them orders, <sup>7</sup> And got the ass and the young one, and put their clothing on them, and he took his seat on it. <sup>8</sup> And all the people put their clothing down in the way; and others got branches from the trees, and put them down in the way. <sup>9</sup> And those who went before him, and those who came after, gave loud cries, saying, Glory to the Son of David: A blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord: Glory in the highest. <sup>10</sup> And when he came into Jerusalem, all the town was moved, saying, Who is this? <sup>11</sup> And the people said, This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And Jesus went into the Temple and sent out all who were trading there, overturning the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those trading in doves. <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, It is in the Writings, My house is to be named a house of prayer, but you are making it a hole of thieves. <sup>14</sup> And the blind and the broken in body came to him in the Temple, and he made them well. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the works of power which he did, and the children crying out in the Temple, Glory to the son of David, they were angry and said to him, <sup>16</sup> Have you any idea what these are saying? And Jesus said to them, Yes: have you not seen in the Writings, From the lips of children and babies at the breast you have made your

praise complete? <sup>17</sup> And he went away from them, and went out of the town to Bethany, and was there for the night. <sup>18</sup> Now in the morning when he was coming back to the town, he had a desire for food. <sup>19</sup> And seeing a fig-tree by the wayside, he came to it, and saw nothing on it but leaves only; and he said to it, Let there be no fruit from you from this time forward for ever. And straight away the fig-tree became dry and dead. <sup>20</sup> And when the disciples saw it they were surprised, saying, How did the fig-tree become dry in so short a time? <sup>21</sup> And Jesus in answer said to them, Truly I say to you, If you have faith, without doubting, not only may you do what has been done to the fig-tree, but even if you say to this mountain, Be taken up and put into the sea, it will be done. <sup>22</sup> And all things, whatever you make request for in prayer, having faith, you will get. <sup>23</sup> And when he had come into the Temple, the chief priests and those in authority over the people came to him while he was teaching, and said, By what authority do you do these things? and who gave you this authority? <sup>24</sup> And Jesus said to them in answer, I will put one question to you, and if you give me the answer, I will say by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, where did it come from? from heaven or from men? And they were reasoning among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven; he will say to us, Why then did you not have faith in him? <sup>26</sup> But if we say, From men; we are in fear of the people, because all take John to be a prophet. <sup>27</sup> And they made answer and said, We have no idea. Then he said to them, And I will not say to you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup> But how does it seem to you? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go and do work today in the vine-garden. <sup>29</sup> And he said in answer, I will not: but later, changing his decision, he went. <sup>30</sup> And he came to the second and said the same. And he made answer and said, I go, sir: and went not. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did his father's pleasure? They say, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, that tax-farmers and loose women are going into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you had no faith in him, but the tax-farmers and the loose women had faith in him: and you, when you saw it, did not even have regret for your sins, so as to have faith in him. <sup>33</sup> Give ear to another story. A master of a house made a vine garden, and put a wall round it, and made a place for crushing out the wine, and made a tower, and let it out to field-workers, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> And when the time for the fruit came near, he sent his servants to the workmen, to get the fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the workmen made an attack on his servants, giving blows to one, putting another to death, and stoning another. <sup>36</sup> Again, he sent other servants more in number than the first: and they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> But after that he sent his son to them, saying, They will have respect for my son. <sup>38</sup> But when the workmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is he who will one day be the owner of the property; come, let us put him to death and take his heritage. <sup>39</sup> And they took him and, driving him out of the vine-garden, put him to death. <sup>40</sup> When, then, the lord of the vine-garden comes, what will he do to those workmen? <sup>41</sup> They say to him, He will put those cruel men to a cruel death, and will let out the vine-garden to other workmen, who will give him the fruit when it is ready. <sup>42</sup> Jesus says to them, Did you never see in the Writings, The

stone which the builders put on one side, the same has been made the chief stone of the building: this was the Lord's doing, and it is a wonder in our eyes? <sup>43</sup> For this reason I say to you, The kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and will be given to a nation producing the fruits of it. <sup>44</sup> Any man falling on this stone will be broken, but he on whom it comes down will be crushed to dust. <sup>45</sup> And when his stories came to the ears of the chief priests and the Pharisees, they saw that he was talking of them. <sup>46</sup> And though they had a desire to take him, they were in fear of the people, because in their eyes he was a prophet.

## 22

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, talking to them again in stories, said: <sup>2</sup> The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who made a feast when his son was married, <sup>3</sup> And sent out his servants to get in the guests to the feast: and they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent out other servants, with orders to say to the guests, See, I have made ready my feast: my oxen and my fat beasts have been put to death, and all things are ready: come to the feast. <sup>5</sup> But they gave no attention, and went about their business, one to his farm, another to his trade: <sup>6</sup> And the rest put violent hands on his servants, and did evil to them, and put them to death. <sup>7</sup> But the king was angry; and he sent his armies, and those who had put his servants to death he gave to destruction, burning down their town with fire. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, The feast is ready but the guests were not good enough. <sup>9</sup> Go then to the cross-roads, and get all those whom you see to come to the bride-feast. <sup>10</sup> And those servants went out into the streets, and got together all those whom they came across, bad and good: and the feast was full of guests. <sup>11</sup> But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a guest's robe; <sup>12</sup> And he says to him, Friend, how came you in here not having a guest's robe? And he had nothing to say. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, Put cords round his hands and feet and put him out into the dark; there will be weeping and cries of sorrow. <sup>14</sup> For out of all to whom the good news has come, only a small number will get salvation. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and had a meeting to see how they might make use of his words to take him. <sup>16</sup> And they sent to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we see that you are true, and that you are teaching the true way of God, and have no fear of anyone, because you have no respect for a man's position. <sup>17</sup> Give us, then, your opinion of this: Is it right to give tax to Caesar, or not? <sup>18</sup> But Jesus saw their trick and said, Oh false ones, why are you attempting to put me in the wrong? <sup>19</sup> Let me see the tax money. And they gave him a penny. <sup>20</sup> And he said to them, Whose is this image and name on it? <sup>21</sup> They say to him, Caesar's. Then he said to them, Give to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's. <sup>22</sup> And hearing it, they were full of wonder, and went away from him. <sup>23</sup> On the same day there came to him the Sadducees, who say that there is no coming back from the dead: and they put a question to him, saying, <sup>24</sup> Master, Moses said, If a man, at the time of his death, has no children, let his brother take his wife, and get a family for his brother; <sup>25</sup> Now there were among us seven brothers; and the first was married and at his death, having no seed, gave his wife to his brother; <sup>26</sup> In the

same way the second and the third, up to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> And last of all the woman came to her end. <sup>28</sup> When they come back from the dead, then, whose wife will she be of the seven? because they all had her. <sup>29</sup> But Jesus said to them in answer, You are in error, not having knowledge of the Writings, or of the power of God. <sup>30</sup> For when they come back from the dead there are no husbands and wives, but they are as the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But about the dead coming back to life, have you no knowledge of what was said to you by God in the Writings: <sup>32</sup> I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead but of the living. <sup>33</sup> And the people hearing it were surprised at his teaching. <sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees, hearing how the mouths of the Sadducees had been stopped, came together; <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a teacher of the law, put a question to him, testing him, and saying, <sup>36</sup> Master, which is the chief rule in the law? <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, Have love for the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest rule. <sup>39</sup> And a second like it is this, Have love for your neighbour as for yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two rules all the law and the prophets are based. <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were together, Jesus put a question to them, saying, <sup>42</sup> What is your opinion of the Christ? whose son is he? They say to him, The Son of David. <sup>43</sup> He says to them, How then does David in the Spirit give him the name of Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> The Lord said to my Lord, Be seated at my right hand, till I put under your feet all those who are against you? <sup>45</sup> If David then gives him the name of Lord, how is he his son? <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to give him an answer, and so great was their fear of him, that from that day no one put any more questions to him.

## 23

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the people and to his disciples: <sup>2</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees have the authority of Moses; <sup>3</sup> All things, then, which they give you orders to do, these do and keep: but do not take their works as your example, for they say and do not. <sup>4</sup> They make hard laws and put great weights on men's backs; but they themselves will not put a finger to them. <sup>5</sup> But all their works they do so as to be seen by men: for they make wide their phylacteries, and the edges of their robes, <sup>6</sup> And the things desired by them are the first places at feasts, and the chief seats in the Synagogues, <sup>7</sup> And words of respect in the market-places, and to be named by men, Teacher. <sup>8</sup> But you may not be named Teacher: for one is your teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup> And give no man the name of father on earth: because one is your Father, who is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> And you may not be named guides: because one is your Guide, even Christ. <sup>11</sup> But let the greatest among you be your servant. <sup>12</sup> And whoever makes himself high will be made low, and whoever makes himself low will be made high. <sup>13</sup> But a curse is on you, scribes and Pharisees, false ones! because you are shutting the kingdom of heaven against men: for you do not go in yourselves, and those who are going in, you keep back. <sup>14</sup>  <sup>15</sup> A curse is on you, scribes and Pharisees, false ones! for you go about land and sea to get one disciple and, having him, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. <sup>16</sup> A curse is on you, blind guides, who say, Whoever takes an oath by the Temple, it is nothing; but

whoever takes an oath by the gold of the Temple, he is responsible. <sup>17</sup> You foolish ones and blind: which is greater, the gold, or the Temple which makes the gold holy? <sup>18</sup> And, Whoever takes an oath by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever takes an oath by the offering which is on it, he is responsible. <sup>19</sup> You blind ones: which is greater, the offering, or the altar which makes the offering holy? <sup>20</sup> He, then, who takes an oath by the altar, takes it by the altar and by all things on it. <sup>21</sup> And he who takes an oath by the Temple, takes it by the Temple and by him whose house it is. <sup>22</sup> And he who takes an oath by heaven, takes it by the seat of God, and by him who is seated on it. <sup>23</sup> A curse is on you, scribes and Pharisees, false ones! for you make men give a tenth of all sorts of sweet-smelling plants, but you give no thought to the more important things of the law, righteousness, and mercy, and faith; but it is right for you to do these, and not to let the others be undone. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides, who take out a fly from your drink, but make no trouble over a camel. <sup>25</sup> A curse is on you, scribes and Pharisees, false ones! for you make clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of violent behaviour and uncontrolled desire. <sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee, first make clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside may become equally clean. <sup>27</sup> A curse is on you, scribes and Pharisees, false ones! for you are like the resting-places of the dead, which are made white, and seem beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and of all unclean things. <sup>28</sup> Even so you seem to men to be full of righteousness, but inside you are all false and full of wrongdoing. <sup>29</sup> A curse is on you, scribes and Pharisees, false ones! because you put up buildings for housing the dead bodies of the prophets, and make fair the last resting-places of good men, and say, <sup>30</sup> If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in the blood of the prophets. <sup>31</sup> So that you are witnesses against yourselves that you are the sons of those who put the prophets to death. <sup>32</sup> Make full, then, the measure of your fathers. <sup>33</sup> You snakes, offspring of snakes, how will you be kept from the punishment of hell? <sup>34</sup> For this reason, I send you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them you will put to death and put on the cross, and to some of them you will give blows in your Synagogues, driving them from town to town; <sup>35</sup> So that on you may come all the blood of the upright on the earth, from the blood of upright Abel to the blood of Zachariah, son of Barachiah, whom you put to death between the Temple and the altar. <sup>36</sup> Truly I say to you, All these things will come on this generation. <sup>37</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, putting to death the prophets, and stoning those who are sent to her! Again and again would I have taken your children to myself as a bird takes her young ones under her wings, and you would not! <sup>38</sup> See, your house is made waste. <sup>39</sup> For I say to you, You will not see me from this time till you say, A blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

## 24

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus went out of the Temple, and on the way his disciples came to him, pointing out the buildings of the Temple. <sup>2</sup> But he, answering, said to them, See you not all these things? truly I say to you that here there will not be one stone resting on another, which will not be pulled down.



<sup>3</sup> And while he was seated on the Mountain of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Make clear to us, when will these things be? and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world? <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them in answer, Take care that you are not tricked. <sup>5</sup> For people will come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and a number will be turned from the true way through them. <sup>6</sup> And news will come to you of wars and talk of wars: do not be troubled, for these things have to be; but it is still not the end. <sup>7</sup> For nation will be moved against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and men will be without food, and the earth will be shaking in different places; <sup>8</sup> But all these things are the first of the troubles. <sup>9</sup> Then they will be cruel to you, and will put you to death: and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup> And numbers of people will be turned from the right way, and will give one another up and have hate for one another. <sup>11</sup> And a number of false prophets will come, causing error. <sup>12</sup> And because wrongdoing will be increased, the love of most people will become cold. <sup>13</sup> But he who goes through to the end will get salvation. <sup>14</sup> And this good news of the kingdom will be given through all the world for a witness to all nations; and then the end will come. <sup>15</sup> When, then, you see in the holy place the unclean thing which makes destruction, of which word was given by Daniel the prophet (let this be clear to the reader), <sup>16</sup> Then let those who are in Judaea go in flight to the mountains: <sup>17</sup> Let not him who is on the house-top go down to take anything out of his house: <sup>18</sup> And let not him who is in the field go back to get his coat. <sup>19</sup> But it will be hard for women who are with child and for those with babies at the breast in those days. <sup>20</sup> And say a prayer that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> Because in those days there will be great sorrow, such as there has not been from the start of the world till now, or ever will be. <sup>22</sup> And if those days had not been made short there would have been no salvation for any, but because of the saints those days will be made short. <sup>23</sup> Then if any man says to you, See, here is the Christ, or, Here; do not put faith in him; <sup>24</sup> For there will come up false Christs, and false prophets, who will do great signs and wonders; so that if possible even the saints might be tricked. <sup>25</sup> See, I have made it clear to you before it comes about. <sup>26</sup> If, then, they say to you, See, he is in the waste land; go not out: See, he is in the inner rooms; put no faith in it. <sup>27</sup> Because as in a thunderstorm the bright light coming from the east is seen even in the west; so will be the coming of the Son of man. <sup>28</sup> Wherever the dead body is, there will the eagles come together. <sup>29</sup> But straight away, after the trouble of those days, the sun will be made dark and the moon will not give her light and the stars will come down from heaven and the powers of heaven will be moved: <sup>30</sup> And then the sign of the Son of man will be seen in heaven: and then all the nations of the earth will have sorrow, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a great sound of a horn, and they will get his saints together from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. <sup>32</sup> Now take an example from the fig-tree: when her branch has become soft and puts out its leaves, you are certain that the summer is near; <sup>33</sup> Even so, when you see all these things, you may be certain that he is near, even at the doors. <sup>34</sup> Truly I say to you, This generation will

not come to an end till all these things are complete. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will come to an end, but my words will not come to an end. <sup>36</sup> But of that day and hour no one has knowledge, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> And as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. <sup>38</sup> Because as in those days before the overflowing of the waters, they were feasting and taking wives and getting married, till the day when Noah went into the ark, <sup>39</sup> And they had no care till the waters came and took them all away; so will be the coming of the Son of man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one is taken, and one let go; <sup>41</sup> Two women will be crushing grain; one is taken, and one let go. <sup>42</sup> Be watching, then! for you have no knowledge on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But be certain of this, that if the master of the house had had knowledge of the time when the thief was coming, he would have been watching, and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Be ready then; for at a time which you have no thought of the Son of man will come. <sup>45</sup> Who is the true and wise servant, whom his lord has put over those in his house, to give them their food at the right time? <sup>46</sup> A blessing on that servant, who will be doing so when his lord comes. <sup>47</sup> Truly, I say to you, he will put him over all he has. <sup>48</sup> But if that evil servant says in his heart, My lord is a long time in coming; <sup>49</sup> And is cruel to the other servants, taking his pleasure with those who are overcome with wine; <sup>50</sup> The lord of that servant will come in a day when he is not looking for him, and in an hour of which he has no knowledge, <sup>51</sup> And will have him cut in two, and will give him a part in the fate of the false ones: there will be weeping and cries of sorrow.

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<sup>1</sup> Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins, the friends of the bride, who took their lights, and went out with the purpose of meeting the husband. <sup>2</sup> And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For the foolish, when they took their lights, took no oil with them. <sup>4</sup> But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lights. <sup>5</sup> Now the husband was a long time in coming, and they all went to sleep. <sup>6</sup> But in the middle of the night there is a cry, The husband comes! Go out to him. <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins got up, and made ready their lights. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lights are going out. <sup>9</sup> But the wise made answer, saying, There may not be enough for us and you; it would be better for you to go to the traders and get oil for yourselves. <sup>10</sup> And while they went to get oil, the master came; and those who were ready went in with him to the feast: and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> After that the other virgins came, saying, Lord, Lord, let us in. <sup>12</sup> But he made answer and said, Truly I say to you, I have no knowledge of you. <sup>13</sup> Keep watch, then, because you are not certain of the day or of the hour. <sup>14</sup> For it is as when a man, about to take a journey, got his servants together, and gave them his property. <sup>15</sup> And to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to everyone as he was able; and he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> Straight away he who had been given the five talents went and did trade with them, and made five more. <sup>17</sup> In the same way he who had been given the two got two more. <sup>18</sup> But he who was given the one went away and put it in a hole in the earth, and kept his lord's money in a secret place.

<sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the lord of those servants comes, and makes up his account with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had the five talents came with his other five talents, saying, Lord, you gave into my care five talents: see, I have got five more. <sup>21</sup> His lord said to him, Well done, good and true servant: you have been true in a small thing, I will give you control over great things: take your part in the joy of your lord. <sup>22</sup> And he who had the two talents came and said, Lord, you gave into my care two talents: see, I have got two more. <sup>23</sup> His lord said to him, Well done, good and true servant: you have been true in a small thing, I will give you control over great things: take your part in the joy of your lord. <sup>24</sup> And he who had had the one talent came and said, Lord, I had knowledge that you are a hard man, getting in grain where you have not put seed, and making profits for which you have done no work: <sup>25</sup> And I was in fear, and went away, and put your talent in the earth: here is what is yours. <sup>26</sup> But his lord in answer said to him, You are a bad and unready servant; if you had knowledge that I get in grain where I did not put seed, and make profits for which I have done no work, <sup>27</sup> Why, then, did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I would have got back what is mine with interest? <sup>28</sup> Take away, then, his talent and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have more: but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And put out the servant who is of no profit into the outer dark: there will be weeping and cries of sorrow. <sup>31</sup> But when the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then will he be seated in his glory: <sup>32</sup> And before him all the nations will come together; and they will be parted one from another, as the sheep are parted from the goats by the keeper. <sup>33</sup> And he will put the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then will the King say to those on his right, Come, you who have the blessing of my Father, into the kingdom made ready for you before the world was: <sup>35</sup> For I was in need of food, and you gave it to me: I was in need of drink, and you gave it to me: I was wandering, and you took me in; <sup>36</sup> I had no clothing, and you gave it to me: when I was ill, or in prison, you came to me. <sup>37</sup> Then will the upright make answer to him, saying, Lord, when did we see you in need of food, and give it to you? or in need of drink, and give it to you? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you wandering, and take you in? or without clothing, and give it to you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you ill, or in prison, and come to you? <sup>40</sup> And the King will make answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Because you did it to the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. <sup>41</sup> Then will he say to those on the left, Go from me, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire which is ready for the Evil One and his angels: <sup>42</sup> For I was in need of food, and you gave it not to me; I was in need of drink, and you gave it not to me: <sup>43</sup> I was wandering, and you took me not in; without clothing, and you gave me no clothing; ill, and in prison, and you came not to me. <sup>44</sup> Then will they make answer, saying, Lord, when did we see you in need of food or drink, or wandering, or without clothing, or ill, or in prison, and did not take care of you? <sup>45</sup> Then will he make answer to them, saying, Truly I say to you, Because you did it not to the least of these, you did it not to me. <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment; but the upright into eternal life.

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<sup>1</sup> And when Jesus had come to the end of all these words, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> After two days is the Passover, and the Son of man will be given up to the death of the cross. <sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the rulers of the people came together in the house of the high priest, who was named Caiaphas. <sup>4</sup> And they made designs together to take Jesus by some trick, and put him to death. <sup>5</sup> But they said, Not while the feast is going on, for fear of trouble among the people. <sup>6</sup> Now when Jesus was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup> There came to him a woman having a bottle of perfume of great price, and she put the perfume on his head when he was seated at table. <sup>8</sup> But when the disciples saw it they were angry, saying, To what purpose is this waste? <sup>9</sup> For we might have got much money for this and given it to the poor. <sup>10</sup> But Jesus, seeing it, said to them, Why are you troubling the woman? she has done a kind act to me. <sup>11</sup> For the poor you have ever with you, but me you have not for ever. <sup>12</sup> For in putting this perfume on my body, she did it to make me ready for my last resting-place. <sup>13</sup> Truly I say to you, Wherever this good news goes out in all the world, what this woman has done will be talked of in memory of her. <sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, who was named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, <sup>15</sup> What will you give me, if I give him up to you? And the price was fixed at thirty bits of silver. <sup>16</sup> And from that time he was watching for a chance to give him into their hands. <sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where are we to make ready for you to take the Passover meal? <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, Go into the town to such a man, and say to him, The Master says, My time is near: I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples. <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had said to them; and they made ready the Passover. <sup>20</sup> Now when evening was come, he was seated at table with the twelve disciples; <sup>21</sup> And while they were taking food, he said, Truly I say to you that one of you will be false to me. <sup>22</sup> And they were very said, and said to him, one by one, Is it I, Lord? <sup>23</sup> And he made answer and said, He who puts his hand into the plate with me, the same will be false to me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of man goes, even as the Writings say of him: but a curse is on that man through whom the Son of man is given up; it would have been well for that man if he had never come into the world. <sup>25</sup> And Judas, who was false to him, made answer and said, Is it I, Master? He says to him, Yes. <sup>26</sup> And when they were taking food, Jesus took bread and, after blessing it, he gave the broken bread to the disciples and said, Take it; this is my body. <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup and, having given praise, he gave it to them, saying, <sup>28</sup> Take of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the testament, which is given for men for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> But I say to you that from now I will not take of this fruit of the vine, till that day when I take it new with you in my Father's kingdom. <sup>30</sup> And after a song of praise to God, they went out to the Mountain of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then said Jesus to them, All of you will be turned away from me this night: for it is said in the Writings, I will put to death the keeper of the sheep, and the sheep of the flock will be put to flight. <sup>32</sup> But after I am come back from the dead, I will go before you into Galilee. <sup>33</sup> But Peter made answer and said to him, Though all may be turned away from you, I will never be turned away. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him,

Truly I say to you that this night, before the hour of the cock's cry, you will say three times that you have no knowledge of me. <sup>35</sup> Peter says to him, Even if I am put to death with you, I will not be false to you. So said all the disciples. <sup>36</sup> Then comes Jesus with them to a place named Gethsemane, and says to his disciples, Be seated here, while I go over there for prayer. <sup>37</sup> And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and became sad and very troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then says he to them, My soul is very sad, even to death: keep watch with me here. <sup>39</sup> And he went forward a little, and falling down on his face in prayer, he said, O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup go from me; but let not my pleasure, but yours be done. <sup>40</sup> And he comes to the disciples, and sees that they are sleeping, and says to Peter, What, were you not able to keep watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Keep watch with prayer, so that you may not be put to the test: the spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is feeble. <sup>42</sup> Again, a second time he went away, and said in prayer, O my Father, if this may not go from me without my taking it, let your pleasure be done. <sup>43</sup> And he came again and saw them sleeping, for their eyes were tired. <sup>44</sup> And he went away from them again, and a third time said the same prayer. <sup>45</sup> Then he comes to the disciples; and says to them, Go on sleeping now, and take your rest: for the hour is come, and the Son of man is given into the hands of evil men. <sup>46</sup> Up, let us be going: see, he who gives me up is near. <sup>47</sup> And while he was still talking, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a band armed with swords and sticks, from the chief priests and those in authority over the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the false one had given them a sign saying, The one to whom I give a kiss, that is he: take him. <sup>49</sup> And straight away he came to Jesus and said, Master! and gave him a kiss. <sup>50</sup> And Jesus said to him, Friend, do that for which you have come. Then they came and put hands on Jesus, and took him. <sup>51</sup> And one of those who were with Jesus put out his hand, and took out his sword and gave the servant of the high priest a blow, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then says Jesus to him, Put up your sword again into its place: for all those who take the sword will come to death by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Does it not seem possible to you that if I make request to my Father he will even now send me an army of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Writings come true, which say that so it has to be? <sup>55</sup> In that hour Jesus said to the people, Have you come out as against a thief with swords and sticks to take me? I was teaching every day in the Temple and you took me not. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place so that the writings of the prophets might come true. Then all his disciples went from him in flight. <sup>57</sup> And those who had made Jesus prisoner took him away to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and those in authority over the people had come together. <sup>58</sup> But Peter went after him at a distance, to the house of the high priest, and went in and took his seat with the servants, to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin were looking for false witness against Jesus, so that they might put him to death; <sup>60</sup> And they were not able to get it, though a number of false witnesses came. <sup>61</sup> But later there came two who said, This man said, I am able to give the Temple of God to destruction, and to put it up again in three days. <sup>62</sup> And the high priest got up and said to him, Have you no answer? what is it which these say against you? <sup>63</sup> But Jesus said not a word. And the high priest said to him, I put you on oath, by the living God,

that you will say to us if you are the Christ, the Son of God. <sup>64</sup> Jesus says to him, You say so: but I say to you, From now you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest, violently parting his robes, said, He has said evil against God: what more need have we of witnesses? for now his words against God have come to your ears: <sup>66</sup> What is your opinion? They made answer and said, It is right for him to be put to death. <sup>67</sup> Then they put shame on him, and were cruel to him: and some gave him blows, saying, <sup>68</sup> Be a prophet, O Christ, and say who gave you a blow! <sup>69</sup> Now Peter was seated in the open square outside the house: and a servant-girl came to him, saying, You were with Jesus the Galilaean. <sup>70</sup> But he said before them all that it was false, saying, I have no knowledge of what you say. <sup>71</sup> And when he had gone out into the doorway, another saw him and says to those who were there, This man was with Jesus the Nazarene. <sup>72</sup> And again he said with an oath, I have no knowledge of the man. <sup>73</sup> And after a little time those who were near came and said to Peter, Truly you are one of them; because your talk is witness against you. <sup>74</sup> Then with curses and oaths he said, I have no knowledge of the man. And straight away there came the cry of a cock. <sup>75</sup> And the word of Jesus came back to Peter, when he said, Before the hour of the cock's cry, you will say three times that you have no knowledge of me. And he went out, weeping bitterly.

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<sup>1</sup> Now when it was morning, all the chief priests and those in authority took thought together with the purpose of putting Jesus to death. <sup>2</sup> And they put cords on him and took him away, and gave him up to Pilate, the ruler. <sup>3</sup> Then Judas, who was false to him, seeing that he was to be put to death, in his regret took back the thirty bits of silver to the chief priests and those in authority, <sup>4</sup> Saying, I have done wrong in giving into your hands an upright man. But they said, What is that to us? it is your business. <sup>5</sup> And he put down the silver in the Temple and went out, and put himself to death by hanging. <sup>6</sup> And the chief priests took the silver and said, It is not right to put it in the Temple store for it is the price of blood. <sup>7</sup> And they made a decision to get with the silver the potter's field, as a place for the dead of other countries. <sup>8</sup> For this cause that field was named, The field of blood, to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then came true that which was said by Jeremiah the prophet, And they took the thirty bits of silver, the price of him who was valued by the children of Israel; <sup>10</sup> And they gave them for the potter's field, as I had word from the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And Jesus was before the ruler, who put a question to him, Are you the King of the Jews? And Jesus said to him, You say so. <sup>12</sup> But when the chief priests and those in authority made statements against him, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then says Pilate to him, Do you give no attention to what their witnesses say against you? <sup>14</sup> And he gave him no answer, not even a word: so that the ruler was greatly surprised. <sup>15</sup> Now at the feast it was the way for the ruler to let free to the people one prisoner, at their selection. <sup>16</sup> And they had then an important prisoner, whose name was Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they came together, Pilate said to them, Whom will you have? Barabbas, or Jesus, who is named Christ? <sup>18</sup> For he saw that for envy they had given

him up. <sup>19</sup> And while he was on the judge's seat, his wife sent to him, saying, Have nothing to do with that upright man, for I have had much trouble this day in a dream because of him. <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and those in authority got the people to make request for Barabbas, and for Jesus to be put to death. <sup>21</sup> But the ruler made answer and said to them, Which of the two is it your pleasure that I let go free? And they said, Barabbas. <sup>22</sup> Pilate says to them, What, then, am I to do with Jesus, who is named Christ? They all say, Let him be put to death on the cross. <sup>23</sup> And he said, Why, what evil has he done? But they gave loud cries, saying, To the cross with him! <sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was able to do nothing, but that trouble was working up, he took water and, washing his hands before the people, said, The blood of this upright man is not on my hands: you are responsible. <sup>25</sup> And all the people made answer and said, Let his blood be on us, and on our children. <sup>26</sup> Then he let Barabbas go free: but after having Jesus whipped, he gave him up to be put to death on the cross. <sup>27</sup> Then the ruler's armed men took Jesus into the open square, and got all their band together. <sup>28</sup> And they took off his clothing, and put on him a red robe. <sup>29</sup> And they made a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and put a rod in his right hand, and they went down on their knees before him, and made sport of him, saying, Long life to the King of the Jews. <sup>30</sup> And they put shame on him, and gave him blows on the head with the rod. <sup>31</sup> And when they had made sport of him, they took the robe off him, and put his clothing on him, and took him away to put him on the cross. <sup>32</sup> And while they were coming out, they saw a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, and they made him go with them, so that he might take up his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place named Golgotha, that is to say, Dead Man's Head, <sup>34</sup> They gave him wine mixed with bitter drink: and after tasting it, he took no more. <sup>35</sup> And when they had put him on the cross, they made division of his clothing among them by the decision of chance. <sup>36</sup> And they were seated there watching him. <sup>37</sup> And they put up over his head the statement of his crime in writing, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>38</sup> Then two thieves were put on crosses with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who went by said bitter words to him, shaking their heads and saying, <sup>40</sup> You who would give the Temple to destruction and put it up again in three days, get yourself free: if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross. <sup>41</sup> In the same way, the chief priests, making sport of him, with the scribes and those in authority, said, <sup>42</sup> A saviour of others, he has no salvation for himself. If he is the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will have faith in him. <sup>43</sup> He put his faith in God; let God be his saviour now, if he will have him; for he said, I am the Son of God. <sup>44</sup> And the thieves who were on the crosses said evil words to him. <sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour it was dark over all the land till the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus gave a loud cry, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why are you turned away from me? <sup>47</sup> And some of those who were near by, hearing it, said, This man is crying to Elijah. <sup>48</sup> And straight away one of them went quickly, and took a sponge, and made it full of bitter wine, and put it on a rod and gave him drink. <sup>49</sup> And the rest said, Let him be; let us see if Elijah will come to his help. <sup>50</sup> And Jesus gave another loud cry, and gave up

his spirit. <sup>51</sup> And the curtain of the Temple was parted in two from end to end; and there was an earth-shock; and the rocks were broken; <sup>52</sup> And the resting-places of the dead came open; and the bodies of a number of sleeping saints came to life; <sup>53</sup> And coming out of their resting-places, after he had come again from the dead, they went into the holy town and were seen by a number of people. <sup>54</sup> Now the captain and those who were with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earth-shock and the things which were done, were in great fear and said, Truly this was a son of God. <sup>55</sup> And a number of women were there, watching from a distance, who had come with Jesus from Galilee, waiting on his needs. <sup>56</sup> Among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. <sup>57</sup> And in the evening, there came a man of wealth from Arimathaea, Joseph by name, who was a disciple of Jesus: <sup>58</sup> This man went in to Pilate, and made a request for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate gave orders for it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup> And Joseph took the body, folding it in clean linen, <sup>60</sup> And put it in the resting-place which had been cut out of the rock for himself; and after rolling a great stone to the door of it he went away. <sup>61</sup> And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, seated by the place of the dead. <sup>62</sup> Now on the day after the getting ready of the Passover, the chief priests and Pharisees came together to Pilate, <sup>63</sup> Saying, Sir, we have in mind how that false man said, while he was still living, After three days I will come again from the dead. <sup>64</sup> Give orders, then, that the place where his body is may be made safe till the third day, for fear that his disciples come and take him away secretly and say to the people, He has come back from the dead: and the last error will be worse than the first. <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, You have watchmen; go and make it as safe as you are able. <sup>66</sup> So they went, and made safe the place where his body was, putting a stamp on the stone, and the watchmen were with them.

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<sup>1</sup> Now late on the Sabbath, when the dawn of the first day of the week was near, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the place where his body was. <sup>2</sup> And there was a great earth-shock; for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, rolling back the stone, took his seat on it. <sup>3</sup> His form was shining like the light, and his clothing was white as snow: <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the watchmen were shaking, and became as dead men. <sup>5</sup> And the angel said to the women, Have no fear: for I see that you are searching for Jesus, who was put to death on the cross. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has come to life again, even as he said. Come, see the Lord's resting-place. <sup>7</sup> And go quickly and give his disciples the news that he has come back from the dead, and is going before you into Galilee; there you will see him, as I have said to you. <sup>8</sup> And they went away quickly, with fear and great joy, to give his disciples the news. <sup>9</sup> And on the way, Jesus came to them, saying, Be glad. And they came and put their hands on his feet, and gave him worship. <sup>10</sup> Then said Jesus to them, Have no fear: go and give word to my brothers to go into Galilee, and there they will see me. <sup>11</sup> Now, while they were going, some of the watchmen came into the town and gave news to the chief priests of all the things which had taken place. <sup>12</sup> And when they had come together



with those in authority, and had made their decision, they gave much money to the watchmen, saying, <sup>13</sup> Say, His disciples came by night and took him away secretly while we were sleeping. <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the ruler's ears, we will see that he does not make you responsible. <sup>15</sup> So they took the money, and did as they had been ordered: and this account has been current among the Jews till the present time. <sup>16</sup> But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had given them orders to go. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they gave him worship: but some were in doubt. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came to them and said, All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go then, and make disciples of all the nations, giving them baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to keep all the rules which I have given you: and see, I am ever with you, even to the end of the world.

## The Good News According to Mark

<sup>1</sup> The first words of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> Even as it is said in the book of Isaiah the prophet, See, I send my servant before your face, who will make ready your way; <sup>3</sup> The voice of one crying in the waste land, Make ready the way of the Lord, make his roads straight; <sup>4</sup> John came, and gave baptism in the waste land, preaching baptism as a sign of forgiveness of sin for those whose hearts were changed. <sup>5</sup> And there went out to him all the people of Judaea, and all those of Jerusalem, and they were given baptism by him in the river Jordan, saying that they were sinners. <sup>6</sup> And John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather band about him; and his food was locusts and honey. <sup>7</sup> And he said to them all, There is one coming after me who is greater than I, whose shoes I am not good enough to undo. <sup>8</sup> I have given you baptism with water, but he will give you baptism with the Holy Spirit. <sup>9</sup> And it came about in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was given baptism by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And straight away, coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens broken open and the Spirit coming down on him as a dove: <sup>11</sup> And a voice came out of heaven, You are my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased. <sup>12</sup> And straight away the Spirit sent him out into the waste land. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the waste land for forty days, being tested by Satan; and he was with the beasts; and the angels took care of him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John had been put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> And saying, The time has come, and the kingdom of God is near: let your hearts be turned from sin and have faith in the good news. <sup>16</sup> And going by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon, and Andrew, the brother of Simon, putting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. <sup>18</sup> And they went straight from their nets, and came after him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were in their boat stitching up their nets. <sup>20</sup> And he said, Come after me: and they went away from their father Zebedee, who was in the boat with the servants, and came after him. <sup>21</sup> And they came to Capernaum; and on the Sabbath he went into the Synagogue and gave teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were full of wonder at his teaching, because he gave it as one having authority, and not like the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And there was in their Synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he gave a cry, <sup>24</sup> Saying, What have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? have you come to put an end to us? I see well who you are, the Holy One of God. <sup>25</sup> And Jesus said to him sharply, Be quiet, and come out of him. <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, shaking him violently, and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> And they were all greatly surprised, so that they put questions to one another, saying, What is this? a new teaching! with authority he gives orders even to the unclean spirits, and they do what he says. <sup>28</sup> And news of him went out quickly everywhere into all parts of Galilee round about. <sup>29</sup> And when they came out of the Synagogue,

they went into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's wife's mother was ill, with a burning heat; and they gave him word of her: <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand, lifting her up; and she became well, and took care of their needs. <sup>32</sup> And in the evening, at sundown, they took to him all who were diseased, and those who had evil spirits. <sup>33</sup> And all the town had come together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And a number, who were ill with different diseases, he made well, and sent out evil spirits; but he did not let the evil spirits say anything, because they had knowledge of him. <sup>35</sup> And in the morning, a long time before daylight, he got up and went out to a quiet place, and there he gave himself up to prayer. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him came after him. <sup>37</sup> And when they came up with him, they said to him, Everyone is looking for you. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, Let us go to other parts into the nearest towns, so that I may give teaching there, because for this purpose I came. <sup>39</sup> And he went into their Synagogues in every part of Galilee, preaching and driving out evil spirits. <sup>40</sup> And a leper came to him and, going down on his knees before him, made a request, saying, If it is your pleasure, you have the power to make me clean. <sup>41</sup> And being moved with pity, he put out his hand, and touching him said to him, It is my pleasure; be made clean. <sup>42</sup> And straight away the disease went from him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup> And he sent him away, saying to him very sharply, <sup>44</sup> See that you say nothing to any man: but go and let the priest see you, and make yourself clean by an offering of the things ordered by Moses, for a witness to them. <sup>45</sup> But he went out, and made it public, giving an account of it everywhere, so that Jesus was no longer able to go openly into a town, but was outside in the waste land; and they came to him from every part.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> And when he came into Capernaum again after some days, the news went about that he was in the house. <sup>2</sup> And a great number had come together, so that there was no longer room for them, no, not even about the door: and he gave them teaching. <sup>3</sup> And four men came to him with one on a bed who had no power of moving. <sup>4</sup> And when they were unable to get near him because of all the people, they got the roof uncovered where he was: and when it was broken up, they let down the bed on which the man was. <sup>5</sup> And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to him, Son, you have forgiveness for your sins. <sup>6</sup> But there were certain of the scribes seated there, and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> Why does this man say such things? he has no respect for God: from whom does forgiveness come but from God only? <sup>8</sup> And Jesus, having knowledge in his spirit of their thoughts, said to them, Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is the simpler, to say to a man who is ill, You have forgiveness for your sins, or, Get up, take up your bed, and go? <sup>10</sup> But so that you may see that the Son of man has authority for the forgiveness of sins on earth, (he said to the man,) <sup>11</sup> I say to you, Get up, take up your bed, and go to your house. <sup>12</sup> And he got up, and straight away took up the bed and went out before them all, so that they were all full of wonder, and gave glory to God, saying, We have never seen anything like this. <sup>13</sup> And he went out again by the seaside; and all the people came to him, and

he gave them teaching. <sup>14</sup> And when he went by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, seated at the place where taxes were taken, and he said to him, Come with me. And he got up, and went with him. <sup>15</sup> And it came about that he was seated at meat in his house, and a number of tax-farmers and sinners were at table with Jesus and his disciples: for there were a great number of them, and they came after him. <sup>16</sup> And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was taking food with the tax-farmers and sinners, said to his disciples, Why does he take food and drink with such men? <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, hearing it, said to them, Those who are well have no need of a medical man, but those who are ill: I have come not to get the upright but sinners. <sup>18</sup> And John's disciples and the Pharisees were taking no food: and they came and said to him, Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees go without food, but your disciples do not? <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to them, Will the friends of a newly-married man go without food while he is with them? as long as they have him with them they will not go without food. <sup>20</sup> But the days will come when the husband will be taken away from them, and then they will go without food. <sup>21</sup> No man puts a bit of new cloth on an old coat: or the new, by pulling away from the old, makes a worse hole. <sup>22</sup> And no man puts new wine into old wine-skins: or the skins will be burst by the wine, and the wine and the skins will be wasted: but new wine has to be put into new wine-skins. <sup>23</sup> And it came about that on the Sabbath day he was going through the grain-fields; and while they were walking, his disciples took the heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> And the Pharisees said to him, Why are they doing what it is not right to do on the Sabbath? <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, Have you no knowledge of what David did, when he had need and was without food, he, and those who were with him? <sup>26</sup> How he went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest, and took for food the holy bread, which only the priests may take, and gave it to those who were with him? <sup>27</sup> And he said to them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath; <sup>28</sup> So that the Son of man is lord even of the Sabbath.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> And he went again into the Synagogue; and there was a man there whose hand was dead. <sup>2</sup> And they were watching him to see if he would make him well on the Sabbath day, so that they might have something against him. <sup>3</sup> And he said to the man, Get up and come forward. <sup>4</sup> And he said to them, Is it right to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil? to give life or to put to death? But they said nothing. <sup>5</sup> And looking round on them he was angry, being sad because of their hard hearts; and he said to the man, Put out your hand. And he put it out, and his hand was made well. <sup>6</sup> And the Pharisees went out, and straight away made designs with the Herodians about how they might put him to death. <sup>7</sup> And Jesus went away with his disciples to the sea, and a great number from Galilee came after him: and from Judaea, <sup>8</sup> And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and the other side of Jordan, and the country about Tyre and Sidon, a great number, hearing what great things he did, came to him. <sup>9</sup> And he made a request to his disciples to have a little boat ready for him, so that he might not be crushed by the people; <sup>10</sup> For he had made such a great number well that all those who were diseased were falling down

before him for the purpose of touching him. <sup>11</sup> And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, went down before him, crying out, and saying, You are the Son of God. <sup>12</sup> And he gave them special orders not to say who he was. <sup>13</sup> And he went up into the mountain, and sent for those whom it was his pleasure to have with him: and they went to him. <sup>14</sup> And he took twelve to be with him, so that he might send them out as preachers, <sup>15</sup> And give them the power of driving out evil spirits: <sup>16</sup> To Simon he gave the second name of Peter; <sup>17</sup> And to James, the son of Zebedee, and John, the brother of James, he gave the second name of Boanerges, which is, Sons of thunder: <sup>18</sup> And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; <sup>19</sup> And Judas Iscariot, who was false to him. <sup>20</sup> And he went into a house. And the people came together again, so that they were not even able to take bread. <sup>21</sup> And when his friends had news of it, they went out to get him, saying, He is off his head. <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem, said, He has Beelzebub, and, By the ruler of evil spirits he sends evil spirits out of men. <sup>23</sup> And turning to them, he said to them in the form of a story, How is it possible for Satan to put out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If there is division in a kingdom, that kingdom will come to destruction; <sup>25</sup> And if there is division in a house, that house will come to destruction; <sup>26</sup> And if Satan is at war with himself, and there is division in him, he will not keep his place but will come to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one is able to go into the house of the strong man and take his goods, without first putting cords round the strong man, and then he will take his goods. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, The sons of men will have forgiveness for all their sins and for all the evil words they say: <sup>29</sup> But whoever says evil things against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but the evil he has done will be with him for ever: <sup>30</sup> Because they said, He has an unclean spirit. <sup>31</sup> And his mother and brothers came and were outside, and sent for him, requesting to see him. <sup>32</sup> And a great number were seated round him; and they said to him, See, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you. <sup>33</sup> And he said in answer, Who are my mother and my brothers? <sup>34</sup> And looking round at those who were seated about him, he said, See, my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does God's pleasure, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> And again he was teaching by the seaside. And a very great number of people had come to him, so that he got into a boat on the sea and took his seat; and all the people were on the land by the seaside. <sup>2</sup> And he gave them teaching about a number of things in the form of stories, and said to them in his teaching, Give ear: <sup>3</sup> A man went out to put seed in the earth: <sup>4</sup> And while he was doing it, some was dropped by the wayside, and the birds came and took it for food. <sup>5</sup> And some went on the stones, where it had not much earth; and it came up straight away, because the earth was not deep: <sup>6</sup> And when the sun was high, it was burned; and because it had no root, it became dry and dead. <sup>7</sup> And some went among the thorns, and the thorns came up, and it had no room for growth and gave no fruit. <sup>8</sup> And some, falling on good earth, gave fruit, coming up and increasing, and giving thirty, sixty, and a hundred times as much.

<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, Whoever has ears, let him give ear. <sup>10</sup> And when he was by himself, those who were round him with the twelve put questions to him about the purpose of the stories. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, To you is given the secret of the kingdom of God, but to those who are outside, all things are given in the form of stories; <sup>12</sup> So that seeing they may see, and it will not be clear to them; and hearing it, they will not get the sense; for fear that they may be turned again to me and have forgiveness. <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, If you are not clear about this story, how will you be clear about the others? <sup>14</sup> The seed is the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are they by the wayside, where the word is planted; and when they have given ear, the Evil One comes straight away and takes away the word which has been planted in them. <sup>16</sup> And in the same way, these are they who are planted on the stones, who, when the word has come to their ears, straight away take it with joy; <sup>17</sup> And they have no root in themselves, but go on for a time; then, when trouble comes or pain, because of the word, they quickly become full of doubts. <sup>18</sup> And others are those planted among the thorns; these are they who have given ear to the word, <sup>19</sup> And the cares of this life, and the deceits of wealth, and the desire for other things coming in, put a stop to the growth of the word, and it gives no fruit. <sup>20</sup> And these are they who were planted on the good earth; such as give ear to the word, and take it into their hearts, and give fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundred times as much. <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, When the light comes in, do people put it under a vessel, or under the bed, and not on its table? <sup>22</sup> There is nothing covered which will not be seen openly, and nothing has been made secret which will not come to light. <sup>23</sup> If any man has ears, let him give ear. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, Take care what you give ear to: in the same measure as you give you will get, and more will be given to you. <sup>25</sup> He who has, to him will be given: and he who has not, from him will be taken even that which he has. <sup>26</sup> And he said, Such is the kingdom of God, as if a man put seed in the earth, <sup>27</sup> And went to sleep and got up, night and day, and the seed came to growth, though he had no idea how. <sup>28</sup> The earth gives fruit by herself; first the leaf, then the head, then the full grain. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ready, he quickly sends men to get it cut, because the time for cutting has come. <sup>30</sup> And he said, What picture may we give of the kingdom of God, or with what story may we make it clear? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is put in the earth, is smaller than all the seeds on the earth, <sup>32</sup> But when it is planted, it comes up, and becomes taller than all the plants, and puts out great branches, so that the birds of heaven are able to take rest in its shade. <sup>33</sup> And with a number of such stories he gave them his teaching, as they were able to take it: <sup>34</sup> And without a story he said nothing to them: but privately to his disciples he made all things clear. <sup>35</sup> And on that day, when the evening had come, he said to them, Let us go over to the other side. <sup>36</sup> And going away from the people, they took him with them, as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> And a great storm of wind came up, and the waves came into the boat, so that the boat was now becoming full. <sup>38</sup> And he himself was in the back of the boat, sleeping on the cushion: and they, awaking him, said, Master, is it nothing to you that we are in danger of destruction? <sup>39</sup> And he came out of his sleep, and gave strong orders to the wind, and said to the sea,

Peace, be at rest. And the wind went down, and there was a great calm.  
<sup>40</sup> And he said to them, Why are you full of fear? have you still no faith?  
<sup>41</sup> And their fear was great, and they said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea do his orders?

## 5

<sup>1</sup> And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> And when he had got out of the boat, straight away there came to him from the place of the dead a man with an unclean spirit. <sup>3</sup> He was living in the place of the dead: and no man was able to keep him down, no, not with a chain; <sup>4</sup> Because he had frequently been prisoned in chains and iron bands, and the chains had been parted and the bands broken by him: and no man was strong enough to make him quiet. <sup>5</sup> And all the time, by day and by night, in the place of the dead, and in the mountains, he was crying out and cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup> And when he saw Jesus from far off, he went quickly to him and gave him worship; <sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice he said, What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name, do not be cruel to me. <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to him, Come out of the man, you unclean spirit. <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said, What is your name? And he made answer, My name is Legion, because there are a great number of us. <sup>10</sup> And he made strong prayers to him not to send them away out of the country. <sup>11</sup> Now on the mountain side there was a great herd of pigs getting their food. <sup>12</sup> And they said to him, Send us into the pigs, so that we may go into them. <sup>13</sup> And he let them do it. And the unclean spirits came out and went into the pigs; and the herd went rushing down a sharp slope into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they came to their death in the sea. <sup>14</sup> And their keepers went running and gave an account of it in the town and in the country. And people came to see what had taken place. <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jesus, and saw the man in whom had been the evil spirits seated, clothed and with full use of his senses, and they were full of fear. <sup>16</sup> And those who had seen it gave them an account of what had been done to him who had the evil spirits, and of the fate of the pigs. <sup>17</sup> And they made a request to him to go out of their country. <sup>18</sup> And when he was getting into the boat, the man in whom had been the evil spirits had a great desire to come with him. <sup>19</sup> And he would not let him, but said to him, Go to your house, to your friends, and give them news of the great things the Lord has done for you, and how he had mercy on you. <sup>20</sup> And he went on his way, and made public in the country of Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him: and all men were full of wonder. <sup>21</sup> And when Jesus had gone over again in the boat to the other side, a great number of people came to him: and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> And one of the rulers of the Synagogue, Jairus by name, came, and seeing him, went down at his feet, <sup>23</sup> And made strong prayers to him, saying, My little daughter is near to death: it is my prayer that you will come and put your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and have life. <sup>24</sup> And he went with him; and a great number of people went after him, and came round him. <sup>25</sup> And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup> And had undergone much at the hands of a number of medical men, and had given all she had, and was

no better; but even worse, <sup>27</sup> When she had news of the things which Jesus did, went among the people coming after him, and put her hand on his robe. <sup>28</sup> For she said, If I may only put my hand on his robe, I will be made well. <sup>29</sup> And straight away the fountain of her blood was stopped, and she had a feeling in her body that her disease had gone and she was well. <sup>30</sup> And straight away Jesus was conscious that power had gone out of him; and, turning to the people, he said, Who was touching my robe? <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, You see the people round you on every side, and you say, Who was touching me? <sup>32</sup> And on his looking round to see her who had done this thing, <sup>33</sup> The woman, shaking with fear, conscious of what had been done to her, came and, falling on her face before him, gave him a true account of everything. <sup>34</sup> And he said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be free from your disease. <sup>35</sup> And while he was still talking, they came from the ruler of the Synagogue's house, saying, Your daughter is dead: why are you still troubling the Master? <sup>36</sup> But Jesus, giving no attention to their words, said to the ruler of the Synagogue, Have no fear, only have faith. <sup>37</sup> And he did not let anyone come with him, but Peter and James and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> And they came to the house of the ruler of the Synagogue; and he saw people running this way and that, and weeping and crying loudly. <sup>39</sup> And when he had gone in, he said to them, Why are you making such a noise and weeping? The child is not dead, but sleeping. <sup>40</sup> And they were laughing at him. But he, having sent them all out, took the father of the child and her mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> And taking her by the hand, he said to her, Talitha cumi, which is, My child, I say to you, Get up. <sup>42</sup> And the young girl got up straight away, and was walking about; she being twelve years old. And they were overcome with wonder. <sup>43</sup> And he gave them special orders that they were not to say anything of this; and he said that some food was to be given to her.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> And he went away from there, and came into his country; and his disciples went with him. <sup>2</sup> And when the Sabbath day had come, he was teaching in the Synagogue; and a number of people hearing him were surprised, saying, From where did this man get these things? and, What is the wisdom given to this man, and what are these works of power done by his hands? <sup>3</sup> Is not this the woodworker, 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 bitter against him. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, A prophet is nowhere without honour; but in his country, and among his relations, and in his family. <sup>5</sup> And he was unable to do any work of power there, but only to put his hands on one or two persons who were ill, and make them well. <sup>6</sup> And he was greatly surprised because they had no faith. And he went about the country places teaching. <sup>7</sup> And he gave orders to the twelve, and sent them out two by two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits; <sup>8</sup> And he said that they were to take nothing for their journey, but a stick only; no bread, no bag, no money in their pockets; <sup>9</sup> They were to go with common shoes on their feet, and not to take two coats. <sup>10</sup> And he said to them, Wherever you go into a house,



make that your resting-place till you go away. <sup>11</sup> And whatever place will not take you in and will not give ear to you, when you go away, put off the dust from your feet as a witness against them. <sup>12</sup> And they went out, preaching the need for a change of heart in men. <sup>13</sup> And they sent out a number of evil spirits, and put oil on a great number who were ill, and made them well. <sup>14</sup> And king Herod had news of him, because his name was on the lips of all; and he said, John the Baptist has come back from the dead, and for this reason these powers are working in him. <sup>15</sup> But others said, It is Elijah. And others said, It is a prophet, even like one of the prophets. <sup>16</sup> But Herod, when he had news of it, said, John, whom I put to death, has come back from the dead. <sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men out to take John and put him in prison, because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had taken for himself. <sup>18</sup> For John said to Herod, It is wrong for you to have your brother's wife. <sup>19</sup> And Herodias was bitter against him, desiring to put him to death; but she was not able; <sup>20</sup> For Herod was in fear of John, being conscious that he was an upright and holy man, and kept him safe. And hearing him, he was much troubled; and he gave ear to him gladly. <sup>21</sup> And the chance came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast to his lords, and the high captains, and the chief men of Galilee; <sup>22</sup> And when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and did a dance, Herod and those who were at table with him were pleased with her; and the king said to the girl, Make a request for anything and I will give it you. <sup>23</sup> And he took an oath, saying to her, Whatever is your desire I will give it to you, even half of my kingdom. <sup>24</sup> And she went out and said to her mother, What is my request to be? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. <sup>25</sup> And she came in quickly to the king, and said, My desire is that you give me straight away on a plate the head of John the Baptist. <sup>26</sup> And the king was very sad; but because of his oaths, and those who were with him at table, he would not say 'No' to her. <sup>27</sup> And straight away the king sent out one of his armed men, and gave him an order to come back with the head: and he went and took off John's head in prison, <sup>28</sup> And came back with the head on a plate, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> And when his disciples had news of it, they came and took up his body, and put it in its last resting-place. <sup>30</sup> And the twelve came together to Jesus; and they gave him an account of all the things they had done, and all they had been teaching. <sup>31</sup> And he said to them, Come away by yourselves to a quiet place, and take a rest for a time. Because there were a great number coming and going, and they had no time even for food. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a waste place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> And the people saw them going, and a number of them, having knowledge who they were, went running there together on foot from all the towns, and got there before them. <sup>34</sup> And he got out, and saw a great mass of people, and he had pity on them, because they were like sheep without a keeper: and he gave them teaching about a number of things. <sup>35</sup> And at the end of the day, his disciples came to him and said, This place is waste land, and it is late: <sup>36</sup> Send them away, so that they may go into the country and small towns round about, and get some food for themselves. <sup>37</sup> But he said to them in answer, Give them food yourselves. And they said to him, Are we to go and get bread for two hundred pence, and give it to

them? <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, How much bread have you? go and see. And when they had seen, they said, Five cakes of bread and two fishes. <sup>39</sup> And he made them all be seated in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> And they were placed in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup> And he took the five cakes of bread and the two fishes and, looking up to heaven, he said words of blessing over them; and when the cakes were broken, he gave them to the disciples to put before the people; and he made division of the two fishes among them all. <sup>42</sup> And they all took of the food and had enough. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken bits and of the fishes. <sup>44</sup> And those who took of the bread were five thousand men. <sup>45</sup> And straight away he made his disciples get into the boat, and go before him to the other side to Beth-saida, while he himself sent the people away. <sup>46</sup> And after he had sent them away, he went up into a mountain for prayer. <sup>47</sup> And by evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he by himself on the land. <sup>48</sup> And seeing that they had trouble in getting their boat through the water, because the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea; and he would have gone past them; <sup>49</sup> But they, when they saw him walking on the sea, took him for a spirit, and gave a loud cry: <sup>50</sup> For they all saw him, and were troubled. But straight away he said to them, Take heart, it is I, have no fear. <sup>51</sup> And he went to them into the boat, and the wind went down, and they were full of wonder in themselves; <sup>52</sup> For it was not clear to them about the bread; but their hearts were hard. <sup>53</sup> And when they had gone across, they came to Gennesaret, and got their boat to land. <sup>54</sup> And when they had got out of the boat, the people quickly had news of him, <sup>55</sup> And went running through all the country round about, and took on their beds those who were ill, to where it was said that he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into small towns, or great towns, or into the country, they took those who were ill into the market-places, requesting him that they might put their hands even on the edge of his robe: and all those who did so were made well.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> And there came together to him the Pharisees and certain of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> And had seen that some of his disciples took their bread with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. <sup>3</sup> Now the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not take food without washing their hands with care, keeping the old rule which has been handed down to them: <sup>4</sup> And when they come from the market-place, they take no food till their hands are washed; and a number of other orders there are, which have been handed down to them to keep – washings of cups and pots and brass vessels. <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes put the question to him, Why do your disciples not keep the rules of the fathers, but take their bread with unwashed hands? <sup>6</sup> And he said, Well did Isaiah say of you, you false ones: These people give me honour with their lips, but their heart is far from me. <sup>7</sup> But their worship is to no purpose, while they give as their teaching the rules of men. <sup>8</sup> For, turning away from the law of God, you keep the rules of men. <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, Truly you put on one side the law of God, so that you may keep the rules which have been handed down to you. <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, Give honour to your father and mother, and, He who says evil of father or mother, let him have the

punishment of death: <sup>11</sup> But you say, If a man says to his father or his mother, That by which you might have had profit from me is Corban, that is to say, Given to God, <sup>12</sup> You no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother; <sup>13</sup> Making the word of God of no effect by your rule, which you have given: and a number of other such things you do. <sup>14</sup> And turning to the people again, he said to them, Give ear to me all of you, and let my words be clear to you: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside the man which, going into him, is able to make him unclean: but the things which come out of the man are those which make the man unclean. <sup>16</sup> [] <sup>17</sup> And when he had gone into the house away from all the people, his disciples put questions to him about the saying. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, Have even you so little wisdom? Do you not see that whatever goes into a man from outside is not able to make him unclean, <sup>19</sup> Because it goes not into the heart but into the stomach, and goes out with the waste? He said this, making all food clean. <sup>20</sup> And he said, That which comes out of the man, that makes the man unclean. <sup>21</sup> Because from inside, from the heart of men, come evil thoughts and unclean pleasures, <sup>22</sup> The taking of goods and of life, broken faith between husband and wife, the desire of wealth, wrongdoing, deceit, sins of the flesh, an evil eye, angry words, pride, foolish acts: <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from inside, and make the man unclean. <sup>24</sup> And he went away from there to the country of Tyre and Sidon. And he went into a house, desiring that no man might have knowledge of it: and he was not able to keep it secret. <sup>25</sup> But a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having had news of him, came straight away and went down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Greek, a Syro-phoenician by birth: and she made a request to him that he would send the evil spirit out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> And he said to her, Let the children first have their food: for it is not right to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs. <sup>28</sup> But she said to him in answer, Yes, Lord: even the dogs under the table take the bits dropped by the children. <sup>29</sup> And he said to her, For this saying go your way; the evil spirit has gone out of your daughter. <sup>30</sup> And she went away to her house, and saw the child on the bed, and the evil spirit gone out. <sup>31</sup> And again he went out from Tyre, and came through Sidon to the sea of Galilee, through the country of Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they came to him with one who had no power of hearing and had trouble in talking; and they made a request to him to put his hands on him. <sup>33</sup> And he took him on one side from the people privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he put water from his mouth on the man's tongue with his finger; <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he took a deep breath, and said to him, Ephphatha, that is, Be open. <sup>35</sup> And his ears became open, and the band of his tongue was made loose, and his words became clear. <sup>36</sup> And he gave them orders not to give news of it to anyone; but the more he made this request, so much the more they made it public. <sup>37</sup> And they were overcome with wonder, saying, He has done all things well: he even gives back the power of hearing and the power of talking to those who have been without them.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> In those days again, when there was a great mass of people and they had no food, he made his disciples come to him and said to them, <sup>2</sup> I have

pity for these people because they have been with me now three days, and have no food; <sup>3</sup> If I send them away to their houses with no food, they will be overcome by weariness on the way; and some of them have come from far. <sup>4</sup> And his disciples said in answer, How will it be possible to get enough bread for these men here in a waste place? <sup>5</sup> And he put the question, How much bread have you? And they said, Seven cakes. <sup>6</sup> And he made the people be seated on the earth: and he took the seven cakes and, having given praise, he gave the broken bread to his disciples to put before them; and they put it before the people. <sup>7</sup> And they had some small fishes; and blessing them he had them put before the people in the same way. <sup>8</sup> And they took the food, and had enough; and they took up seven baskets full of the broken bits. <sup>9</sup> And there were about four thousand people: and he sent them away. <sup>10</sup> And he got into the boat with his disciples straight away, and came into the country of Dalmanutha. <sup>11</sup> And the Pharisees came out and put questions to him, requesting from him a sign from heaven, testing him. <sup>12</sup> And he was very sad in spirit, and said, Why is this generation looking for a sign? truly, I say to you, No sign will be given to this generation. <sup>13</sup> And he went away from them, and again got into the boat and went across to the other side. <sup>14</sup> And they had taken no thought to get bread; and they had only one cake of bread with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, Take care to be on the watch against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. <sup>16</sup> And they said to one another, We have no bread. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus, hearing it, said to them, Why are you reasoning among yourselves because you have no bread? do you still not see, and is it still not clear to you? are your hearts so hard? <sup>18</sup> Having eyes, do you not see? and having ears, have you no hearing? and have you no memory? <sup>19</sup> When I made a division of the five cakes of bread among the five thousand, what number of baskets full of broken bits did you take up? They said to him, Twelve. <sup>20</sup> And when the seven among the four thousand, what number of baskets full of broken bits did you take up? And they said to him, Seven. <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, Is it still not clear to you? <sup>22</sup> And they came to Bethsaida. And they took a blind man to him, requesting him to put his hands on him. <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand, and went with him out of the town; and when he had put water from his mouth on his eyes, and put his hands on him, he said, Do you see anything? <sup>24</sup> And looking up, he said, I see men; I see them like trees, walking. <sup>25</sup> Then again he put his hands on his eyes; and looking hard, he was able to see, and saw all things clearly. <sup>26</sup> And he sent him away to his house, saying, Do not even go into the town. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus went out, with his disciples, into the little towns round Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he put a question to his disciples, saying, Who do men say that I am? <sup>28</sup> And they made answer, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but others, One of the prophets. <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, But who do you say I am? Peter said in answer, You are the Christ. <sup>30</sup> And he put them under orders not to say this of him to anyone. <sup>31</sup> And teaching them, he said that the Son of man would have to undergo much, and be hated by those in authority, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be put to death, and after three days come back from the dead. <sup>32</sup> And he said this openly. And Peter took him, and was protesting. <sup>33</sup> But he, turning about, and seeing his disciples, said sharply to Peter, Get out of my way, Satan:

for your mind is not on the things of God, but on the things of men. <sup>34</sup> And turning to the mass of people with his disciples, he said to them, If any man has the desire to come after me, let him give up all other desires, and take up his cross and come after me. <sup>35</sup> Whoever has a desire to keep his life, will have it taken from him; and whoever gives up his life because of me and the good news, will keep it. <sup>36</sup> What profit has a man if he gets all the world with the loss of his life? <sup>37</sup> And what would a man give in exchange for his life? <sup>38</sup> Whoever has a feeling of shame because of me and my words in this false and evil generation, the Son of man will have a feeling of shame because of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> And he said to them, Truly I say to you, There are some here who will have no taste of death till they see the kingdom of God come with power. <sup>2</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and made them go up with him into a high mountain by themselves: and he was changed in form before them: <sup>3</sup> And his clothing became shining, very white, as no cleaner on earth would make it. <sup>4</sup> And there came before them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tents; one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. <sup>6</sup> Because he was not certain what to say, for they were in great fear. <sup>7</sup> And a cloud came over them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my dearly loved Son, give ear to him. <sup>8</sup> And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one any longer, but Jesus only with themselves. <sup>9</sup> And while they were coming down from the mountain, he gave them orders not to give word to any man of the things they had seen, till the Son of man had come back from the dead. <sup>10</sup> And they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the coming back from the dead might be. <sup>11</sup> And they put a question to him, saying, Why do the scribes say that Elijah has to come first? <sup>12</sup> And he said to them, Truly, Elijah does come first, and puts all things in order; and how is it said in the Writings that the Son of man will go through much sorrow and be made as nothing? <sup>13</sup> But I say to you that Elijah has come, and they have done to him whatever they were pleased to do, even as the Writings say about him. <sup>14</sup> And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great mass of people about them, and scribes questioning them. <sup>15</sup> And straight away all the people, when they saw him, were full of wonder, and running to him, gave him worship. <sup>16</sup> And he said, What are you questioning them about? <sup>17</sup> And one of the number said to him in answer, Master, I came to you with my son, who has in him a spirit which takes away his power of talking; <sup>18</sup> And wherever it takes him, it puts him down violently, streaming at the lips and twisted with pain; and his strength goes from him; and I made a request to your disciples to send it out, and they were not able. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them in answer, O generation without faith, how long will I have to be with you? how long will I put up with you? let him come to me. <sup>20</sup> And they took him to him: and when he saw him, the spirit in him straight away became violent; and he went down on the earth, rolling about and streaming at the lips. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus questioning

the father said, How long has he been like this? And he said, From a child. <sup>22</sup> And frequently it has sent him into the fire and into the water, for his destruction; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us, and give us help. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, If you are able! All things are possible to him who has faith. <sup>24</sup> Straight away the father of the child gave a cry, saying, I have faith; make my feeble faith stronger. <sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that the people came running together, he gave orders to the unclean spirit, saying to him, You, spirit, who are the cause of his loss of voice and hearing, I say to you, come out of him, and never again go into him. <sup>26</sup> And after crying out and shaking him violently, it came out: and the child became like one dead; so that most of them said, He is dead. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand, lifting him up; and he got up. <sup>28</sup> And when he had gone into the house, his disciples said to him privately, Why were we unable to send it out? <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, Nothing will make this sort come out but prayer. <sup>30</sup> And they went out from there, through Galilee; and it was his desire that no man might have knowledge of it; <sup>31</sup> For he was giving his disciples teaching, and saying to them, The Son of man is given up into the hands of men, and they will put him to death; and when he is dead, after three days he will come back from the dead. <sup>32</sup> But the saying was not clear to them, and they were in fear of questioning him about it. <sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house, he put the question to them, What were you talking about on the way? <sup>34</sup> But they said nothing: because they had had an argument between themselves on the way, about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And seating himself, he made the twelve come to him; and he said to them, If any man has the desire to be first, he will be last of all and servant of all. <sup>36</sup> And he took a little child, and put him in the middle of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> Whoever will give honour to one such little child in my name, gives honour to me: and whoever gives honour to me, gives honour not to me, but to him who sent me. <sup>38</sup> John said to him, Master, we saw one driving out evil spirits in your name: and we said that he might not, because he is not one of us. <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, Say not so: for there is no man who will do a great work in my name, and be able at the same time to say evil of me. <sup>40</sup> He who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Whoever gives you a cup of water, because you are Christ's, truly I say to you, he will in no way be without his reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever is a cause of trouble to one of these little ones who have faith in me, it would be better for him if a great stone was put round his neck and he was dropped into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand is a cause of trouble to you, let it be cut off; it is better for you to go into life with one hand than to have two hands and go into hell, into the eternal fire. <sup>44</sup> [] <sup>45</sup> And if your foot is a cause of trouble to you, let it be cut off: it is better for you to go into life with one foot than to have two feet and go into hell. <sup>46</sup> [] <sup>47</sup> And if your eye is a cause of trouble to you, take it out: it is better for you to go into the kingdom of God with one eye than, having two eyes, to go into hell, <sup>48</sup> Where their worm is ever living and the fire is not put out. <sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if the taste goes from it, how will you make it salt again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> And he got up, and went into the country of Judaea on the other side of Jordan: and great numbers of people came together to him again; and, as was his way, he gave them teaching. <sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came to him, testing him with the question, Is it right for a man to put away his wife? <sup>3</sup> And he said to them in answer, What did Moses say you were to do? <sup>4</sup> And they said to him, Moses let us give her a statement in writing, and be free from her. <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, Because of your hard hearts he gave you this law. <sup>6</sup> But from the first, male and female made he them. <sup>7</sup> For this cause will a man go away from his father and mother, and be joined to his wife; <sup>8</sup> And the two will become one flesh; so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Let not that which has been joined together by God be parted by man. <sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples put questions to him again about this thing. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, Whoever puts away his wife and takes another, is false to his wife; <sup>12</sup> And if she herself puts away her husband and takes another, she is false to her husband. <sup>13</sup> And they took to him little children, so that he might put his hands on them: and the disciples said sharp words to them. <sup>14</sup> And when Jesus saw it, he was angry, and said to them, Let the little children come to me, and do not keep them away; for of such is the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly I say to you, Whoever does not put himself under the kingdom of God like a little child, will not come into it at all. <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms, and gave them a blessing, putting his hands on them. <sup>17</sup> And while he was going out into the way, a man came running to him, and went down on his knees, saying, Good Master, what have I to do so that I may have eternal life? <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, Why do you say I am good? no one is good but one, and that is God. <sup>19</sup> You have knowledge of what is said in the law, Do not put any one to death, Do not be untrue in married life, Do not take what is not yours, Do not give false witness, Do not get money by deceit, Give honour to your father and mother. <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, Master, all these laws I have kept from the time when I was young. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking on him and loving him, said, There is one thing needed: go, get money for your goods, and give it to the poor, and you will have wealth in heaven: and come with me. <sup>22</sup> But his face became sad at the saying, and he went away sorrowing: for he was one who had much property. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus, looking round about, said to his disciples, How hard it is for those who have wealth to come into the kingdom of God! <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were full of wonder at his words. But Jesus said to them again, Children, how hard it is for those who put faith in wealth to come into the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is simpler for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a man of wealth to come into the kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup> And they were greatly surprised, saying to him, Who then may have salvation? <sup>27</sup> Jesus, looking on them, said, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God. <sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, See, we have given up everything, and come after you. <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, Truly I say to you, There is no man who has given up house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or land, because of me and the good news, <sup>30</sup> Who will not get a hundred times as much now in this time, houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and land – though with great troubles; and, in the world to come, eternal life.

<sup>31</sup> But a great number who are first will be last: and those who are last will be first. <sup>32</sup> And they were on the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going before them: and they were full of wonder; but those who came after him were in fear. And again he took the twelve, and gave them word of the things which were to come on him, <sup>33</sup> Saying, See, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be given up to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will give an order for his death, and will give him up to the Gentiles: <sup>34</sup> And they will make sport of him, and put shame on him, and give him cruel blows, and will put him to death; and after three days he will come back from the dead. <sup>35</sup> And there came to him James and John, the sons of Zebedee, saying to him, Master, will you give us whatever may be our request? <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, What would you have me do for you? <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, Let us be seated, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory. <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, You have no knowledge of what you are saying. Are you able to take of my cup? or to undergo the baptism which I am to undergo? <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, We are able. And Jesus said to them, You will take of the cup from which I take; and the baptism which I am about to undergo you will undergo: <sup>40</sup> But to be seated at my right hand or at my left is not for me to give: but it is for those for whom it has been made ready. <sup>41</sup> And hearing this, the ten became very angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus made them come to him, and said to them, You see that those who are made rulers over the Gentiles are lords over them, and their great ones have authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you: but whoever has a desire to become great among you, let him be your servant: <sup>44</sup> And whoever has a desire to be first among you, let him be servant of all. <sup>45</sup> For truly the Son of man did not come to have servants, but to be a servant, and to give his life for the salvation of men. <sup>46</sup> And they came to Jericho: and when he was going out of Jericho, with his disciples and a great number of people, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind man, was seated by the wayside, with his hand out for money. <sup>47</sup> And when it came to his ears that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he gave a cry, and said, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. <sup>48</sup> And some of them, turning in protest, gave him an order to be quiet: but he went on crying out all the more, Son of David, have mercy on me. <sup>49</sup> And Jesus came to a stop and said, Let him come. And crying out to the blind man, they said to him, Be comforted: come, he has sent for you. <sup>50</sup> And he, putting off his coat, got up quickly, and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, What would you have me do to you? And the blind man said, Master, make me able to see. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, Go on your way; your faith has made you well. And straight away he was able to see, and went after him in the way.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> And when they came near to Jerusalem, to Beth-phage and Bethany, at the Mountain of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> And said to them, Go into the little town opposite: and when you come to it, you will see a young ass with a cord round his neck, on which no man has ever been seated; let him loose, and come back with him. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says to you, Why are you doing this? say, The Lord has need of him and will



send him back straight away. <sup>4</sup> And they went away and saw a young ass by the door outside in the open street; and they were getting him loose. <sup>5</sup> And some of those who were there said to them, What are you doing, taking the ass? <sup>6</sup> And they said to them the words which Jesus had said; and they let them go. <sup>7</sup> And they took the young ass to Jesus, and put their clothing on him, and he got on his back. <sup>8</sup> And a great number put down their clothing in the way; and others put down branches which they had taken from the fields. <sup>9</sup> And those who went in front, and those who came after, were crying, Glory: A blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord: <sup>10</sup> A blessing on the coming kingdom of our father David: Glory in the highest. <sup>11</sup> And he went into Jerusalem into the Temple; and after looking round about on all things, it being now evening, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. <sup>12</sup> And on the day after, when they had come out from Bethany, he was in need of food. <sup>13</sup> And seeing a fig-tree in the distance with leaves, he went to see if by chance it had anything on it: and when he came to it, he saw nothing but leaves, for it was not the time for the fruit. <sup>14</sup> And he said to it, Let no man take fruit from you for ever. And his disciples took note of his words. <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jerusalem; and he went into the Temple, and sent out those who were trading there, overturning the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who were offering doves for money; <sup>16</sup> And he would not let any man take a vessel through the Temple. <sup>17</sup> And he gave them teaching, and said to them, Is it not in the Writings, My house is to be named a house of prayer for all the nations? but you have made it a hole of thieves. <sup>18</sup> And it came to the ears of the chief priests and scribes, and they took thought how they might put him to death; being in fear of him, because all the people were full of wonder at his teaching. <sup>19</sup> And every evening he went out of the town. <sup>20</sup> And when they were going by in the morning, they saw the fig-tree dead from the roots. <sup>21</sup> And Peter, having a memory of it, said to him, Master, see, the tree which was cursed by you is dead. <sup>22</sup> And Jesus, answering, said to them, Have God's faith. <sup>23</sup> Truly I say to you, Whoever says to this mountain, Be taken up and be put into the sea; and has no doubt in his heart, but has faith that what he says will come about, he will have his desire. <sup>24</sup> For this reason I say to you, Whatever you make a request for in prayer, have faith that it has been given to you, and you will have it. <sup>25</sup> And whenever you make a prayer, let there be forgiveness in your hearts, if you have anything against anyone; so that you may have forgiveness for your sins from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>26</sup> [] <sup>27</sup> And they came again to Jerusalem: and while he was walking in the Temple, there came to him the chief priests and the scribes and those in authority: <sup>28</sup> And they said to him, By what authority do you do these things? or who gave you authority to do these things? <sup>29</sup> And Jesus said to them, I will put to you one question; give me an answer, and I will say by what authority I do these things. <sup>30</sup> The baptism of John, was it from heaven or from men? give me an answer. <sup>31</sup> And they gave thought to it among themselves, saying, If we say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did you not have faith in him? <sup>32</sup> But if we say, From men — they were in fear of the people, because all took John to be truly a prophet. <sup>33</sup> And they said in answer to Jesus, We have no idea. And Jesus said to them, And I will not say to you by what authority I do these things.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> And he gave them teaching in the form of stories. A man had a vine-garden planted, and put a wall about it, and made a place for crushing out the wine, and put up a tower, and let it out to field-workers, and went into another country. <sup>2</sup> And when the time came, he sent a servant to get from the workmen some of the fruit of the garden. <sup>3</sup> And they took him, and gave him blows, and sent him away with nothing. <sup>4</sup> And again he sent to them another servant; and they gave him wounds on the head, and were very cruel to him. <sup>5</sup> And he sent another; and they put him to death: and a number of others, whipping some, and putting some to death. <sup>6</sup> He still had one, a dearly loved son: he sent him last to them, saying, They will have respect for my son. <sup>7</sup> But those workmen said among themselves, This is he who will one day be the owner of the property; come, let us put him to death, and the heritage will be ours. <sup>8</sup> And they took him and put him to death, pushing his body out of the garden. <sup>9</sup> What then will the master of the garden do? He will come and put the workmen to death, and will give the garden into the hands of others. <sup>10</sup> Have you not seen this which is in the Writings: The stone which the builders put on one side, the same was made the chief stone of the building: <sup>11</sup> This was the Lord's doing, and it is a wonder in our eyes? <sup>12</sup> And they made attempts to take him; but they were in fear of the people, because they saw that the story was against them; and they went away from him. <sup>13</sup> Then they sent to him certain of the Pharisees and the Herodians, so that they might make use of his words to take him by a trick. <sup>14</sup> And when they had come, they said to him, Master, we are certain that you are true, and have no fear of anyone: you have no respect for a man's position, but you are teaching the true way of God: Is it right to give taxes to Caesar or not? <sup>15</sup> Are we to give or not to give? But he, conscious of their false hearts, said to them, Why do you put me to the test? give me a penny, so that I may see it. <sup>16</sup> And they gave him one. And he said to them, Whose is this image and name on it? And they said to him, Caesar's. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, Give to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's. And they were full of wonder at him. <sup>18</sup> And there came to him Sadducees, who say there is no coming back from the dead; and they put a question to him, saying, <sup>19</sup> Master, in the law Moses says, If a man's brother comes to his end, and has a wife still living and no child, it is right for his brother to take his wife, and get a family for his brother. <sup>20</sup> There were seven brothers: and the first took a wife, and at his death there were no offspring; <sup>21</sup> And the second took her, and at his death there were no offspring; and the third the same: <sup>22</sup> And all the seven had no seed. Last of all the woman herself came to her death. <sup>23</sup> In the future life, when they come back from the dead, whose wife will she be? for the seven had her for a wife. <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, Is not this the reason for your error, that you have no knowledge of the holy Writings or of the power of God? <sup>25</sup> When they come back from the dead, they do not get married, but are like the angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> But as to the dead coming back to life; have you not seen in the book of Moses, about the burning thorn-tree, how God said to him, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? <sup>27</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: you are greatly in error.

<sup>28</sup> And one of the scribes came, and hearing their argument together, and seeing that he had given them a good answer, put the question to him, Which law is the first of all? <sup>29</sup> Jesus said in answer, The first is, Give ear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; <sup>30</sup> And you are to have love for the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. <sup>31</sup> The second is this, Have love for your neighbour as for yourself. There is no other law greater than these. <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, Truly, Master, you have well said that he is one, and there is no other but he: <sup>33</sup> And to have love for him with all the heart, and with all the mind, and with all the strength, and to have the same love for his neighbour as for himself, is much more than all forms of offerings. <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that he gave a wise answer, he said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And every man after that was in fear of questioning him any more. <sup>35</sup> And Jesus, when he was teaching in the Temple, said, How do the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? <sup>36</sup> David himself said in the Holy Spirit, The Lord said to my Lord, Be seated at my right hand, till I put those who are against you under your feet. <sup>37</sup> David himself gives him the name of Lord; and how then is he his son? And the common people gave ear to him gladly. <sup>38</sup> And in his teaching he said, Be on your watch against the scribes, whose pleasure it is to go about in long robes and be respected in the market-places, <sup>39</sup> And to have the chief seats in the Synagogues and the first places at feasts; <sup>40</sup> Who take away the property of widows, and before the eyes of men make long prayers; these will be judged more hardly. <sup>41</sup> And he took a seat by the place where the money was kept, and saw how the people put money into the boxes: and a number who had wealth put in much. <sup>42</sup> And there came a poor widow, and she put in two little bits of money, which make a farthing. <sup>43</sup> And he made his disciples come to him, and said to them, Truly I say to you, This poor widow has put in more than all those who are putting money into the box: <sup>44</sup> Because they all put in something out of what they had no need for; but she out of her need put in all she had, even all her living.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> And when he was going out of the Temple, one of his disciples said to him, Master, see, what stones and what buildings! <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, Do you see these great buildings? there is not one stone here resting on another which will not be overturned. <sup>3</sup> And while he was seated on the Mountain of Olives opposite the Temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew said to him privately, <sup>4</sup> Say when these things will be, and what will be the sign when these things are all about to be done. <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, Take care that you are not tricked by anyone. <sup>6</sup> People will come in my name, saying, I am he; and a number will be turned from the true way. <sup>7</sup> And when you have news of wars and talk of wars, do not be troubled; these things have to be, but it is still not the end. <sup>8</sup> Nation will go to war with nation, and kingdom with kingdom: there will be earth-shocks in different places; there will be times when there is no food; these things are the first of the troubles. <sup>9</sup> But take care: for they will give you up to the Sanhedrins; and in Synagogues you will be whipped; and you will be taken before rulers and kings because of

me, for a sign to them. <sup>10</sup> And the good news has first to be given to all the nations. <sup>11</sup> And when you are taken and given up to be judged, do not be troubled about what to say: but whatever is given to you in that hour, say: because it is not you who say it, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And brother will give up brother to death, and the father his child; and children will go against their fathers and mothers, and put them to death. <sup>13</sup> And you will be hated by all men, because of my name; but he who goes through to the end will have salvation. <sup>14</sup> But when you see the unclean thing which makes destruction, in the place where it has no right to be (let this be clear to the reader), then let those who are in Judaea go quickly to the mountains: <sup>15</sup> And let him who is on the house-top not go down, or go in, to take anything out of his house: <sup>16</sup> And let not him who is in the field go back to take his coat. <sup>17</sup> And it will be hard for women who are with child and for her who has a baby at the breast in those days. <sup>18</sup> And say a prayer that it may not be in the winter. <sup>19</sup> For in those days there will be sorrow, such as there has not been from the time when God made the world till now, and will not ever be again. <sup>20</sup> And if the Lord had not made the time short, no flesh would have been kept from destruction; but because of the saints he has made the time short. <sup>21</sup> And then if any man says to you, See, here is Christ; or, See, there; have no faith in it: <sup>22</sup> Because there will be false Christs and false prophets, and they will give signs and wonders in the hope of turning even the saints from the true way. <sup>23</sup> But take care; see, I have made all things clear to you before the time. <sup>24</sup> But in those days, after that time of trouble, the sun will be made dark and the moon will not give her light, <sup>25</sup> And the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers which are in the heavens will be moved. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels, and will get together his saints from the four winds, from the farthest part of the earth to the farthest part of heaven. <sup>28</sup> Take an example from the fig-tree: when its branches become soft and put out their leaves, you see that the summer is near; <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things taking place, you may be certain that he is near, even at the doors. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, This generation will not come to an end till all these things are complete. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will come to an end, but my words will not come to an end. <sup>32</sup> But of that day or that hour no one has knowledge, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but the Father. <sup>33</sup> Take care, keep watch with prayer: for you are not certain when the time will be. <sup>34</sup> It is as when a man who is in another country for a time, having gone away from his house, and given authority to his servants and to everyone his work, gives the porter an order to keep watch. <sup>35</sup> So you are to keep watch: because you are not certain when the master of the house is coming, in the evening, or in the middle of the night, or at the cock's cry, or in the morning; <sup>36</sup> For fear that, coming suddenly, he sees you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you, I say to all, Keep watch.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> It was now two days before the feast of the Passover and the unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes made designs how they might take him by deceit and put him to death: <sup>2</sup> But they said,

Not while the feast is going on, for fear there may be trouble among the people. <sup>3</sup> And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, seated at table, there came a woman with a bottle of perfumed oil of great price; and when the bottle was broken she put the perfume on his head. <sup>4</sup> But some of them were angry among themselves, saying, For what purpose has this oil been wasted? <sup>5</sup> We might have got more than three hundred pence for it, and given the money to the poor. And they said things against her among themselves. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, Let her be; why are you troubling her? she has done a kind act to me. <sup>7</sup> The poor you have ever with you, and whenever you have the desire you may do them good: but me you have not for ever. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she was able: she has put oil on my body to make it ready for its last resting-place. <sup>9</sup> And truly I say to you, Wherever the good news goes out through all the earth, what this woman has done will be talked of in memory of her. <sup>10</sup> And Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests, so that he might give him up to them. <sup>11</sup> And hearing what he said, they were glad, and gave him their word to make him a payment of money. And he took thought how he might best give him up to them. <sup>12</sup> And on the first day of unleavened bread, when the Passover lamb is put to death, his disciples said to him, Where are we to go and make ready for you to take the Passover meal? <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, Go into the town, and there will come to you a man with a vessel of water: go after him; <sup>14</sup> And wherever he goes in, say to the owner of the house, The Master says, Where is my guest-room, where I may take the Passover with my disciples? <sup>15</sup> And he will take you up himself to a great room with a table and seats: there make ready for us. <sup>16</sup> And the disciples went out and came into the town, and saw that it was as he had said: and they made ready the Passover. <sup>17</sup> And when it was evening he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And while they were seated taking food, Jesus said, Truly I say to you, One of you will be false to me, one who is taking food with me. <sup>19</sup> They were sad, and said to him one by one, Is it I? <sup>20</sup> And he said to them, It is one of the twelve, one who is putting his bread with me into the same plate. <sup>21</sup> The Son of man goes, even as the Writings say of him: but cursed is that man through whom the Son of man is given up! It would have been well for that man if he had never been given birth. <sup>22</sup> And while they were taking food, he took bread, and after blessing it, he gave the broken bread to them, and said, Take it: this is my body. <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given praise, he gave it to them: and they all had a drink from it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, This is my blood of the testament, which is given for men. <sup>25</sup> Truly I say to you, I will take no more of the fruit of the vine till the day when I take it new in the kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup> And after a song of praise to God they went out to the Mountain of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, You will all be turned away from me: for it is in the Writings, I will put the keeper of the sheep to death, and the sheep will be put to flight. <sup>28</sup> But after I have come back from the dead, I will go before you into Galilee. <sup>29</sup> But Peter said to him, Though the others may be turned away from you, I will not. <sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him, Truly, I say to you that you, today, even this night, before the cock's second cry, will say three times that you have no knowledge of me. <sup>31</sup> But he said with passion, If I have to be put to death with you,

I will not be false to you. And they all said the same. <sup>32</sup> And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he said to his disciples, Be seated here while I say a prayer. <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and grief and great trouble came on him. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, My soul is very sad, even to death: be here a little time, and keep watch. <sup>35</sup> And he went forward a little, and falling down on the earth, made request that, if possible, the hour might go from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to you; take away this cup from me: but even so let not my pleasure, but yours be done. <sup>37</sup> And he came, and saw them sleeping, and said to Peter, Simon, are you sleeping? were you not able to keep watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep watch with prayer, so that you may not be put to the test; the spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is feeble. <sup>39</sup> And again he went away, and said a prayer, using the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and saw them sleeping, because their eyes were very tired; and they had nothing to say in answer. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time, and said to them, Go on sleeping now and take your rest: it is enough; the hour has come; see, the Son of man is given up into the hands of evil men. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going; see, he who gives me up is near. <sup>43</sup> And straight away, while he was still talking, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great band with swords and sticks, from the chief priests and the scribes and those in authority. <sup>44</sup> Now he who had been false to him had given them a sign, saying, The one to whom I give a kiss, that is he; take him, and get him away safely. <sup>45</sup> And when he had come, he went straight to him and said, Master; and gave him a kiss. <sup>46</sup> And they put their hands on him, and took him. <sup>47</sup> But a certain one of those who were near took out his sword, and gave the servant of the high priest a blow, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup> And Jesus said to them, Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and sticks to take me? <sup>49</sup> I was with you every day in the Temple teaching, and you did not take me; but this is done so that the Writings may come true. <sup>50</sup> And they all went away from him in fear. <sup>51</sup> And a certain young man went after him, with only a linen cloth about his body; and they put their hands on him; <sup>52</sup> But he got away unclothed, without the linen cloth. <sup>53</sup> And they took Jesus away to the high priest; and there came together with him all the chief priests and those in authority and the scribes. <sup>54</sup> And Peter had come after him at a distance, even into the house of the high priest; and he was seated with the captains, warming himself in the light of the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin were looking for witness against Jesus so that they might put him to death; and they were unable to get any. <sup>56</sup> For a number gave false witness against him and their witness was not in agreement. <sup>57</sup> Then some got up and gave false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> He said in our hearing, I will put an end to this Temple which is made with hands, and in three days I will make another without hands. <sup>59</sup> And even so their witness was not in agreement. <sup>60</sup> And the high priest got up in the middle of them, and said to Jesus, Do you say nothing in answer? what is it which these say against you? <sup>61</sup> But he kept quiet and said nothing. Again the high priest questioning him said, Are you the Christ, the son of the Holy One? <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said, I am: and you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. <sup>63</sup> And the high priest,

violently parting his robes, said, What more need have we of witnesses? <sup>64</sup> His words against God have come to your ears: what is your opinion? And they all said it was right for him to be put to death. <sup>65</sup> And some put shame on him and, covering his face, gave him blows and said to him, Now say what is to come: and the captains took him and gave him blows with their hands. <sup>66</sup> And while Peter was down in the open square of the building, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came; <sup>67</sup> And seeing Peter warming himself by the fire, she gave him a look, and said, You were with this Nazarene, even Jesus. <sup>68</sup> But he said, I have no knowledge of him, or of what you are saying: and he went out into the doorway; and there came the cry of a cock. <sup>69</sup> And the girl saw him, and said again to those who were near, This is one of them. <sup>70</sup> But again he said it was not so. And after a little time, again those who were near said to Peter, Truly you are one of them; for you are a Galilaeen. <sup>71</sup> But, with curses and oaths, he said, I have no knowledge of the man about whom you are talking. <sup>72</sup> And in the same minute, the cock gave a second cry. And it came to Peter's mind how Jesus had said to him, Before the cock's second cry, you will say three times that you have no knowledge of me. And at this thought he was overcome with weeping.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> And the first thing in the morning the chief priests, with those in authority and the scribes and all the Sanhedrin, had a meeting, and put cords round Jesus, and took him away, and gave him up to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And Pilate put a question to him, Are you the King of the Jews? And he, answering, said to him, You say so. <sup>3</sup> And the chief priests said a number of things against him. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again put a question, Do you say nothing in answer? see how much evil they say you have done. <sup>5</sup> But Jesus gave no more answers, so that Pilate was full of wonder. <sup>6</sup> Now at the feast every year he let one prisoner go free at their request. <sup>7</sup> And there was one named Barabbas, in prison with those who had gone against the government and in the fight had taken life. <sup>8</sup> And the people went up, requesting him to do as he had done for them in other years. <sup>9</sup> And Pilate said in answer to them, Is it your desire that I let the King of the Jews go free? <sup>10</sup> For he saw that the chief priests had given him up through envy. <sup>11</sup> But the people were moved by the chief priests to make him let Barabbas go free. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said in answer to them, What then am I to do to him to whom you give the name of the King of the Jews? <sup>13</sup> And they said again loudly, To the cross with him! <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, Why, what evil has he done? But their cry was the louder, To the cross! <sup>15</sup> And Pilate, desiring to do what was pleasing to the people, let Barabbas go free, and gave up Jesus, when he had been whipped, to be put to death on the cross. <sup>16</sup> And the men of the army took him away into the square in front of the building which is the Praetorium, and they got together all the band. <sup>17</sup> And they put a purple robe on him, and twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on him; <sup>18</sup> And, as if honouring him, they said, Long life to the King of the Jews! <sup>19</sup> And they gave him blows on the head with a stick and put shame on him and, going down on their knees, gave him worship. <sup>20</sup> And when they had made sport of him, they took the purple robe off him and put his clothing

on him. And they took him out to put him to death on the cross. <sup>21</sup> And they made one, Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was going by, coming from the country, go with them, so that he might take his cross. <sup>22</sup> And they took him to the place named Golgotha, which is, Dead Man's Head. <sup>23</sup> And they gave him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And he was nailed to the cross; and they made a division of his clothing among them, putting to the decision of chance what everyone was to take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour when they put him on the cross. <sup>26</sup> And the statement of his crime was put in writing on the cross, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>27</sup> And they put two thieves on crosses with him, one on his right side, and one on his left. <sup>28</sup> [] <sup>29</sup> And those who went by made sport of him, shaking their heads, and saying, Ha! you who give the Temple to destruction, and put it up again in three days, <sup>30</sup> Keep yourself from death, and come down from the cross. <sup>31</sup> In the same way the chief priests, laughing at him among themselves with the scribes, said, A saviour of others, he has no salvation for himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and have belief. And those who were put on crosses with him said evil things against him. <sup>33</sup> And when the sixth hour had come, it was dark over all the land till the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour, Jesus said in a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, My God, my God, why are you turned away from me? <sup>35</sup> And some of those who were near, hearing it, said, See, he is crying to Elijah. <sup>36</sup> And one of them went quickly and, getting a sponge full of bitter wine, put it on a rod, and gave it to him for drink, saying, Let be; let us see if Elijah will come to take him down. <sup>37</sup> And Jesus gave a loud cry, and gave up his spirit. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the Temple was parted in two from end to end. <sup>39</sup> And when the captain, who was near, saw how he gave up his spirit, he said, Truly this man was a son of God. <sup>40</sup> And there were women watching from a distance: among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome, <sup>41</sup> Who went with him when he was in Galilee and took care of him; and a number of other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. <sup>42</sup> And when it was evening, because it was the time of getting ready, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> There came Joseph of Arimathaea, a responsible man in high honour, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God; and he went in to Pilate without fear, and made a request for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> And Pilate was surprised that he was dead; and, sending for the captain, he put a question to see if he had been dead for long. <sup>45</sup> And when he had news of it from the captain, he let Joseph have the body. <sup>46</sup> And he got a linen cloth and, taking him down, put the linen cloth round him, and put him in a place for the dead which had been cut out of a rock; and a stone was rolled against the door. <sup>47</sup> And Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Joses, saw where he was put.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, got spices, so that they might come and put them on him. <sup>2</sup> And very early after dawn on the first day of the week, they came at the time of the coming up of the sun to the place where the



body had been put. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying among themselves, Who will get the stone rolled away from the door for us? <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; and it was of great size. <sup>5</sup> And when they went in, they saw a young man seated on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were full of wonder. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, Do not be troubled: you are looking for Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been put to death on the cross; he has come back from the dead; he is not here: see, the place where they put him! <sup>7</sup> But go, say to his disciples and to Peter, He goes before you into Galilee: there you will see him, as he said to you. <sup>8</sup> And they went out quickly from the place, because fear and great wonder had come on them: and they said nothing to anyone, because they were full of fear that ... <sup>9</sup> Now when he came back from the dead early on the first day of the week, he went first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had sent out seven evil spirits. <sup>10</sup> She went and gave news of it to those who had been with him, while they were sorrowing and weeping. <sup>11</sup> And they, when it came to their ears that he was living, and had been seen by her, had no belief in it. <sup>12</sup> And after these things he was seen in another form by two of them, while they were walking on their way into the country. <sup>13</sup> And they went away and gave news of it to the rest; and they had no belief in what was said. <sup>14</sup> And later he was seen by the eleven themselves while they were taking food; and he said sharp words to them because they had no faith and their hearts were hard, and because they had no belief in those who had seen him after he had come back from the dead. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, Go into all the world, and give the good news to everyone. <sup>16</sup> He who has faith and is given baptism will get salvation; but he who has not faith will be judged. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will be with those who have faith: in my name they will send out evil spirits; and they will make use of new languages; <sup>18</sup> They will take up snakes, and if there is poison in their drink, it will do them no evil; they will put their hands on those who are ill, and they will get well. <sup>19</sup> So then the Lord Jesus, after he had said these words to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went out, preaching everywhere, the Lord working with them, and giving witness to the word by the signs which came after. So be it.

## The Good News According to Luke

<sup>1</sup> As a number of attempts have been made to put together in order an account of those events which took place among us, <sup>2</sup> As they were handed down to us by those who saw them from the first and were preachers of the word, <sup>3</sup> It seemed good to me, having made observation, with great care, of the direction of events in their order, to put the facts in writing for you, most noble Theophilus; <sup>4</sup> So that you might have certain knowledge of those things about which you were given teaching. <sup>5</sup> In the days of Herod, king of Judaea, there was a certain priest, by name Zacharias, of the order of Abijah; and he had a wife of the family of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. <sup>6</sup> They were upright in the eyes of God, keeping all the rules and orders of God, and doing no wrong. <sup>7</sup> And they were without children, because Elisabeth had never given birth, and they were at that time very old. <sup>8</sup> Now it came about that in his turn he was acting as priest before God, <sup>9</sup> And as was the way of the priests, he had to go into the Temple to see to the burning of perfumes. <sup>10</sup> And all the people were offering prayers outside, at the time of the burning of perfumes. <sup>11</sup> And he saw an angel of the Lord in his place on the right side of the altar. <sup>12</sup> And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and fear came on him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said, Have no fear, Zacharias, for your prayer has come to the ears of God, and your wife Elisabeth will have a son, and his name will be John. <sup>14</sup> And you will be glad and have great delight; and numbers of people will have joy at his birth. <sup>15</sup> For he will be great in the eyes of the Lord; he will not take wine or strong drink; and he will be full of the Spirit of God from his birth. <sup>16</sup> And through him great numbers of the children of Israel will be turned to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> And he will go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, turning the hearts of fathers to their children, and wrongdoers to the way of righteousness; to make ready a people whose hearts have been turned to the Lord. <sup>18</sup> And Zacharias said to the angel, How may I be certain of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is far on in years. <sup>19</sup> And the angel, answering, said, I am Gabriel, whose place is before God; I have been sent to say these words to you and to give you this good news. <sup>20</sup> Now, see, you will be without voice or language till the day when these things come about, because you had not faith in my words, which will have effect at the right time. <sup>21</sup> And the people were waiting for Zacharias and were surprised because he was in the Temple for such a long time. <sup>22</sup> And when he came out he was not able to say anything, and they saw that he had seen a vision in the Temple; and he was making signs to them without words. <sup>23</sup> And when the days of his work in the Temple were ended, he went back to his house. <sup>24</sup> After that time, Elisabeth, being certain that she was to become a mother, kept herself from men's eyes for five months, saying, <sup>25</sup> The Lord has done this to me, for his eyes were on me, to take away my shame in the eyes of men. <sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> To a virgin who was to be married to a

man named Joseph, of the family of David; and the name of the virgin was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And the angel came in to her and said, Peace be with you, to whom special grace has been given; the Lord is with you. <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at his words, and said to herself, What may be the purpose of these words? <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, Have no fear, Mary, for you have God's approval. <sup>31</sup> And see, you will give birth to a son, and his name will be Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be named the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God will give him the kingdom of David, his father: <sup>33</sup> He will have rule over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, How may this be, because I have had no knowledge of a man? <sup>35</sup> And the angel in answer said to her, The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will come to rest on you, and so that which will come to birth will be named holy, Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even now Elisabeth, who is of your family, is to be a mother, though she is old: and this is the sixth month with her who was without children. <sup>37</sup> For there is nothing which God is not able to do. <sup>38</sup> And Mary said: I am the servant of the Lord; may it be to me as you say. And the angel went away. <sup>39</sup> Then Mary got up and went quickly into the high lands, to a town of Judah; <sup>40</sup> And went into the house of Zacharias and took Elisabeth in her arms. <sup>41</sup> And when the voice of Mary came to the ears of Elisabeth, the baby made a sudden move inside her; then Elisabeth was full of the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> And she said with a loud voice: May blessing be on you among women, and a blessing on the child of your body. <sup>43</sup> How is it that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For, truly, when the sound of your voice came to my ears, the baby in my body made a sudden move for joy. <sup>45</sup> Happy will she be who had faith that the things which the Lord has said to her will be done. <sup>46</sup> And Mary said: My soul gives glory to God; <sup>47</sup> My spirit is glad in God my Saviour. <sup>48</sup> For he has had pity on his servant, though she is poor and lowly placed: and from this hour will all generations give witness to the blessing which has come to me. <sup>49</sup> For he who is strong has done great things for me; and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy is for all generations in whom is the fear of him. <sup>51</sup> With his arm he has done acts of power; he has put to flight those who have pride in their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has put down kings from their seats, lifting up on high the men of low degree. <sup>53</sup> Those who had no food he made full of good things; the men of wealth he sent away with nothing in their hands; <sup>54</sup> His help he has given to Israel, his servant, so that he might keep in mind his mercy to Abraham and his seed for ever; <sup>55</sup> As he gave his word to our fathers. <sup>56</sup> And Mary was with her for about three months and then went back to her house. <sup>57</sup> Now it was time for Elisabeth to give birth, and she had a son. <sup>58</sup> And it came to the ears of her neighbours and relations that the Lord had been very good to her, and they took part in her joy. <sup>59</sup> And on the eighth day they came to see to the circumcision of the child, and they would have given him the name of Zacharias, his father's name; <sup>60</sup> But his mother made answer and said, No, his name is John. <sup>61</sup> And they said, Not one of your relations has that name. <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, to say what name was to be given to him. <sup>63</sup> And he sent for writing materials and put down: His name is John; and they were all surprised. <sup>64</sup> And straight away his mouth was open and his tongue was

free and he gave praise to God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all those who were living round about them: and there was much talk about all these things in all the hill-country of Judaea. <sup>66</sup> And all who had word of them kept them in their minds and said, What will this child be? For the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>67</sup> And his father, Zacharias, was full of the Holy Spirit, and with the voice of a prophet said these words: <sup>68</sup> Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and made them free, <sup>69</sup> Lifting up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> (As he said, by the mouth of his holy prophets, from the earliest times,) <sup>71</sup> Salvation from those who are against us, and from the hands of those who have hate for us; <sup>72</sup> To do acts of mercy to our fathers and to keep in mind his holy word, <sup>73</sup> The oath which he made to Abraham, our father, <sup>74</sup> That we, being made free from the fear of those who are against us, might give him worship, <sup>75</sup> In righteousness and holy living before him all our days. <sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be named the prophet of the Most High: you will go before the face of the Lord, to make ready his ways; <sup>77</sup> To give knowledge of salvation to his people, through the forgiveness of sins, <sup>78</sup> Because of the loving mercies of our God, by which the dawn from heaven has come to us, <sup>79</sup> To give light to those in dark places, and in the shade of death, so that our feet may be guided into the way of peace. <sup>80</sup> And the child became tall, and strong in spirit; and he was living in the waste land till the day when he came before the eyes of Israel.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about in those days that an order went out from Caesar Augustus that there was to be a numbering of all the world. <sup>2</sup> This was the first numbering, which was made when Quirinius was ruler of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all men went to be numbered, everyone to his town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judaea, to Beth-lehem, the town of David, because he was of the house and family of David, <sup>5</sup> To be put on the list with Mary, his future wife, who was about to become a mother. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she had her first son; and folding him in linen, she put him to rest in the place where the cattle had their food, because there was no room for them in the house. <sup>8</sup> And in the same country there were keepers of sheep in the fields, watching over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord came to them, and the glory of the Lord was shining round about them: and fear came on them. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said, Have no fear; for truly, I give you good news of great joy which will be for all the people: <sup>11</sup> For on this day, in the town of David, a Saviour has come to birth, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this is the sign to you: you will see a young child folded in linen, in the place where the cattle have their food. <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a great band of spirits from heaven, giving praise to God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on the earth peace among men with whom he is well pleased. <sup>15</sup> And when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the keepers of the sheep said to one another, Let us go now to Beth-lehem, and see this thing which has come about, which the Lord has made clear to us. <sup>16</sup> And they came quickly, and saw Mary and Joseph, and the child in the place where the cattle had their food. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they gave them

an account of the things which had been said to them about the child.<sup>18</sup> And all those to whose ears it came were full of wonder at the things said by the keepers of the sheep.<sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these words in her heart, and gave much thought to them.<sup>20</sup> Then the keepers of the sheep went back, giving glory and praise to God for all the things which had come to their ears and which they had seen, as it had been said to them.<sup>21</sup> And when, after eight days, the time came for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name which the angel had given to him before his birth.<sup>22</sup> And when the necessary days for making them clean by the law of Moses had come to an end, they took him to Jerusalem to give him to the Lord<sup>23</sup> (As it says in the law of the Lord, Every mother's first male child is to be holy to the Lord),<sup>24</sup> And to make an offering, as it is ordered in the law of the Lord, of two doves or other young birds.<sup>25</sup> And there was then in Jerusalem a man whose name was Simeon; and he was an upright man, fearing God and waiting for the comfort of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was on him.<sup>26</sup> And he had knowledge, through the Holy Spirit, that he would not see death till he had seen the Lord's Christ.<sup>27</sup> And full of the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the father and mother came in with the child Jesus, to do with him what was ordered by the law,<sup>28</sup> Then he took him in his arms and gave praise to God and said,<sup>29</sup> Now you are letting your servant go in peace, O Lord, as you have said;<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,<sup>31</sup> Which you have made ready before the face of all nations;<sup>32</sup> A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.<sup>33</sup> And his father and mother were full of wonder at the things which were said about him.<sup>34</sup> And Simeon gave them his blessing and said to Mary, his mother, See, this child will be the cause of the downfall and the lifting up of great numbers of people in Israel, and he will be a sign against which hard words will be said;<sup>35</sup> (And a sword will go through your heart;) so that the secret thoughts of men may come to light.<sup>36</sup> And there was one, Anna, a woman prophet, the daughter of Phanuel, of the family of Asher (she was very old, and after seven years of married life<sup>37</sup> She had been a widow for eighty-four years); she was in the Temple at all times, worshipping with prayers and going without food, night and day.<sup>38</sup> And coming up at that time, she gave praise to God, talking of him to all those who were waiting for the freeing of Jerusalem.<sup>39</sup> And when they had done all the things which were ordered by the law of the Lord, they went back to Galilee, to Nazareth, the town where they were living.<sup>40</sup> And the child became tall and strong and full of wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.<sup>41</sup> And every year his father and mother went to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover.<sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up, as their way was, to the feast;<sup>43</sup> And when the days of the feast came to an end and they were going back, the boy Jesus was still in Jerusalem, but they had no knowledge of it:<sup>44</sup> And in the belief that he was with some of their number, they went a day's journey; and after looking for him among their relations and friends,<sup>45</sup> And seeing that he was not there, they went back to Jerusalem, to make search for him.<sup>46</sup> And after three days they came across him in the Temple, seated among the wise men, giving ear to their words and putting questions to them.<sup>47</sup> And all to whose ears it came were full of wonder at his knowledge and the answers which he

gave. <sup>48</sup> And when they saw him they were surprised, and his mother said to him, Son, why have you done this to us? see, your father and I have been looking for you with sorrow. <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, Why were you looking for me? was it not clear to you that my right place was in my Father's house? <sup>50</sup> And his words seemed strange to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth; and did as he was ordered: and his mother kept all these words in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus was increasing in wisdom and in years, and in grace before God and men.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Now in the fifteenth year of the rule of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being ruler of Judaea, and Herod being king of Galilee, his brother Philip king of the country of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias king of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> When Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of the Lord came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the waste land. <sup>3</sup> And he came into all the country round about Jordan, preaching baptism as a sign of forgiveness of sin for those whose hearts were changed. <sup>4</sup> As it says in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, The voice of one crying in the waste land, Make ready the way of the Lord, make his roads straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley will be lifted up, and all the mountains and hills made low, and the twisted will be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; <sup>6</sup> And all flesh will see the salvation of God. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the people who went out to him for baptism: You offspring of snakes, at whose word are you going in flight from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Make clear by your acts that your hearts have been changed; and do not say to yourselves, We have Abraham for our father: for I say to you that God is able from these stones to make children of Abraham. <sup>9</sup> And even now the axe is put to the root of the trees; and every tree which does not have good fruit will be cut down and put into the fire. <sup>10</sup> And the people put questions to him, saying, What have we to do? <sup>11</sup> And he made answer and said to them, He who has two coats, let him give to him who has not even one; and he who has food, let him do the same. <sup>12</sup> Then tax-farmers came to him for baptism and said to him, Master, what have we to do? <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, Do not make an attempt to get more money than the right amount. <sup>14</sup> And men of the army put questions to him, saying, And what have we to do? And he said to them, Do no violent acts to any man, and do not take anything without right, and let your payment be enough for you. <sup>15</sup> And while the people were waiting, and all men were questioning in their hearts about John, if he was the Christ or not, <sup>16</sup> John made answer, saying to them all, Truly, I give you baptism with water; but one is coming who is greater than I, whose shoes I am not good enough to undo: he will give you baptism with the Holy Spirit, and with fire: <sup>17</sup> In whose hand is the instrument with which he will make clean his grain; he will put the good grain in his store, but the waste will be burned in the fire which will never be put out. <sup>18</sup> And so comforting them with these and other words, he gave the good news to the people; <sup>19</sup> But Herod the king, because John had made a protest on account of Herodias, his brother's wife, and other evil things which Herod had done, <sup>20</sup> Did this most evil thing of all, and had John shut up in prison. <sup>21</sup> Now it came about that when all the people had been given baptism, Jesus, having

had baptism with them, was in prayer, when, the heaven being open, <sup>22</sup> The Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove, and a voice came from heaven, saying, You are my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus at this time was about thirty years old, being the son (as it seemed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, <sup>24</sup> The son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, <sup>25</sup> The son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, <sup>26</sup> The son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, <sup>27</sup> The son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, <sup>28</sup> The son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, <sup>29</sup> The son of Jesus, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, <sup>30</sup> The son of Symeon, the son of Judas, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, <sup>31</sup> The son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, <sup>32</sup> The son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, <sup>33</sup> The son of Amminadab, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, <sup>34</sup> The son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, <sup>35</sup> The son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, <sup>36</sup> The son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, <sup>37</sup> The son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, <sup>38</sup> The son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

#### 4

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, came back from the Jordan, and was guided by the Spirit in the waste land <sup>2</sup> For forty days, being tested by the Evil One. And he had no food in those days; and when they came to an end, he was in need of food. <sup>3</sup> And the Evil One said to him, If you are the Son of God, give orders to this stone to become bread. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus made answer to him, It has been said in the Writings, Bread is not man's only need. <sup>5</sup> And he took him up and let him see all the kingdoms of the earth in a minute of time. <sup>6</sup> And the Evil One said, I will give you authority over all these, and the glory of them, for it has been given to me, and I give it to anyone at my pleasure. <sup>7</sup> If then you will give worship to me, it will all be yours. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus in answer said to him, It has been said in the Writings, Give worship to the Lord your God, and be his servant only. <sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and put him on the highest point of the Temple and said to him, If you are the Son of God, let yourself go down from here; for it is said in the Writings, <sup>10</sup> He will give his angels orders to take care of you: <sup>11</sup> And, In their hands they will keep you up, so that your foot may not be crushed against a stone. <sup>12</sup> And Jesus made answer and said to him, It is said in the Writings, You may not put the Lord your God to the test. <sup>13</sup> And when all these tests were ended the Evil One went away from him for a time. <sup>14</sup> And Jesus came back to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and the news of him went through all the country round about. <sup>15</sup> And he was teaching in their Synagogues and all men gave him praise. <sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been as a child, and he went, as his way was, into the Synagogue on the Sabbath, and got up to give a reading. <sup>17</sup> And the book of the prophet Isaiah was given to him

and, opening the book, he came on the place where it is said, <sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because I am marked out by him to give good news to the poor; he has sent me to make well those who are broken-hearted; to say that the prisoners will be let go, and the blind will see, and to make the wounded free from their chains, <sup>19</sup>To give knowledge that the year of the Lord's good pleasure is come. <sup>20</sup>And shutting the book he gave it back to the servant and took his seat: and the eyes of all in the Synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he said to them, Today this word has come true in your hearing. <sup>22</sup>And they were all giving witness, with wonder, to the words of grace which came from his mouth: and they said, Is not this the son of Joseph? <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, Without doubt you will say to me, Let the medical man make himself well: the things which to our knowledge were done at Capernaum, do them here in your country. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, Truly I say to you, No prophet is honoured in his country. <sup>25</sup>Truly I say to you, There were a number of widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months and there was no food in the land; <sup>26</sup>But Elijah was not sent to one of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were a number of lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and not one of them was made clean, but only Naaman the Syrian. <sup>28</sup>And all who were in the Synagogue were very angry when these things were said to them. <sup>29</sup>And they got up and took him out of the town to the edge of the mountain on which their town was, so that they might send him down to his death. <sup>30</sup>But he came through them and went on his way. <sup>31</sup>And he came down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee; and he was giving them teaching on the Sabbath. <sup>32</sup>And they were surprised at his teaching, for his word was with authority. <sup>33</sup>And there was a man in the Synagogue who had an unclean spirit; and he gave a loud cry and said, <sup>34</sup>Let us be! what have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? have you come to put an end to us? I have knowledge who you are, the Holy One of God. <sup>35</sup>And Jesus said to him, Be quiet, and come out of him. And when the evil spirit had put him down on the earth in the middle of them, he came out of him, having done him no damage. <sup>36</sup>And wonder came on them all and they said to one another, What are these words? for with authority and power he gives orders to the evil spirits and they come out. <sup>37</sup>And there was much talk about him in all the places round about. <sup>38</sup>And he got up and went out of the Synagogue and went into the house of Simon. And Simon's wife's mother was very ill with a burning heat; and in answer to their prayers for her <sup>39</sup>He went near her, and with a sharp word he gave orders to the disease and it went away from her; and straight away she got up and took care of their needs. <sup>40</sup>And at sundown all those who had anyone ill with any sort of disease, took them to him, and he put his hands on every one of them and made them well. <sup>41</sup>And evil spirits came out of a number of them, crying out and saying, You are the Son of God. But he gave them sharp orders not to say a word, because they had knowledge that he was the Christ. <sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he came out and went to a waste place; and great numbers of people came looking for him, and they came to him and would have kept him from going away. <sup>43</sup>But he said to them, I have to give the good news of the kingdom of God in other towns, because that



is why I was sent. <sup>44</sup> And he was teaching in the Synagogues of Galilee.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about that while the people came pushing to be near him, and to have knowledge of the word of God, he was by a wide stretch of water named Gennesaret; <sup>2</sup> And he saw two boats by the edge of the water, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> And he got into one of the boats, the property of Simon, and made a request to him to go a little way out from the land. And being seated he gave the people teaching from the boat. <sup>4</sup> And when his talk was ended, he said to Simon, Go out into deep water, and let down your nets for fish. <sup>5</sup> And Simon, answering, said, Master, we were working all night and we took nothing: but at your word I will let down the nets. <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they got such a great number of fish that it seemed as if their nets would be broken; <sup>7</sup> And they made signs to their friends in the other boat to come to their help. And they came, and the two boats were so full that they were going down. <sup>8</sup> But Simon, when he saw it, went down at the knees of Jesus and said, Go away from me, O Lord, for I am a sinner. <sup>9</sup> For he was full of wonder and so were all those who were with him, at the number of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup> And so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were working with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Have no fear; from this time forward you will be a fisher of men. <sup>11</sup> And when they had got their boats to the land, they gave up everything and went after him. <sup>12</sup> And it came about that while he was in one of the towns, there was a leper there: and when he saw Jesus he went down on his face in prayer to him, saying, Lord, if it is your pleasure, you have power to make me clean. <sup>13</sup> And he put out his hand to him and said, It is my pleasure; be clean. And straight away his disease went from him. <sup>14</sup> And he gave him orders: Say nothing to any man, but let the priest see you and give an offering so that you may be made clean, as the law of Moses says, and for a witness to them. <sup>15</sup> But news of him went out all the more, in every direction, and great numbers of people came together to give hearing to his words and to be made well from their diseases. <sup>16</sup> But he went away by himself to a waste place for prayer. <sup>17</sup> And it came about that on one of these days he was teaching; and some Pharisees and teachers of the law were seated there, who had come from every town of Galilee and Judaea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was with him, to make those who were ill free from their diseases. <sup>18</sup> And some men had with them, on a bed, a man who was ill, without power of moving; and they made attempts to get him in and put him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> And because of the mass of people, there was no way to get him in; so they went up on the top of the house and let him down through the roof, on his bed, into the middle in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> And seeing their faith he said, Man, you have forgiveness for your sins. <sup>21</sup> And the scribes and Pharisees were having an argument, saying, Who is this, who has no respect for God? who is able to give forgiveness for sins, but God only? <sup>22</sup> But Jesus, who had knowledge of their thoughts, said to them, Why are you reasoning in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Which is the simpler: to say, You have forgiveness for your sins; or to say, Get up and go? <sup>24</sup> But so that you may see that on earth the Son of man has authority for the forgiveness

of sins, (he said to the man who was ill,) I say to you, Get up, and take up your bed, and go into your house. <sup>25</sup> And straight away he got up before them, and took up his bed and went away to his house giving praise to God. <sup>26</sup> And wonder overcame them all, and they gave glory to God; and they were full of fear, saying, We have seen strange things today. <sup>27</sup> And after these things he went out, and saw Levi, a tax-farmer, seated at the place where taxes were taken, and said to him, Come after me. <sup>28</sup> And giving up his business, he got up and went after him. <sup>29</sup> And Levi made a great feast for him in his house: and a great number of tax-farmers and others were seated at table with them. <sup>30</sup> And the Pharisees and their scribes made protests against his disciples, saying, Why do you take food and drink with tax-farmers and sinners? <sup>31</sup> And Jesus, answering, said to them, Those who are well have no need of a medical man, but those who are ill. <sup>32</sup> I have come, not to get the upright, but sinners, so that they may be turned from their sins. <sup>33</sup> And they said to him, The disciples of John frequently go without food, and make prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees; but your disciples take food and drink. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, Are you able to make the friends of the newly-married man go without food when he is with them? <sup>35</sup> But the days will come when he will be taken away from them, and then they will go without food. <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, in a story, No man takes a bit of cloth from a new coat and puts it on to an old coat, for so the new coat would be damaged and the bit from the new would not go well with the old. <sup>37</sup> And no man puts new wine into old wine-skins, for fear that the skins will be burst by the new wine, and the wine be let out, and the skins come to destruction. <sup>38</sup> But new wine has to be put into new wine-skins. <sup>39</sup> And no man, having had old wine, has any desire for new, for he says, The old is better.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about that on the Sabbath he was going through the fields of grain, and his disciples took the heads of the grain for food, crushing them in their hands. <sup>2</sup> But some of the Pharisees said, Why do you do what it is not right to do on the Sabbath? <sup>3</sup> And Jesus said, Have you not seen in the Writings what David did when he was in need of food, he, and those who were with him; <sup>4</sup> How he went into the house of God and took for food the holy bread, which only the priests may take, and gave it to those who were with him? <sup>5</sup> And he said, The Son of man is lord even of the Sabbath. <sup>6</sup> And it came about, on another Sabbath, that he went into the Synagogue and was teaching there. And a man was there whose right hand was dead. <sup>7</sup> And the scribes and Pharisees were watching him to see if he would make him well on the Sabbath, so that they might be able to say something against him. <sup>8</sup> But he had knowledge of their thoughts; and he said to the man whose hand was dead, Get up and come into the middle. And he got up and came forward. <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said, I put the question to you, Is it right to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil? to give life or to take it away? <sup>10</sup> And looking round on all of them, he said to him, Put out your hand. And he did so: and his hand was made well. <sup>11</sup> But they were full of wrath, and were talking together about what they might do to Jesus. <sup>12</sup> And it came about in those days that he went out to the mountain for prayer; and he was all night in

prayer to God. <sup>13</sup> And the day came and, turning to his disciples, he made a selection from among them of twelve, to whom he gave the name of Apostles; <sup>14</sup> Simon, to whom he gave the name of Peter, and Andrew, his brother, and James and John and Philip and Bartholomew <sup>15</sup> And Matthew and Thomas and James, the son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was named the Zealot, <sup>16</sup> And Judas, the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, he who was false to him. <sup>17</sup> And he came down with them to a level place, and a great band of his disciples, and a very great number of people from all Judaea and Jerusalem and from the parts of Tyre and Sidon by the sea, came to give hearing to him, and to be made well from their diseases; <sup>18</sup> And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were made well. <sup>19</sup> And all the people were desiring to be touched by him, for power came from him and made them all well. <sup>20</sup> And turning his eyes to his disciples he said, Happy are you who are poor: for the kingdom of God is yours. <sup>21</sup> Happy are you who are in need of food now: for you will be made full. Happy are you who are weeping now; for you will be glad. <sup>22</sup> Happy are you, when men have hate for you, and put you away from among them and say angry words to you, turning away in disgust at your name, because of the Son of man. <sup>23</sup> Be glad in that day, and be lifted up for joy, for your reward in heaven will be great: for their fathers did these same things to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> But unhappy are you who have wealth: for you have been comforted now. <sup>25</sup> Unhappy are you who are full of food now: for you will be in need. Unhappy are you who are laughing now: for you will be crying in sorrow. <sup>26</sup> Unhappy are you when all men give you their approval: for so their fathers did to the false prophets. <sup>27</sup> But I say to you who give ear to me, Have love for those who are against you, do good to those who have hate for you, <sup>28</sup> Give blessing to those who give you curses, say prayers for those who are cruel to you. <sup>29</sup> If a man gives you a blow on one side of your face, then let the other side be turned to him; from him who takes away your coat, do not keep back your robe. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who comes with a request, and if a man takes away your property, make no attempt to get it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> If you have love for those who have love for you, what credit is it to you? for even sinners have love for those who have love for them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is it to you? for even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you let those have the use of your money, from whom you are hoping to get it back, what credit is it to you? even sinners do so to sinners, hoping to get back as much as they gave. <sup>35</sup> But be loving to those who are against you and do them good, and give them your money, not giving up hope, and your reward will be great and you will be the sons of the Most High: for he is kind to evil men, and to those who have hard hearts. <sup>36</sup> Be full of pity, even as your Father is full of pity. <sup>37</sup> Be not judges of others, and you will not be judged: do not give punishment to others, and you will not get punishment yourselves: make others free, and you will be made free: <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, crushed down, full and running over, they will give to you. For in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again. <sup>39</sup> And he gave them teaching in the form of a story, saying, Is it possible for one blind man to be guide to another? will they not go falling together into a hole? <sup>40</sup> The disciple

is not greater than his master, but everyone whose learning is complete will be like his master. <sup>41</sup> And why do you take note of the grain of dust in your brother's eye, but take no note of the bit of wood which is in your eye? <sup>42</sup> How will you say to your brother, Brother, let me take the grain of dust out of your eye, when you yourself do not see the bit of wood in your eye? O false one! first take the wood out of your eye and then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your brother's eye. <sup>43</sup> For no good tree gives bad fruit, and no bad tree gives good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For every tree is judged by its fruit. Men do not get figs from thorns, or grapes from blackberry plants. <sup>45</sup> The good man, out of the good store of his heart, gives good things; and the evil man, out of his evil store, gives evil: for out of the full store of the heart come the words of the mouth. <sup>46</sup> Why do you say to me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? <sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and gives ear to my words and does them, I will make clear to you what he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who went deep and put the base of it on a rock; and when the water came up and the river was driving against that house, it was not moved, because the building was good. <sup>49</sup> But he who gives hearing, without doing, is like a man building a house on the earth without a base for it; and when the force of the river came against it, straight away it came down; and the destruction of that house was great.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> After he had come to the end of all his words in the hearing of the people, he went into Capernaum. <sup>2</sup> And a certain captain had a servant who was very dear to him; this servant was ill and near to death. <sup>3</sup> And when news of Jesus came to his ears, he sent to him rulers of the Jews, requesting that he would come and make his servant well. <sup>4</sup> And they, when they came to Jesus, made their request warmly, saying, <sup>5</sup> It is right for you to do this for him, because he is a friend to our nation, and himself has put up a Synagogue for us. <sup>6</sup> And Jesus went with them. And when he was not far from the house, the man sent friends to him, saying, Lord, do not give yourself trouble: for I am not important enough for you to come into my house: <sup>7</sup> And I had the feeling that I was not even good enough to come to you: but say the word only, and my servant will be well. <sup>8</sup> For I, myself, am a man under authority, having men under me; and I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. <sup>9</sup> And when these things were said to Jesus, he was surprised, and, turning to the mass of people coming after him, said, I have not seen such great faith, no, not in Israel. <sup>10</sup> And when those who were sent came back to the house they saw that the servant was well. <sup>11</sup> And it came about, after a little time, that he went to a town named Nain; and his disciples went with him, and a great number of people. <sup>12</sup> Now when he came near the door of the town, a dead man was being taken out, the only son of his mother, who was a widow: and a great number of people from the town were with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had pity on her and said to her, Be not sad. <sup>14</sup> And he came near, and put his hand on the stretcher where the dead man was: and those who were moving it came to a stop. And he said, Young man, I say to you, Get up. <sup>15</sup> And the dead man got

up, and words came from his lips. And he gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> And fear came on all, and they gave praise to God, saying, A great prophet is among us: and, God has given thought to his people. <sup>17</sup> And this story about him went through all Judaea and the places round about. <sup>18</sup> And the disciples of John gave him an account of all these things. <sup>19</sup> Then John sent two of his disciples to the Lord, saying, Are you he who is to come, or are we waiting for another? <sup>20</sup> And when the men came to him they said, John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, Are you he who is to come, or are we waiting for another? <sup>21</sup> At that time, he made a number of people free from their diseases and their pains, and from evil spirits; and to others who were blind he gave back the use of their eyes. <sup>22</sup> And answering them he said, Go back and give news to John of what you have seen, and the things which have come to your ears; the blind now see, those who had no power in their legs are walking, lepers are made clean, those who had no hearing now have their ears open, dead men come to life again, and the poor have the good news given to them. <sup>23</sup> And a blessing will be on him who has no doubts about me. <sup>24</sup> And when the men who were sent by John had gone away, he said to the people, about John, What did you go out into the waste land to see? a tall stem moving in the wind? <sup>25</sup> But what did you go out to see? a man in soft clothing? See now, those who have beautiful clothing and delicate food are in kings' houses. <sup>26</sup> But what did you go out to see? a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup> This is he of whom it has been said, See, I send my servant before your face, who will make ready your way before you. <sup>28</sup> I say to you, Among all the sons of women, not one is greater than John: but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. <sup>29</sup> (And all the people, and the tax-farmers, to whom John had given baptism, when they had knowledge of these things, gave glory to God. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were against the purpose of God for themselves, not having had his baptism.) <sup>31</sup> What comparison am I to make of the men of this generation? what are they like? <sup>32</sup> They are like children who are seated in the market-place, crying out to one another, and saying, We made music for you, but you did not take part in the dance; we gave cries of sorrow, but you were not sad. <sup>33</sup> For John the Baptist came, taking no food or drink, and you say, He has an evil spirit. <sup>34</sup> The Son of man came feasting, and you say, Here is a lover of food and wine, a friend of tax-farmers and sinners. <sup>35</sup> But wisdom is judged to be right by all her children. <sup>36</sup> And one of the Pharisees made a request that he would take a meal with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house and took his seat at the table. <sup>37</sup> And there was a woman in the town who was a sinner; and when she had news that he was a guest in the Pharisee's house, she took a bottle of perfume, <sup>38</sup> And went in and took her place at the back of him, near his feet, weeping, so that his feet were washed with the drops from her eyes, and with her hair she made them dry, and kissing his feet she put the perfume on them. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee in whose house he was saw it, he said to himself, This man, if he was a prophet, would be conscious what sort of woman this is who has put her hands on him, that she is a sinner. <sup>40</sup> And Jesus, answering, said, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he said, Master, say on. <sup>41</sup> And he said, Two men were in debt to a certain man of business: one

had a debt of five hundred pence, and the other of fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they were unable to make payment, he made the two of them free of their debts. Which of them, now, will have the greater love for him? <sup>43</sup> Simon, in answer, said, It seems he whose debt was greater. And he said, Your decision is right. <sup>44</sup> And turning to the woman he said to Simon, You see this woman? I came into your house; you did not give me water for my feet: but she has been washing my feet with the drops from her eyes, and drying them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss: but she, from the time when I came in, has gone on kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You put no oil on my head: but she has put perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> And so I say to you, She will have forgiveness for her sins which are great in number, because of her great love: but he who has small need of forgiveness gives little love. <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, You have forgiveness for your sins. <sup>49</sup> And those who were seated at table with him said to themselves, Who is this who even gives forgiveness of sins? <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, By your faith you have salvation; go in peace.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> And it came about, after a short time, that he went through town and country giving the good news of the kingdom of God, and with him were the twelve, <sup>2</sup> And certain women who had been made free from evil spirits and diseases, Mary named Magdalene, from whom seven evil spirits had gone out, <sup>3</sup> And Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's chief house-servant, and Susanna and a number of others, who gave him of their wealth for his needs. <sup>4</sup> And when a great number of people came together, and men from every town went out to him, he gave them teaching in the form of a story: <sup>5</sup> A man went out to put in seed, and while he was doing it, some was dropped by the wayside and it was crushed under foot, and was taken by the birds of heaven. <sup>6</sup> And some went on the rock, and when it came up it became dry and dead because it had no water. <sup>7</sup> And some went among thorns, and the thorns came up with it and it had no room for growth. <sup>8</sup> And some falling on good earth, came up and gave fruit a hundred times as much. And with these words he said in a loud voice, He who has ears, let him give ear. <sup>9</sup> And his disciples put questions to him about the point of the story. <sup>10</sup> And he said, To you is given knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to the others, they are given in stories, so that seeing, they may not see, and though they give hearing, the sense will not be clear to them. <sup>11</sup> Now this is the point of the story: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those by the side of the road are those who have given hearing; then the Evil One comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not have faith and get salvation. <sup>13</sup> And those on the rock are those who with joy give hearing to the word; but having no root, they have faith for a time, and when the test comes they give up. <sup>14</sup> And those which went among thorns are those who have given hearing, and go on their way, but they are overcome by cares and wealth and the pleasures of life, and they give no fruit. <sup>15</sup> And those in the good earth are those who, having given ear to the word, keep it with a good and true heart, and in quiet strength give fruit. <sup>16</sup> No man, when the light is lighted, puts a cover over it, or puts it under a bed, but he puts it on its table, so that those who come in

may see the light. <sup>17</sup> For nothing is put out of view which will not be made clear, and nothing is secret of which the knowledge will not come to light. <sup>18</sup> So take care how you give hearing, for to him who has will be given, and from him who has not will be taken even what he seems to have. <sup>19</sup> And his mother and his brothers came to him, and they were not able to get near him because of the great number of people. <sup>20</sup> And someone said to him, Your mother and your brothers are outside desiring to see you. <sup>21</sup> But he said to them in answer, My mother and my brothers are those who have knowledge of the word of God and do it. <sup>22</sup> Now it came about on one of those days that he got into a boat with his disciples; and he said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the water: and they put out the boat. <sup>23</sup> But while they were sailing he went to sleep: and a storm of wind came down on the sea, and the boat became full of water and they were in danger. <sup>24</sup> Then they came to him and, awaking him out of his sleep, said, Master, Master, destruction is near. And he, when he was awake, gave orders to the wind and the rolling waves, and the storm came to an end, and all was calm. <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, Where is your faith? And fear and wonder overcame them, and they said to one another, Who then is this, who gives orders even to the winds and the water and they do what he says? <sup>26</sup> And they came to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> And when he had come to the land, there came to him a certain man from the town who had evil spirits; and for a long time he had had no clothing on, and was not living in a house but in the place of the dead. <sup>28</sup> And when he saw Jesus, he gave a loud cry and went down on the earth before him and in a loud voice said, What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Do not be cruel to me. <sup>29</sup> For he gave an order to the evil spirit to come out of the man. For frequently it would take a grip of him: and he was kept under control, and prisoned with chains; but parting the chains in two, he would be sent by the driving of the evil spirit into waste places. <sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him, What is your name? And he said, Legion; for a number of spirits had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they made a request to him that he would not give them an order to go away into the deep. <sup>32</sup> Now there was a great herd of pigs in that place, getting food on the mountain: and the evil spirits made a request to him that he would let them go into the pigs, and he let them. <sup>33</sup> And the evil spirits came out of the man and went into the pigs: and the herd went rushing down a sharp slope into the water and came to destruction. <sup>34</sup> And when the men who took care of them saw what had come about, they went quickly and gave news of it in the town and the country. <sup>35</sup> And they went out to see what had taken place, and they came to Jesus and saw the man out of whom the evil spirits had gone, seated, clothed and with full use of his senses, at the feet of Jesus; and fear came on them. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it gave them an account of how the man who had the evil spirits was made well. <sup>37</sup> And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes made a request to him to go away from them; for they were in great fear: and he got into a boat and went back. <sup>38</sup> But the man from whom the evil spirits had gone out had a great desire to be with him, but he sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> Go back to your house and let them have news of all the great things which God has done for you. And he went away, giving word through all the

town of the great things which Jesus had done for him. <sup>40</sup> And when Jesus went back, the people were glad to see him, for they were all waiting for him. <sup>41</sup> Then there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler in the Synagogue: and he went down at the feet of Jesus, desiring him to come to his house; <sup>42</sup> For he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was near to death. But while he was on his way, the people were pushing to be near him. <sup>43</sup> And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had given all her money to medical men, and not one of them was able to make her well, <sup>44</sup> Came after him and put her hand on the edge of his robe, and straight away the flowing of her blood was stopped. <sup>45</sup> And Jesus said, Who was touching me? And when they all said, It is not I, Peter and those who were with him said, Master, the people are pushing round you on every side. <sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, Someone was touching me, for I had the feeling that power had gone out from me. <sup>47</sup> And when the woman saw that she was not able to keep it secret, she came, shaking with fear, and falling down before him she made clear before all the people the reason for her touching him, and how she was made well straight away. <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace. <sup>49</sup> While he was still talking, someone came from the house of the ruler of the Synagogue, saying, Your daughter is dead; do not go on troubling the Master. <sup>50</sup> But Jesus at these words said to him, Have no fear, only have faith, and she will be made well. <sup>51</sup> And when he came to the house he did not let any man go in with him, but only Peter and John and James, and the father of the girl and her mother. <sup>52</sup> And all the people were weeping and crying for her; but he said, Do not be sad, for she is not dead, but sleeping. <sup>53</sup> And they were laughing at him, being certain that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But he, taking her hand, said to her, My child, get up. <sup>55</sup> And her spirit came back to her and she got up straight away: and he gave orders that food was to be given to her. <sup>56</sup> And her father and mother were full of wonder, but he gave orders to them to say nothing about it to anyone.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> And getting the twelve together, he gave them power and authority over all evil spirits and over diseases, to make them well. <sup>2</sup> And he sent them out to be preachers of the kingdom of God, and to make well those who were ill. <sup>3</sup> And he said to them, Take nothing for your journey, no stick or bag or bread or money, and do not take two coats. <sup>4</sup> And if you go into a house, let that house be your resting-place till you go away. <sup>5</sup> And if any people will not take you in, when you go away from that town, put off its dust from your feet for a witness against them. <sup>6</sup> And they went away, journeying through all the towns, preaching the good news and making people free from diseases in all places. <sup>7</sup> Now Herod the king had news of all these things: and he was in doubt, because it was said by some people that John had come back from the dead; <sup>8</sup> And by some, that Elijah had come; and by others, that one of the old prophets had come back to life. <sup>9</sup> And Herod said, I put John to death: but who is this, of whom such stories are given to me? And he had a desire to see him. <sup>10</sup> And the twelve, when they came back, gave him an account of what they had done. And he took them with him and went away from the people to a town named



Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> But the people, getting news of it, went after him: and he was pleased to see them, and gave them teaching about the kingdom of God, and made those well who were in need of it. <sup>12</sup> And the day went on; and the twelve came to him and said, Send these people away so that they may go into the towns and the country round about and get resting-places and food for themselves, for we are in a waste place. <sup>13</sup> But he said, Give them food yourselves. And they said, We have only five cakes of bread and two fishes, if we do not go and get food for all these people. <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them be seated in groups, about fifty to a group. <sup>15</sup> And they did so, and made them all be seated. <sup>16</sup> And he took the five cakes of bread and the two fishes and, looking up to heaven, he said words of blessing over them, and when they had been broken, he gave them to the disciples to give to the people. <sup>17</sup> And they all took the food and had enough; and they took up of the broken bits which were over, twelve baskets full. <sup>18</sup> And it came about that when he was in prayer, by himself, and the disciples were with him, he put a question to them, saying, Who do the people say I am? <sup>19</sup> And they, answering, said, John the Baptist; but others say Elijah; and others, that one of the old prophets has come back. <sup>20</sup> And he said, But who do you say that I am? And Peter, answering, said, The Christ of God. <sup>21</sup> But he gave them special orders, not to say this to any man; <sup>22</sup> Saying, The Son of man will undergo much and be put on one side by the rulers and the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and be put to death, and on the third day he will come back to life. <sup>23</sup> And he said to them all, If any man has a desire to come after me, let him give up all, and take up his cross every day, and come after me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever has a desire to keep his life will have it taken from him, but whoever gives up his life because of me, will keep it. <sup>25</sup> For what profit will a man have if he gets all the world, but undergoes loss or destruction himself? <sup>26</sup> For if any man has a feeling of shame because of me or of my words, the Son of man will have shame because of him when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> But truly I say to you, Some of those who are here now will have no taste of death till they see the kingdom of God. <sup>28</sup> And about eight days after he had said these things, he took Peter and John and James with him and went up into the mountain for prayer. <sup>29</sup> And while he was in prayer, his face was changed and his clothing became white and shining. <sup>30</sup> And two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him; <sup>31</sup> Who were seen in glory and were talking of his death which was about to take place in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with him were overcome with sleep: but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who were with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they were about to go away from him, Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah: having no knowledge of what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> And while he said these things, the shade of a cloud came over them, and they were full of fear when they went into the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And there was a voice from the cloud saying, This is my Son, the man of my selection; give ear to him. <sup>36</sup> And after the voice was gone they saw that Jesus was by himself. And they kept quiet, and said nothing at that time to anyone of the things which they had seen. <sup>37</sup> And on the day

after, when they came down from the mountain, a great band of people came to him. <sup>38</sup> And a man from among them, crying out, said, Master, I make a request to you, give a thought to my son, for he is my only child: <sup>39</sup> And see, a spirit takes him, and suddenly he gives a cry, twisted in pain and streaming at the lips, and when it goes away from him at last, he is marked as from blows. <sup>40</sup> And I made a request to your disciples to send it out of him, but they were not able to do it. <sup>41</sup> And Jesus said, O generation without faith and false in heart, how long will I have to be with you and put up with you? let your son come here. <sup>42</sup> And while he was coming, he was pushed violently down and twisted by the evil spirit. But Jesus gave sharp orders to the unclean spirit, and made the boy well, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And they were full of wonder at the great power of God. But while they were all wondering at all the things which he did, he said to his disciples, <sup>44</sup> Let these words go deep into your ears, for the Son of man will be given up into the hands of men. <sup>45</sup> But this saying was not clear to them and its sense was kept secret from them so that they were not able to see it: and they had fear of questioning him about it. <sup>46</sup> Now there was a discussion among them about which of them would be the greatest. <sup>47</sup> But when Jesus saw the reasoning of their hearts, he took a small child and put him by his side, <sup>48</sup> And said to them, Whoever gives honour to this child in my name, gives honour to me: and whoever gives honour to me, gives honour to him who sent me: for whoever is least among you all, that man is great. <sup>49</sup> And John, answering, said, Master, we saw a man driving out evil spirits in your name, and we did not let him do it, because he was not one of us. <sup>50</sup> But Jesus said to him, Let him do it, for he who is not against you is for you. <sup>51</sup> And it came about that when the days were near for him to be taken up, his face was turned to go to Jerusalem, <sup>52</sup> And he sent men before: and they came to a small town of Samaria to make ready for him. <sup>53</sup> But they would not have him there, because he was clearly going to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples, James and John, saw this, they said, Lord, may we send fire from heaven and put an end to them? <sup>55</sup> But turning round he said sharp words to them. <sup>56</sup> And they went to another small town. <sup>57</sup> And when they were on the way, a certain man said to him, I will come after you wherever you go. <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have resting-places, but the Son of man has nowhere to put his head. <sup>59</sup> And he said to another, Come after me. But he said, Lord, let me first go and give the last honours to my father. <sup>60</sup> But he said to him, Let the dead take care of their dead; it is for you to go and give news of the kingdom of God. <sup>61</sup> And another man said, I will come with you, Lord, but first let me say a last good-day to those who are at my house. <sup>62</sup> But Jesus said, No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is good enough for the kingdom of God.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> Now after these things, the Lord made selection of seventy others and sent them before him, two together, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, There is much grain ready to be cut, but not enough workers: so make prayer to the Lord of the grain-fields that he will send workers to get in the grain. <sup>3</sup> Go on your

way: see, I send you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Take no bag for money or for food, and no shoes; say no word to any man on the way. <sup>5</sup> And whenever you go into a house, first say, Peace be to this house. <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will be with him: but if not, it will come back to you again. <sup>7</sup> And keep in that same house, taking what food and drink they give you: for the worker has a right to his reward. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> And into whatever town you go, if they take you in, take whatever food is given to you: <sup>9</sup> And make well those in it who are ill and say to them, The kingdom of God is near to you. <sup>10</sup> But if you go into a town where they will not have you, go out into the streets of it and say, <sup>11</sup> Even the dust of your town, which is on our feet, we put off as a witness against you; but be certain of this, that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>12</sup> I say to you, It will be better in that day for Sodom than for that town. <sup>13</sup> A curse is on you, Chorazin! A curse is on you, Beth-saida! For if such works of power had been done in Tyre and Sidon as have been done in you, they would have been turned from their sins, in days gone by, seated in the dust. <sup>14</sup> But it will be better for Tyre and Sidon, in the day of judging, than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, were you not lifted up to heaven? you will go down to hell. <sup>16</sup> Whoever gives ear to you, gives ear to me; and whoever is against you, is against me; and whoever is against me, is against him who sent me. <sup>17</sup> And the seventy came back with joy, saying, Lord, even the evil spirits are under our power in your name. <sup>18</sup> And he said, I was watching for Satan, falling from heaven like a star. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you power to put your feet on snakes and evil beasts, and over all the strength of him who is against you: and nothing will do you damage. <sup>20</sup> Do not be glad, however, because you have power over spirits, but because your names are recorded in heaven. <sup>21</sup> In that same hour he was full of joy in the Holy Spirit and said, I give praise to you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have kept these things secret from the wise and the men of learning, and have made them clear to little children: for so, O Father, it was pleasing in your eyes. <sup>22</sup> All things have been given to me by my Father: and no one has knowledge of the Son, but only the Father: and of the Father, but only the Son, and he to whom the Son will make it clear. <sup>23</sup> And, turning to the disciples, he said privately, Happy are the eyes which see the things you see: <sup>24</sup> For I say to you that numbers of prophets and kings have had a desire to see the things which you see, and have not seen them, and to have knowledge of the things which have come to your ears, and they had it not. <sup>25</sup> And a certain teacher of the law got up and put him to the test, saying, Master, what have I to do so that I may have eternal life? <sup>26</sup> And he said to him, What does the law say, in your reading of it? <sup>27</sup> And he, answering, said, Have love for the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and for your neighbour as for yourself. <sup>28</sup> And he said, You have given the right answer: do this and you will have life. <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to put himself in the right, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbour? <sup>30</sup> And Jesus, answering him, said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he got into the hands of thieves, who took his clothing and gave him cruel blows, and when they went away, he was half dead. <sup>31</sup> And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when

he saw him, he went by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> And in the same way, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, went by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a certain man of Samaria, journeying that way, came where he was, and when he saw him, he was moved with pity for him, <sup>34</sup> And came to him and put clean linen round his wounds, with oil and wine; and he put him on his beast and took him to a house and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the day after he took two pennies and gave them to the owner of the house and said, Take care of him; and if this money is not enough, when I come again I will give you whatever more is needed. <sup>36</sup> Which of these three men, in your opinion, was neighbour to the man who came into the hands of thieves? <sup>37</sup> And he said, The one who had mercy on him. And Jesus said, Go and do the same. <sup>38</sup> Now, while they were on their way, he came to a certain town; and a woman named Martha took him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister, by name Mary, who took her seat at the Lord's feet and gave attention to his words. <sup>40</sup> But Martha had her hands full of the work of the house, and she came to him and said, Lord, is it nothing to you that my sister has let me do all the work? Say to her that she is to give me some help. <sup>41</sup> But the Lord, answering, said to her, Martha, Martha, you are full of care and troubled about such a number of things: <sup>42</sup> Little is needed, or even one thing only: for Mary has taken that good part, which will not be taken away from her.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> And it came about that he was in prayer in a certain place, and when he came to an end, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, will you give us teaching about prayer, as John did to his disciples? <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, When you say your prayers, say, Father, may your name be kept holy and your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us every day bread for our needs. <sup>4</sup> May we have forgiveness for our sins, as we make free all those who are in debt to us. And let us not be put to the test. <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, Which of you, having a friend, would go to him in the middle of the night and say to him, Friend, let me have three cakes of bread; <sup>6</sup> Because a friend of mine has come to me on a journey, and I have nothing to put before him; <sup>7</sup> And he, from inside the house, would say in answer, Do not be a trouble to me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; it is not possible for me to get up and give to you? <sup>8</sup> I say to you, Though he will not get up and give to him, because he is his friend, still, if he keeps on making his request, he will get up and give him as much as he has need of. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you, Make requests, and they will be answered; what you are searching for, you will get; when you give the sign, the door will be open to you. <sup>10</sup> For to everyone who makes a request, it will be given; and he who is searching will get his desire; and to him who gives the sign, the door will be open. <sup>11</sup> And which of you, being a father, will give a stone to his son, who makes request for bread? or for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>12</sup> Or for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If, then, you who are evil are able to give good things to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who make request to him? <sup>14</sup> And he was sending an evil spirit out of a man who was without the power of talking. And it came about that when the spirit had gone the man had the power of talking; and the people were full of wonder.

<sup>15</sup> But some of them said, He sends out evil spirits by Beelzebul, the ruler of evil spirits. <sup>16</sup> And others, testing him, were looking for a sign from heaven from him. <sup>17</sup> But he, having knowledge of their thoughts, said to them, Every kingdom in which there is division is made waste; and a house in which there is division comes to destruction. <sup>18</sup> If, then, Satan is at war with himself, how will he keep his kingdom? because you say that I send evil spirits out of men by the help of Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup> And if I, by Beelzebul, send out evil spirits, by whose help do your sons send them out? so let them be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if I, by the finger of God, send out evil spirits, then the kingdom of God has overtaken you. <sup>21</sup> When the strong man armed keeps watch over his house, then his goods are safe: <sup>22</sup> But when one who is stronger makes an attack on him and overcomes him, he takes away his instruments of war, in which he had put his faith, and makes division of his goods. <sup>23</sup> He who is not with me is against me, and he who will not give me help in getting people together is driving them away. <sup>24</sup> The unclean spirit, when he has gone out of a man, goes through dry places, looking for rest; and when he does not get it, he says, I will go back to my house from which I came. <sup>25</sup> And when he comes, he sees that it has been made fair and clean. <sup>26</sup> Then he goes and gets seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they go in, and take their places there: and the last condition of that man is worse than the first. <sup>27</sup> And it came about that when he said these things, a certain woman among the people said in a loud voice, Happy is the body which gave you birth, and the breasts from which you took milk. <sup>28</sup> But he said, More happy are they who give hearing to the word of God and keep it. <sup>29</sup> And when a great number of people came together to him, he said, This generation is an evil generation: it is looking for a sign and no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup> For even as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup> The queen of the South will come up on the day of judging and give her decision against the men of this generation: for she came from the ends of the earth to give ear to the wisdom of Solomon; and now something greater than Solomon is here. <sup>32</sup> The men of Nineveh will come up in the day of judging and give their decision against this generation: for they were turned away from their sins at the preaching of Jonah; but now something greater than Jonah is here. <sup>33</sup> No man, when the light has been lighted, puts it in a secret place, or under a vessel, but on its table, so that those who come in may see the light. <sup>34</sup> The light of the body is the eye: when your eye is true, all your body is full of light; but when it is evil, your body is dark. <sup>35</sup> So take care that the light which is in you is not dark. <sup>36</sup> If, then, all your body is light, with no part of it dark, it will be completely full of light, as when a flame with its bright shining gives you light. <sup>37</sup> Now, while he was talking, a Pharisee made a request that he would come to a meal with him; and he went in and took his seat at the meal. <sup>38</sup> And when the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised because he came to the meal without first washing himself. <sup>39</sup> And the Lord said to him, You Pharisees make the outside of the cup and the plate clean; but inside you are thieves and full of evil. <sup>40</sup> O you foolish ones! did not he who made the outside in the same way make the inside? <sup>41</sup> But if you give to the poor such things as you are able, then all things are clean to you. <sup>42</sup> But a curse is on you, Pharisees! for

you make men give a tenth of every sort of plant, and give no thought to right and the love of God; but it is right for you to do these things, and not let the others be undone. <sup>43</sup> A curse is on you, Pharisees! for your desires are for the most important seats in the Synagogues and for words of respect said to you in the market-place. <sup>44</sup> A curse is on you! for you are like the resting-places of dead men, which are not seen, and men go walking over them without knowledge of it. <sup>45</sup> And one of the teachers of the law, answering, said to him, Master, in saying this, you give a bad name to us as to them. <sup>46</sup> And he said, A curse is on you, teachers of the law! for while other men are crushed under the weight of the rules you make for them, you yourselves do not put so much as one finger to them. <sup>47</sup> A curse is on you! for you make resting-places for the bodies of the prophets, but your fathers put them to death. <sup>48</sup> So you are witnesses and give approval to the work of your fathers; for they put them to death and you make their last resting-places. <sup>49</sup> For this reason the wisdom of God has said, I will send them prophets and teachers, and to some of them they will give death and cruel pains; <sup>50</sup> So that punishment may come on this generation for the blood of all the prophets which was given from the earliest days; <sup>51</sup> From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zachariah, who was put to death between the altar and the Temple. Yes, I say to you, It will come on this generation. <sup>52</sup> A curse is on you, teachers of the law! for you have taken away the key of knowledge: you did not go in yourselves, and you got in the way of those who were going in. <sup>53</sup> And when he had come out of that place, the scribes and the Pharisees came round him angrily, questioning him about more things; <sup>54</sup> And watching him, for a chance to get something from his words which might be used against him.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> At that time, when thousands of the people had come together, in such numbers that they were crushing one another, he said first to his disciples, Have nothing to do with the leaven of the Pharisees, which is deceit. <sup>2</sup> But nothing is covered up, which will not come to light, or secret, which will not be made clear. <sup>3</sup> So, whatever you have said in the dark, will come to men's hearing in the light, and what you have said secretly inside the house, will be made public from the house-tops. <sup>4</sup> And I say to you, my friends, Have no fear of those who may put the body to death, and are able to do no more than that. <sup>5</sup> But I will make clear to you of whom you are to be in fear: of him who after death has power to send you to hell; yes, truly I say, Have fear of him. <sup>6</sup> Are not five sparrows given in exchange for two farthings? and God has every one of them in mind. <sup>7</sup> But even the hairs of your head are numbered. Have no fear: you are of more value than a flock of sparrows. <sup>8</sup> And I say to you that to everyone who gives witness to me before men, the Son of man will give witness before the angels of God. <sup>9</sup> But if anyone says before men that he has no knowledge of me, I will say that I have no knowledge of him before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup> And if anyone says a word against the Son of man, he will have forgiveness: but for him who says evil words against the Holy Spirit, there will be no forgiveness. <sup>11</sup> And when they take you before the Synagogues and the authorities and the rulers, take

no thought about what answers you will give, or what you will say: <sup>12</sup> For the Holy Spirit will make clear to you in that very hour what to say. <sup>13</sup> And one of the people said to him, Master, give an order to my brother to make division of the heritage with me. <sup>14</sup> But he said, Man, who made me a judge or a maker of decisions for you? <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, Take care to keep yourselves free from the desire for property; for a man's life is not made up of the number of things which he has. <sup>16</sup> And he said to them, in a story, The land of a certain man of great wealth was very fertile: <sup>17</sup> And he said to himself, What is to be done? for I have no place in which to put all my fruit. <sup>18</sup> And he said, This I will do: I will take down my store-houses and make greater ones, and there I will put all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have a great amount of goods in store, enough for a number of years; be at rest, take food and wine and be happy. <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, You foolish one, tonight I will take your soul from you, and who then will be the owner of all the things which you have got together? <sup>21</sup> So that is what comes to the man who gets wealth for himself, and has not wealth in the eyes of God. <sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, For this reason I say to you, Take no thought for your life, about what food you will take, or for your body, how it may be clothed. <sup>23</sup> Is not life more than food, and the body than its clothing? <sup>24</sup> Give thought to the ravens; they do not put seeds into the earth, or get together grain; they have no store-houses or buildings; and God gives them their food: of how much greater value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by taking thought is able to make himself any taller? <sup>26</sup> If, then, you are not able to do even that which is least, why are you troubled about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Give thought to the flowers: they do no work, they make no thread; and still I say to you, Even Solomon, in all his glory, was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God gives such clothing to the grass in the field, which today is living, and tomorrow will be burned in the oven, how much more will he give clothing to you, O men of little faith? <sup>29</sup> And do not give overmuch thought to your food and drink, and let not your mind be full of doubts. <sup>30</sup> For the nations of the world go in search of all these things: but your Father has knowledge that you have need of them. <sup>31</sup> But let your chief care be for his kingdom, and these other things will be given to you in addition. <sup>32</sup> Have no fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Give what property you have in exchange for money, and give the money to the poor; make for yourselves money-bags which will not get old, wealth stored up in heaven which will be yours for ever, where thieves will not come nor worms put it to destruction. <sup>34</sup> For where your wealth is, there will your heart be. <sup>35</sup> Be ready, dressed as for a journey, with your lights burning. <sup>36</sup> And be like men who are looking for their lord, when he comes back from the bride-feast; so that when he comes to the door, it will be open to him quickly. <sup>37</sup> Happy are those servants who are watching when the lord comes; truly I say to you, he will make himself their servant and, placing them at the table, he will come out and give them food. <sup>38</sup> And if he comes in the second division of the night or in the third, and they are watching for him, happy are those servants. <sup>39</sup> But be certain of this, that if the master of the house had had knowledge of the time when the thief was coming, he would have

been watching, and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> So be ready: for the Son of man is coming at a time when you are not looking for him. <sup>41</sup> And Peter said to him, Lord, are these words said to us only, or to all men? <sup>42</sup> And the Lord said, Who then is the wise and responsible servant whom his lord will put in control of his family, to give them their food at the right time? <sup>43</sup> Happy is that servant who, when his lord comes, is doing so. <sup>44</sup> Truly I say to you, he will put him in control of all his goods. <sup>45</sup> But if that servant says to himself, My lord is a long time coming; and goes about giving blows to the men-servants and the women-servants, feasting and taking overmuch wine; <sup>46</sup> The lord of that servant will come at a time when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not ready for him, and he will have him cut in two and will give him his part in the fate of those who have no faith; <sup>47</sup> And the servant who had knowledge of his lord's desires and was not ready for him and did not do as he was ordered, will be given a great number of blows; <sup>48</sup> But he who, without knowledge, did things for which punishment is given, will get only a small number of blows. The man to whom much is given, will have to give much; if much is given into his care, of him more will be requested. <sup>49</sup> I came to send a fire on the earth, and it may even now have been lighted. <sup>50</sup> But there is a baptism which I have to undergo; and how am I kept back till it is complete! <sup>51</sup> Is it your opinion that I have come to give peace on earth? I say to you, No, but division: <sup>52</sup> For from this time, a family of five in one house will be on opposite sides, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be at war, the father against his son, and the son against his father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law. <sup>54</sup> Then he said to the people, When you see a cloud coming up in the west, straight away you say, There will be rain; and so it is. <sup>55</sup> And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, There will be heat; and so it is. <sup>56</sup> O false ones! the face of the earth and the heaven is clear to you; how is it that the signs of these times are not as clear to you? <sup>57</sup> And why are you, in your hearts, unable to be judges of what is right? <sup>58</sup> For if anyone has a cause at law against you, and you are going with him before the ruler, make an attempt, on the way, to come to an agreement with him, for if you do not, he may take you before the judge and the judge will give you up to the police, and they will put you in prison. <sup>59</sup> I say to you, You will not come out of it till you have made payment to the very last farthing.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> Now some people who were there at that time, gave him an account of how the blood of some Galilaeans had been mixed by Pilate with their offerings. <sup>2</sup> And he, in answer, said to them, Are you of the opinion that these Galilaeans were worse than all other Galilaeans, because these things were done to them? <sup>3</sup> I say to you, It is not so: but if your hearts are not changed, you will all come to the same end. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen men who were crushed by the fall of the tower of Siloam, were they worse than all the other men living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> I say to you, It is not so: but if your hearts are not changed, you will all come to an end in the same way. <sup>6</sup> And he made up this story for them: A certain man had a fig-tree



in his garden, and he came to get fruit from it, and there was no fruit. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the gardener, See, for three years I have been looking for fruit from this tree, and I have not had any: let it be cut down; why is it taking up space? <sup>8</sup> And he said, Lord, let it be for this year, and I will have the earth turned up round it, and put animal waste on it, to make it fertile: <sup>9</sup> And if, after that, it has fruit, it is well; if not, let it be cut down. <sup>10</sup> And he was teaching in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And there was a woman who had had a disease for eighteen years; she was bent, and was not able to make herself straight. <sup>12</sup> And when Jesus saw her, he said to her, Woman, you are made free from your disease. <sup>13</sup> And he put his hands on her, and she was made straight, and gave praise to God. <sup>14</sup> And the ruler of the Synagogue was angry because Jesus had made her well on the Sabbath, and he said to the people, There are six days in which men may do work: so come on those days to be made well, and not on the Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> But the Lord gave him an answer and said, O you false men! do you not, every one of you, on the Sabbath, let loose his ox and his ass and take it to the water? <sup>16</sup> And is it not right for this daughter of Abraham, who has been in the power of Satan for eighteen years, to be made free on the Sabbath? <sup>17</sup> And when he said these things, those who were against him were shamed, and all the people were full of joy because of the great things which were done by him. <sup>18</sup> Then he said, What is the kingdom of God like? what comparison may I make of it? <sup>19</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and put in his garden, and it became a tree, and the birds of heaven made their resting-places in its branches. <sup>20</sup> And again he said, What is the kingdom of God like? <sup>21</sup> It is like leaven, which a woman put into three measures of meal, and it was all leavened. <sup>22</sup> And he went on his way, through towns and country places, teaching and journeying to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, Lord, will only a small number have salvation? And he said to them, <sup>24</sup> Do your best to go in by the narrow door, for I say to you, A number will make the attempt to go in, but will not be able to do so. <sup>25</sup> When the master of the house has got up, and the door has been shut, and you, still outside, give blows on the door, saying, Lord, let us in; he will make answer and say, I have no knowledge of where you come from. <sup>26</sup> Then you will say, We have taken food and drink with you, and you were teaching in our streets. <sup>27</sup> But he will say, Truly, I have no knowledge of you or where you come from; go away from me, you workers of evil. <sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and cries of sorrow when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves are shut outside. <sup>29</sup> And they will come from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and take their places in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> And the last will be first, and the first will be last. <sup>31</sup> At that time, certain Pharisees came to him and said, Go away from this place, because Herod's purpose is to put you to death. <sup>32</sup> And he said, Go and say to that fox, I send out evil spirits and do works of mercy today and tomorrow, and on the third day my work will be complete. <sup>33</sup> But I have to go on my way today and tomorrow and the third day, for it is not right for a prophet to come to his death outside Jerusalem. <sup>34</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, putting to death the prophets, and stoning those who were sent to her! again and again would I have taken your children

to myself, as a bird takes her young ones under her wings, but you would not! <sup>35</sup> Now see, your house is waste, and I say to you, You will not see me again till you say, A blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> And it came about that when he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees on the Sabbath, to have a meal, they were watching him. <sup>2</sup> And a certain man was there who had a disease. <sup>3</sup> And Jesus, answering, said to the scribes and Pharisees, Is it right to make people well on the Sabbath or not? <sup>4</sup> But they said nothing. And he made him well and sent him away. <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, Which of you, whose ox or ass has got into a water-hole, will not straight away get him out on the Sabbath? <sup>6</sup> And they had no answer to that question. <sup>7</sup> And he gave teaching in the form of a story to the guests who came to the feast, when he saw how they took the best seats; saying to them, <sup>8</sup> When you get a request to come to a feast, do not take the best seat, for a more important man than you may be coming, <sup>9</sup> And then the giver of the feast will come to you and say, Give your place to this man; and you, with shame, will have to take the lowest seat. <sup>10</sup> But when you come, go and take the lowest seat, so that when the giver of the feast comes, he may say to you, Friend, come up higher; and then you will have honour in the eyes of all the others who are there. <sup>11</sup> For every man who gives himself a high place will be put down, but he who takes a low place will be lifted up. <sup>12</sup> And he said to the master of the house, When you give a feast, do not send for your friends and your brothers and your family or your neighbours who have wealth, for they may give a feast for you, and so you will get a reward. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, send for the poor and the blind and those who are broken in body: <sup>14</sup> And you will have a blessing, because they will not be able to give you any payment, and you will get your reward when the upright come back from the dead. <sup>15</sup> And, hearing these words, one of those who were at table with him said to him, Happy is the man who will be a guest in the kingdom of God. <sup>16</sup> And he said to them, A certain man gave a great feast, and sent word of it to a number of people. <sup>17</sup> And when the time had come, he sent his servants to say to them, Come, for all things are now ready. <sup>18</sup> And they all gave reasons why they were not able to come. The first said to him, I have got a new field, and it is necessary for me to go and see it: I am full of regret that I am unable to come. <sup>19</sup> And another said, I have got some cattle, and I am going to make a test of them: I am full of regret that I am unable to come. <sup>20</sup> And another said, I have been married, and so I am not able to come. <sup>21</sup> And the servant came back and gave his master an account of these things. Then the master of the house was angry and said to the servant, Go out quickly into the streets of the town and get the poor, the blind, and those who are broken in body. <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, Lord, your orders have been done, and still there is room. <sup>23</sup> And the lord said to the servant, Go out into the roads and the fields, and make them come in, so that my house may be full. <sup>24</sup> For I say to you that not one of those who were requested to come will have a taste of my feast. <sup>25</sup> Now a great number of people went with him. <sup>26</sup> And turning round, he said to them, If any man comes to me, and has not hate for his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and

sisters, and even for his life, he may not be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not take up his cross and come after me may not be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to put up a tower, does not first give much thought to the price, if he will have enough to make it complete? <sup>29</sup> For fear that if he makes a start and is not able to go on with it to the end, all who see it will be laughing at him, <sup>30</sup> And saying, This man made a start at building and is not able to make it complete. <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going to war with another king, will not first take thought if he will be strong enough, with ten thousand men, to keep off him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> Or while the other is still a great distance away, he sends representatives requesting conditions of peace. <sup>33</sup> And so whoever is not ready to give up all he has may not be my disciple. <sup>34</sup> For salt is good, but if the taste goes from it, of what use is it? <sup>35</sup> It is no good for the land or for the place of waste; no one has a use for it. He who has ears, let him give ear.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax-farmers and sinners came near to give ear to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and scribes were angry, saying, This man gives approval to sinners, and takes food with them. <sup>3</sup> And he made a story for them, saying, <sup>4</sup> What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if one of them gets loose and goes away, will not let the ninety-nine be in the waste land by themselves, and go after the wandering one, till he sees where it is? <sup>5</sup> And when he has got it again, he takes it in his arms with joy. <sup>6</sup> And when he gets back to his house, he sends for his neighbours and friends, saying to them, Be glad with me, for I have got back my sheep which had gone away. <sup>7</sup> I say to you that even so there will be more joy in heaven when one sinner is turned away from his wrongdoing, than for ninety-nine good men, who have no need of a change of heart. <sup>8</sup> Or what woman, having ten bits of silver, if one bit has gone from her hands, will not get a light, and go through her house, searching with care till she sees it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has it again, she gets her friends and neighbours together, saying, Be glad with me, for I have got back the bit of silver which had gone from me. <sup>10</sup> Even so, I say to you, There is joy among the angels of God, when one sinner is turned away from his wrongdoing. <sup>11</sup> And he said, A certain man had two sons: <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me that part of your property which will be mine. And he made division of his goods between them. <sup>13</sup> And not long after, the younger son got together everything which was his and took a journey into a far-away country, and there all his money went in foolish living. <sup>14</sup> And when everything was gone, there was no food to be had in that country, and he was in need. <sup>15</sup> And he went and put himself into the hands of one of the people of that country, and he sent him into his fields to give the pigs their food. <sup>16</sup> And so great was his need that he would have been glad to take the pigs' food, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses, he said, What numbers of my father's servants have bread enough, and more, while I am near to death here through need of food! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have done wrong, against heaven and in your eyes: <sup>19</sup> I am no longer good enough to be named your son: make me

like one of your servants. <sup>20</sup> And he got up and went to his father. But while he was still far away, his father saw him and was moved with pity for him and went quickly and took him in his arms and gave him a kiss. <sup>21</sup> And his son said to him, Father, I have done wrong, against heaven and in your eyes: I am no longer good enough to be named your son. <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, Get out the first robe quickly, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet: <sup>23</sup> And get the fat young ox and put it to death, and let us have a feast, and be glad. <sup>24</sup> For this, my son, who was dead, is living again; he had gone away from me, and has come back. And they were full of joy. <sup>25</sup> Now the older son was in the field: and when he came near the house, the sounds of music and dancing came to his ears. <sup>26</sup> And he sent for one of the servants, questioning him about what it might be. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, Your brother has come; and your father has had the young ox put to death because he has come back safely. <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and would not go in; and his father came out and made a request to him to come in. <sup>29</sup> But he made answer and said to his father, See, all these years I have been your servant, doing your orders in everything: and you never gave me even a young goat so that I might have a feast with my friends: <sup>30</sup> But when this your son came, who has been wasting your property with bad women, you put to death the fat young ox for him. <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, Son, you are with me at all times, and all I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But it was right to be glad and to have a feast; for this your brother, who was dead, is living again; he had gone away and has come back.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> And another time he said to the disciples, There was a certain man of great wealth who had a servant; and it was said to him that this servant was wasting his goods. <sup>2</sup> And he sent for him and said, What is this which is said about you? give me an account of all you have done, for you will no longer be the manager of my property. <sup>3</sup> And the servant said to himself, What am I to do now that my lord takes away my position? I have not enough strength for working in the fields, and I would be shamed if I made requests for money from people in the streets. <sup>4</sup> I have come to a decision what to do, so that when I am put out of my position they will take me into their houses. <sup>5</sup> And sending for every one who was in debt to his lord he said to the first, What is the amount of your debt to my lord? <sup>6</sup> And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said, Take your account straight away and put down fifty. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, What is the amount of your debt? And he said, A hundred measures of grain. And he said to him, Take your account and put down eighty. <sup>8</sup> And his lord was pleased with the false servant, because he had been wise; for the sons of this world are wiser in relation to their generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you, Make friends for yourselves through the wealth of this life, so that when it comes to an end, you may be taken into the eternal resting-places. <sup>10</sup> He who is true in a little, is true in much; he who is false in small things, is false in great. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been true in your use of the wealth of this life, who will give into your care the true wealth? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been true in your care of the property of other people, who will give you that which

is yours? <sup>13</sup> No man may be a servant to two masters: for he will have hate for the one and love for the other; or he will keep to the one and have no respect for the other. You may not be servants of God and of wealth. <sup>14</sup> And the Pharisees, who had a great love of money, hearing these things, were making sport of him. <sup>15</sup> And he said, You take care to seem right in the eyes of men, but God sees your hearts: and those things which are important in the opinion of men, are evil in the eyes of God. <sup>16</sup> The law and the prophets were till John: but then came the preaching of the kingdom of God, and everyone makes his way into it by force. <sup>17</sup> But heaven and earth will come to an end before the smallest letter of the law may be dropped out. <sup>18</sup> Everyone who puts away his wife and takes another, is a false husband: and he who is married to a woman whose husband has put her away, is no true husband to her. <sup>19</sup> Now there was a certain man of great wealth, who was dressed in fair clothing of purple and delicate linen, and was shining and glad every day. <sup>20</sup> And a certain poor man, named Lazarus, was stretched out at his door, full of wounds, <sup>21</sup> Desiring the broken bits of food which came from the table of the man of wealth; and even the dogs came and put their tongues on his wounds. <sup>22</sup> And in time the poor man came to his end, and angels took him to Abraham's breast. And the man of wealth came to his end, and was put in the earth. <sup>23</sup> And in hell, being in great pain, lifting up his eyes he saw Abraham, far away, and Lazarus on his breast. <sup>24</sup> And he gave a cry and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, so that he may put the end of his finger in water and put it on my tongue, for I am cruelly burning in this flame. <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, Keep in mind, my son, that when you were living, you had your good things, while Lazarus had evil things: but now, he is comforted and you are in pain. <sup>26</sup> And in addition, there is a deep division fixed between us and you, so that those who might go from here to you are not able to do so, and no one may come from you to us. <sup>27</sup> And he said, Father, it is my request that you will send him to my father's house; <sup>28</sup> For I have five brothers; and let him give them an account of these things, so that they may not come to this place of pain. <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, They have Moses and the prophets; let them give ear to what they say. <sup>30</sup> And he said, No, father Abraham, but if someone went to them from the dead, their hearts would be changed. <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, If they will not give attention to Moses and the prophets, they will not be moved even if someone comes back from the dead.

## 17

<sup>1</sup> And he said to his disciples, It is necessary for causes of trouble to come about, but unhappy is he by whom they come. <sup>2</sup> It would be well for him if a great stone was put round his neck and he was dropped into the sea, before he made trouble for any of these little ones. <sup>3</sup> Give attention to yourselves: if your brother does wrong, say a sharp word to him; and if he has sorrow for his sin, let him have forgiveness. <sup>4</sup> And if he does you wrong seven times in a day, and seven times comes to you and says, I have regret for what I have done; let him have forgiveness. <sup>5</sup> And the twelve said to the Lord, Make our faith greater. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, If your faith was only as great as a grain of mustard seed, you might say to this tree, Be rooted up and planted in the sea; and it would be done. <sup>7</sup> But

which of you, having a servant who is ploughing or keeping sheep, will say to him, when he comes in from the field, Come now and be seated and have a meal, <sup>8</sup> Will he not say, Get a meal for me, and make yourself ready and see to my needs till I have had my food and drink; and after that you may have yours? <sup>9</sup> Does he give praise to the servant because he did what was ordered? <sup>10</sup> In the same way, when you have done all the things which are given you to do, say, There is no profit in us, for we have only done what we were ordered to do. <sup>11</sup> And it came about that when they were on the way to Jerusalem he went through Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And when he went into a certain small town he came across ten men who were lepers, and they, keeping themselves at a distance, <sup>13</sup> Said, in loud voices, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. <sup>14</sup> And when he saw them he said, Go, and let the priests see you. And, while they were going, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was clean, turning back, gave praise to God in a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> And, falling down on his face at the feet of Jesus, he gave the credit to him; and he was a man of Samaria. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said, Were there not ten men who were made clean? where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Have not any of them come back to give glory to God, but only this one from a strange land? <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, Get up, and go on your way; your faith has made you well. <sup>20</sup> And when the Pharisees put questions to him about when the kingdom of God would come, he gave them an answer and said, The kingdom of God will not come through observation: <sup>21</sup> And men will not say, See, it is here! or, There! for the kingdom of God is among you. <sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, The time will come when you will have a great desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, but you will not see it. <sup>23</sup> And if they say to you, See, it is there! or, It is here! do not go away, or go after them. <sup>24</sup> For as in a thunderstorm the bright light is seen from one end of the sky to the other, so will the Son of man be when his time comes. <sup>25</sup> But first, he will have to undergo much and be put on one side by this generation. <sup>26</sup> And as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the day of the Son of man. <sup>27</sup> They were feasting and taking wives and getting married, till the day of the overflowing of the waters, when Noah went into the ark, and they all came to destruction. <sup>28</sup> In the same way, in the days of Lot; they were feasting and trading, they were planting and building; <sup>29</sup> But on the day when Lot went out of Sodom, fire came down from heaven and destruction came on them all. <sup>30</sup> So will it be in the day of the revelation of the Son of man. <sup>31</sup> On that day, if anyone is on the roof of the house, and his goods are in the house, let him not go down to take them away; and let him who is in the field not go back to his house. <sup>32</sup> Keep in mind Lot's wife. <sup>33</sup> If anyone makes an attempt to keep his life, it will be taken from him, but if anyone gives up his life, he will keep it. <sup>34</sup> I say to you, In that night there will be two men sleeping in one bed, and one will be taken away and the other let go. <sup>35</sup> Two women will be crushing grain together; one will be taken away and the other let go. <sup>36</sup> [] <sup>37</sup> And they, answering him, said, Where, Lord? And he said to them, Where the body is, there will the eagles come together.

## 18

<sup>1</sup> And he made a story for them, the point of which was that men were

to go on making prayer and not get tired; <sup>2</sup> Saying, There was a judge in a certain town, who had no fear of God or respect for man: <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town, and she kept on coming to him and saying, Give me my right against the man who has done me wrong. <sup>4</sup> And for a time he would not: but later, he said to himself, Though I have no fear of God or respect for man, <sup>5</sup> Because this widow is a trouble to me, I will give her her right; for if not, I will be completely tired out by her frequent coming. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, Give ear to the words of the evil judge. <sup>7</sup> And will not God do right in the cause of his saints, whose cries come day and night to his ears, though he is long in doing it? <sup>8</sup> I say to you that he will quickly do right in their cause. But when the Son of man comes, will there be any faith on earth? <sup>9</sup> And he made this story for some people who were certain that they were good, and had a low opinion of others: <sup>10</sup> Two men went up to the Temple for prayer; one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-farmer. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, taking up his position, said to himself these words: God, I give you praise because I am not like other men, who take more than their right, who are evil-doers, who are untrue to their wives, or even like this tax-farmer. <sup>12</sup> Twice in the week I go without food; I give a tenth of all I have. <sup>13</sup> The tax-farmer, on the other hand, keeping far away, and not lifting up even his eyes to heaven, made signs of grief and said, God, have mercy on me, a sinner. <sup>14</sup> I say to you, This man went back to his house with God's approval, and not the other: for everyone who makes himself high will be made low and whoever makes himself low will be made high. <sup>15</sup> And they took their children to him, so that he might put his hands on them: but when the disciples saw it, they said sharp words to them <sup>16</sup> But Jesus sent for them, saying, Let the children come to me, and do not keep them away, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>17</sup> Truly I say to you, Whoever does not put himself under the kingdom of God like a little child, will not come into it at all. <sup>18</sup> And a certain ruler put a question to him, saying, Good Master, what have I to do so that I may have eternal life? <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, Why do you say that I am good? No one is good, but only God. <sup>20</sup> You have knowledge of what the law says: Do not be untrue to your wife, Do not put anyone to death, Do not take what is not yours, Do not give false witness, Give honour to your father and mother. <sup>21</sup> And he said, All these things I have done from the time when I was a boy. <sup>22</sup> And Jesus, hearing it, said to him, One thing you still have need of; get money for your goods, and give it away to the poor, and you will have wealth in heaven; and come after me. <sup>23</sup> But at these words he became very sad, for he had great wealth. <sup>24</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, said, How hard it is for those who have wealth to get into the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is simpler for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a man who has much money to come into the kingdom of God. <sup>26</sup> And those who were present said, Then who may have salvation? <sup>27</sup> But he said, Things which are not possible with man are possible with God. <sup>28</sup> And Peter said, See, we have given up what is ours to come after you. <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, Truly I say to you, There is no man who has given up house or wife or brothers or father or mother or children, because of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> Who will not get much more in this time, and in the world to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> And he took with him the twelve and said to them, Now we are going up to Jerusalem,

and all the things which were said by the prophets will be done to the Son of man. <sup>32</sup> For he will be given up to the Gentiles, and will be made sport of and put to shame: <sup>33</sup> And he will be given cruel blows and put to death, and on the third day he will come back to life. <sup>34</sup> But they did not take in the sense of any of these words, and what he said was not clear to them, and their minds were not able to see it. <sup>35</sup> And it came about that when he got near Jericho, a certain blind man was seated by the side of the road, making requests for money from those who went by. <sup>36</sup> And hearing the sound of a great number of people going by, he said, What is this? <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, Jesus of Nazareth is going by. <sup>38</sup> And he said in a loud voice, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front made protests and said to him, Be quiet: but he said all the more, O Son of David, have mercy on me. <sup>40</sup> And Jesus, stopping, gave orders that he was to come to him, and when he came near, he said to him, <sup>41</sup> What would you have me do for you? And he said, Lord, that I may be able to see again. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said, See again: your faith has made you well. <sup>43</sup> And straight away he was able to see, and he went after him, giving glory to God; and all the people when they saw it gave praise to God.

## 19

<sup>1</sup> And he went into Jericho, and when he was going through it, <sup>2</sup> A man, named Zacchaeus, who was the chief tax-farmer, and a man of wealth, <sup>3</sup> Made an attempt to get a view of Jesus, and was not able to do so, because of the people, for he was a small man. <sup>4</sup> And he went quickly in front of them and got up into a tree to see him, for he was going that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, looking up, he said to him, Zacchaeus, be quick and come down, for I am coming to your house today. <sup>6</sup> And he came down quickly, and took him into his house with joy. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they were all angry, saying, He has gone into the house of a sinner. <sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus, waiting before him, said to the Lord, See, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from anyone wrongly, I give him back four times as much. <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, Today salvation has come to this house, for even he is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of man came to make search for those who are wandering from the way, and to be their Saviour. <sup>11</sup> And while they were giving ear to these words, he made another story for them, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they were of the opinion that the kingdom of God was coming straight away. <sup>12</sup> So he said, A certain man of high birth went into a far-away country to get a kingdom for himself, and to come back. <sup>13</sup> And he sent for ten of his servants and gave them ten pounds and said to them, Do business with this till I come. <sup>14</sup> But his people had no love for him, and sent representatives after him, saying, We will not have this man for our ruler. <sup>15</sup> And when he came back again, having got his kingdom, he gave orders for those servants to whom he had given the money to come to him, so that he might have an account of what business they had done. <sup>16</sup> And the first came before him, saying, Lord, your pound has made ten pounds. <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, You have done well, O good servant: because you have done well in a small thing you will have authority over ten towns. <sup>18</sup> And another came, saying, Your pound has made five pounds. <sup>19</sup> And he said, You will be ruler over



five towns. <sup>20</sup> And another came, saying, Lord, here is your pound, which I put away in a cloth; <sup>21</sup> Because I was in fear of you, for you are a hard man: you take up what you have not put down, and get in grain where you have not put seed. <sup>22</sup> He said to him, By the words of your mouth you will be judged, you bad servant. You had knowledge that I am a hard man, taking up what I have not put down and getting in grain where I have not put seed; <sup>23</sup> Why then did you not put my money in a bank, so that when I came I would get it back with interest? <sup>24</sup> And he said to the others who were near, Take the pound away from him, and give it to the man who has ten. <sup>25</sup> And they say to him, Lord, he has ten pounds. <sup>26</sup> And I say to you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup> And as for those who were against me, who would not have me for their ruler, let them come here, and be put to death before me. <sup>28</sup> And when he had said this, he went on in front of them, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> And it came about that when he got near Beth-phage and Bethany by the mountain which is named the Mountain of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> Saying, Go into the little town in front of you, and on going in you will see a young ass fixed with a cord, on which no man has ever been seated; let him loose and take him. <sup>31</sup> And if anyone says to you, Why are you taking him? say, The Lord has need of him. <sup>32</sup> And those whom he sent went away, and it was as he said. <sup>33</sup> And when they were getting the young ass, the owners of it said to them, Why are you taking the young ass? <sup>34</sup> And they said, The Lord has need of him. <sup>35</sup> And they took him to Jesus, and they put their clothing on the ass, and Jesus got on to him. <sup>36</sup> And while he went on his way they put their clothing down on the road in front of him. <sup>37</sup> And when he came near the foot of the Mountain of Olives, all the disciples with loud voices gave praise to God with joy, because of all the great works which they had seen; <sup>38</sup> Saying, A blessing on the King who comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the highest. <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees among the people said to him, Master, make your disciples be quiet. <sup>40</sup> And he said in answer, I say to you, if these men keep quiet, the very stones will be crying out. <sup>41</sup> And when he got near and saw the town, he was overcome with weeping for it, <sup>42</sup> Saying, If you, even you, had knowledge today, of the things which give peace! but you are not able to see them. <sup>43</sup> For the time will come when your attackers will put a wall round you, and come all round you and keep you in on every side, <sup>44</sup> And will make you level with the earth, and your children with you; and there will not be one stone resting on another in you, because you did not see that it was your day of mercy. <sup>45</sup> And he went into the Temple and put out those who were trading there, <sup>46</sup> Saying to them, It has been said, My house is to be a house of prayer, but you have made it a hole of thieves. <sup>47</sup> And every day he was teaching in the Temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the rulers of the people were attempting to put him to death; <sup>48</sup> But they were not able to do anything, because the people all kept near him, being greatly interested in his words.

## 20

<sup>1</sup> And it came about on one of those days, when he was teaching the

people in the Temple and preaching the good news, <sup>2</sup> That the chief priests and the scribes and the rulers of the people came to him and said, Make clear to us by what authority you do these things and who gave you this authority. <sup>3</sup> And in answer he said to them, I will put a question to you, and do you give me an answer: <sup>4</sup> The baptism of John, was it from heaven or of men? <sup>5</sup> And they said among themselves, If we say, From heaven; he will say, Why did you not have faith in him? <sup>6</sup> But if we say, Of men; we will be stoned by the people, for they are certain that John was a prophet. <sup>7</sup> And they made answer that they had no idea where it came from. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus said, And I will not make clear to you by what authority I do these things. <sup>9</sup> And he gave the people this story: A man made a vine-garden and gave the use of it to some field-workers and went into another country for a long time. <sup>10</sup> And at the right time he sent a servant to the workers to get part of the fruit from the vines; but the workmen gave him blows and sent him away with nothing. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant, and they gave blows to him in the same way, and put shame on him, and sent him away with nothing. <sup>12</sup> And he sent a third, and they gave him wounds and put him out. <sup>13</sup> And the lord of the garden said, What am I to do? I will send my dearly loved son; they may give respect to him. <sup>14</sup> But when the workmen saw him, they said to one another, This is he who will one day be the owner of the property: let us put him to death and the heritage will be ours. <sup>15</sup> And driving him out of the garden they put him to death. Now what will the lord do to these workmen? <sup>16</sup> He will come and put them to destruction and give the garden to others. And when he said this, they said, May it not be so. <sup>17</sup> But he, looking on them, said, Is it not in the Writings, The stone which the builders put on one side, the same has become the chief stone of the building? <sup>18</sup> Everyone falling on that stone will be broken, but the man on whom the stone comes down will be crushed to dust. <sup>19</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes made attempts to get their hands on him in that very hour; and they were in fear of the people, for they saw that he had made up this story against them. <sup>20</sup> And they kept watch on him, and sent out secret representatives, who were acting the part of good men, in order that they might get something from his words, on account of which they might give him up to the government and into the power of the ruler. <sup>21</sup> And they put a question to him, saying, Master, we are certain that your teaching and your words are right, and that you have no respect for a man's position, but you are teaching the true way of God: <sup>22</sup> Is it right for us to make payment of taxes to Caesar or not? <sup>23</sup> But he saw through their trick and said to them, <sup>24</sup> Let me see a penny. Whose image and name are on it? And they said, Caesar's. <sup>25</sup> And he said, Then give to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and to God the things which are God's. <sup>26</sup> And they were not able to get anything from these words before the people: but they were full of wonder at his answer, and said nothing. <sup>27</sup> And some of the Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no coming back from the dead; and they said to him, <sup>28</sup> Master, Moses said that if a man's brother comes to his end, having a wife, but no children, his brother is to take the wife, and get a family for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers, and the first had a wife and came to his end, having no children; <sup>30</sup> And the second; <sup>31</sup> And the third took her;

and in the same way, all the seven, without having any children, came to their end. <sup>32</sup> And last of all, the woman came to her end. <sup>33</sup> When they come back from the dead, whose wife will she be? for all the seven had her. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, The sons of this world are married and have wives; <sup>35</sup> But those to whom is given the reward of the world to come, and to come back from the dead, have no wives, and are not married; <sup>36</sup> And death has no more power over them, for they are equal to the angels, and are sons of God, being of those who will come back from the dead. <sup>37</sup> But even Moses made it clear that the dead come back to life, saying, in the story of the burning thorn-tree, The Lord, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is not the God of the dead but of the living: for all men are living to him. <sup>39</sup> And some of the scribes, in answer to this, said, Master, you have said well. <sup>40</sup> And they had fear of putting any more questions to him. <sup>41</sup> And he said to them, Why do they say that the Christ is the son of David? <sup>42</sup> For David himself says in the book of Psalms, The Lord said to my Lord, Take your seat at my right hand, <sup>43</sup> Till I put under your feet all those who are against you. <sup>44</sup> David then gives him the name of Lord, so how is it possible for him to be his son? <sup>45</sup> And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, <sup>46</sup> Keep away from the scribes, whose pleasure it is to go about in long robes, and to have words of respect said to them in the market-places, and to take the chief seats in the Synagogues and the first places at feasts; <sup>47</sup> Who take the property of widows and before the eyes of men make long prayers; they will get a greater punishment.

## 21

<sup>1</sup> And looking up, he saw the men of wealth putting their offerings in the money-box. <sup>2</sup> And he saw a certain poor widow putting in a farthing. <sup>3</sup> And he said, Truly I say to you, This poor widow has given more than all of them: <sup>4</sup> For they gave out of their wealth, having more than enough for themselves: but she, even out of her need, has put in all her living. <sup>5</sup> And some were talking about the Temple, how it was made fair with beautiful stones and with offerings, but he said, <sup>6</sup> As for these things which you see, the days will come when not one stone will be resting on another, but all will be broken down. <sup>7</sup> And they said to him, Master, when will these things be? and what sign will there be when these events are to take place? <sup>8</sup> And he said, Take care that you are not tricked: for a number of people will come in my name, saying, I am he; and, The time is near: do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> And when news of wars and troubled times comes to your ears, have no fear; for these things have to be, but the end will not be now. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, Nation will be moved against nation and kingdom against kingdom: <sup>11</sup> There will be great earth-shocks and outbursts of disease in a number of places, and men will be without food; and there will be wonders and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> But before all this, they will take you and be very cruel to you, giving you up to the Synagogues and to prisons, taking you before kings and rulers, because of my name. <sup>13</sup> And it will be turned to a witness for you. <sup>14</sup> So take care not to be troubled before the time comes, about what answers you will give: <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom, so that not one of those who are against you will be able to get the better of you, or to put you in

the wrong. <sup>16</sup> But you will be given up even by your fathers and mothers, your brothers and relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. <sup>17</sup> And you will be hated by all men, because of me. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will come to destruction. <sup>19</sup> By going through all these things, you will keep your lives. <sup>20</sup> But when you see armies all round about Jerusalem, then be certain that her destruction is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judaea go in flight to the mountains; and those who are in the middle of the town go out; and let not those who are in the country come in. <sup>22</sup> For these are the days of punishment, in which all the things in the Writings will be put into effect. <sup>23</sup> It will be hard for women who are with child, and for her with a baby at the breast, in those days. For great trouble will come on the land, and wrath on this people. <sup>24</sup> And they will be put to death with the sword, and will be taken as prisoners into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be crushed under the feet of the Gentiles, till the times of the Gentiles are complete. <sup>25</sup> And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and on the earth, fear among the nations and doubt because of the loud noise of the sea and the waves; <sup>26</sup> Men's strength will go from them in fear and in waiting for the things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of the heavens will be moved. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> But when these things come about, let your heads be lifted up, because your salvation is near. <sup>29</sup> And he made a story for them: See the fig-tree, and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> When they put out their young leaves, you take note of it, and it is clear to you that summer is coming. <sup>31</sup> In the same way, when you see these things taking place you may be certain that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I say to you, This generation will not come to an end till all things are complete. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will come to an end, but my words will not come to an end. <sup>34</sup> But give attention to yourselves, for fear that your hearts become over-full of the pleasures of food and wine, and the cares of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly, and take you as in a net: <sup>35</sup> For so it will come on all those who are living on the face of all the earth. <sup>36</sup> But keep watch at all times with prayer; that you may be strong enough to come through all these things and take your place before the Son of man. <sup>37</sup> And every day he was teaching in the Temple and every night he went out to the mountain which is named the Mountain of Olives to take his rest. <sup>38</sup> And all the people came early in the morning to give ear to his words in the Temple.

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<sup>1</sup> Now the feast of unleavened bread was near, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes were looking for a chance to put him to death, but they went in fear of the people. <sup>3</sup> And Satan came into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve. <sup>4</sup> And he went away and had a discussion with the chief priests and the rulers, about how he might give him up to them. <sup>5</sup> And they were glad, and undertook to give him money. <sup>6</sup> And he made an agreement with them to give him up to them, if he got a chance, when the people were not present. <sup>7</sup> And the day of unleavened bread came, when the Passover lamb is put to death. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, Go and make the Passover

ready for us, so that we may take it. <sup>9</sup> And they said to him, Where are we to get it ready? <sup>10</sup> And he said to them, When you go into the town you will see a man coming to you with a vessel of water; go after him into the house into which he goes. <sup>11</sup> And say to the master of the house, The Master says, Where is the guest-room, where I may take the Passover with my disciples? <sup>12</sup> And he will take you up to a great room with a table and seats: there make ready. <sup>13</sup> And they went, and it was as he had said: and they made the Passover ready. <sup>14</sup> And when the time had come, he took his seat, and the Apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said, I have had a great desire to keep this Passover with you before I come to my death; <sup>16</sup> For I say to you, I will not take it till it is made complete in the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup and, having given praise, he said, Make division of this among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> For I say to you, I will not take of the fruit of the vine till the kingdom of God has come. <sup>19</sup> And he took bread and, having given praise, he gave it to them when it had been broken, saying, This is my body, which is given for you: do this in memory of me. <sup>20</sup> And in the same way, after the meal, he took the cup, saying, This cup is the new testament, made with my blood which is given for you. <sup>21</sup> But the hand of him who is false to me is with me at the table. <sup>22</sup> For it will be done to the Son of man after the purpose of God, but unhappy is that man by whom he is given up. <sup>23</sup> And they were wondering among themselves which of them it was who would do this thing. <sup>24</sup> And there was an argument among them about which of them was the greatest. <sup>25</sup> And he said, The kings of the Gentiles are lords over them, and those who have authority are given names of honour. <sup>26</sup> But let it not be so with you; but he who is greater, let him become like the younger; and he who is chief, like a servant. <sup>27</sup> For which is greater, the guest who is seated at a meal or the servant who is waiting on him? is it not the guest? but I am among you as a servant. <sup>28</sup> But you are those who have kept with me through my troubles; <sup>29</sup> And I will give you a kingdom as my Father has given one to me, <sup>30</sup> So that you may take food and drink at my table in my kingdom, and be seated like kings, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>31</sup> Simon, Simon, Satan has made a request to have you, so that he may put you to the test as grain is tested: <sup>32</sup> But I have made prayer for you, that your faith may not go from you: and when you are turned again, make your brothers strong. <sup>33</sup> And he said to him, Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death. <sup>34</sup> And he said, I say to you, Peter, before the cock's second cry today, you will say three times that you have no knowledge of me. <sup>35</sup> And he said to them, When I sent you out without money or bag or shoes, were you in need of anything? And they said, Nothing. <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, But now, he who has a money-bag, or a bag for food, let him take it: and he who has not, let him give his coat for money and get a sword. <sup>37</sup> For I say to you that these words will be put into effect in me, And he was numbered among the evil-doers: for what has been said in the Writings about me has an end. <sup>38</sup> And they said, Lord, here are two swords. And he said, It is enough. <sup>39</sup> And he came out, and went, as his way was, to the Mountain of Olives, and the disciples went with him. <sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, Make a prayer that you may not be put to the test. <sup>41</sup> And he went a little distance away from them and, falling on his knees in prayer, he said, <sup>42</sup> Father, if it is

your pleasure, take this cup from me: but still, let your pleasure, not mine, be done. <sup>43</sup> And an angel from heaven came to him, to give him strength. <sup>44</sup> And being in great trouble of soul, the force of his prayer became stronger, and great drops, like blood, came from him, falling to the earth. <sup>45</sup> And, getting up from prayer, he came to the disciples, and saw that they were sleeping for sorrow. <sup>46</sup> And he said, Why are you sleeping? Get up, and give yourselves to prayer, so that you may not be put to the test. <sup>47</sup> And while he was saying these words, there came a band of people, and Judas, one of the twelve, was in front of them, and he came near to Jesus to give him a kiss. <sup>48</sup> But Jesus said to him, Judas, will you be false to the Son of man with a kiss? <sup>49</sup> And when those who were with him saw what was coming, they said, Lord, may we not make use of our swords? <sup>50</sup> And one of them gave a blow to the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus, answering, said, Put up with this, at least. And touching his ear, he made it well. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to the chief priests and the captains of the Temple and the rulers, who had come against him, Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and sticks? <sup>53</sup> When I was in the Temple with you every day, your hands were not stretched out against me: but this is your hour, and the authority of the dark power. <sup>54</sup> And they made him a prisoner and took him away to the house of the high priest. But Peter went after them at a distance. <sup>55</sup> And a fire was lighted in the middle of the open square, and they were seated together, and Peter was among them. <sup>56</sup> And a certain woman-servant, seeing him in the light of the fire, and looking at him with attention, said, This man was with him. <sup>57</sup> But he said, Woman, it is not true; I have no knowledge of him. <sup>58</sup> And after a little time, another saw him and said, You are one of them; and he said, Man, I am not. <sup>59</sup> And after about an hour, another man said, with decision, Certainly this man was with him, for he is a Galilaeen. <sup>60</sup> And Peter said, Man, I have no knowledge of these things of which you are talking. And straight away, while he was saying these words, there came the cry of a cock. <sup>61</sup> And the Lord, turning, gave Peter a look. And the words of the Lord came to Peter's mind, how he had said, This night, before the hour of the cock's cry, you will be false to me three times. <sup>62</sup> And he went out, weeping bitterly. <sup>63</sup> And the men in whose hands Jesus was, made sport of him and gave him blows. <sup>64</sup> And, covering his eyes, they said to him, Are you prophet enough to say who gave you that blow? <sup>65</sup> And they said a number of other evil things against him. <sup>66</sup> And when it was day, the rulers of the people came together, with the chief priests and the scribes, and they took him before their Sanhedrin, saying, <sup>67</sup> If you are the Christ, say so. But he said, If I say so you will not have belief; <sup>68</sup> And if I put a question to you, you will not give an answer. <sup>69</sup> But in the future the Son of man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God. <sup>70</sup> And they all said, Are you then the Son of God? and he said, You say that I am. <sup>71</sup> And they said, What more need have we of witness? we have the very words of his mouth.

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<sup>1</sup> And they all went and took him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they made statements against him, saying, This man has to our knowledge been

teaching our nation to do wrong, and not to make payment of taxes to Caesar, even saying that he himself is Christ, a king. <sup>3</sup> And Pilate said to him, Are you the King of the Jews? And he said in answer, You say so. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate said to the chief priests and the people, In my opinion this man has done no wrong. <sup>5</sup> But they became more violent than before, saying, He has made trouble among the people, teaching through all Judaea from Galilee to this place. <sup>6</sup> But at these words Pilate said, Is the man a Galilaean? <sup>7</sup> And when he saw that he was under the authority of Herod, he sent him to Herod, who was in Jerusalem himself at that time. <sup>8</sup> Now when Herod saw Jesus he was very glad, having for a long time had a desire to see him, for he had had accounts of him, and was hoping to see some wonders done by him. <sup>9</sup> And he put a great number of questions to him, but he said nothing. <sup>10</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes were there, making statements against him violently. <sup>11</sup> And Herod, with the men of his army, put shame on him and made sport of him, and dressing him in shining robes, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> And that day Herod and Pilate became friends with one another, for before they had been against one another. <sup>13</sup> And Pilate sent for the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, <sup>14</sup> You say that this man has been teaching the people evil things: now I, after going into the question before you, see nothing wrong in this man in connection with the things which you have said against him: <sup>15</sup> And Herod is of the same opinion, for he has sent him back to us; for, you see, he has done nothing for which I might put him to death. <sup>16</sup> And so I will give him punishment and let him go. <sup>17</sup> [] <sup>18</sup> But with loud voices they said all together, Put this man to death, and make Barabbas free. <sup>19</sup> Now this man was in prison because of an attack against the government in the town, in which there had been loss of life. <sup>20</sup> And Pilate again said to them that it was his desire to let Jesus go free. <sup>21</sup> But crying out they said, To the cross with him! <sup>22</sup> And he said to them a third time, Why, what evil has he done? I see no reason for putting him to death: I will give him punishment and let him go. <sup>23</sup> But they went on crying out loudly, Let him be put to death on the cross. And they had their way. <sup>24</sup> And Pilate gave his decision for their desire to be put into effect. <sup>25</sup> And in answer to their request, he let that man go free who had been in prison for acting against the government and causing death, and Jesus he gave up to their pleasure. <sup>26</sup> And while they were taking him away, they put their hands on Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and made him take the cross after Jesus. <sup>27</sup> And a great band of people went after him, and of women making signs of grief and weeping for him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus, turning to them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, let not your weeping be for me, but for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For the days are coming in which they will say, Happy are those who have had no children, whose bodies have never given birth, whose breasts have never given milk. <sup>30</sup> And they will say to the mountains, Come down on us, and to the hills, Be a cover over us. <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will they do when it is dry? <sup>32</sup> And two others, evil-doers, were taken with him to be put to death. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place which is named Golgotha, they put him on the cross, and the evil-doers, one on the right side, and the other on the

left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, Father, let them have forgiveness, for they have no knowledge of what they are doing. And they made division of his clothing among them by the decision of chance. <sup>35</sup> And the people were looking on. And the rulers made sport of him, saying, He was a saviour of others; let him do something for himself, if he is the Christ, the man of God's selection. <sup>36</sup> And the men of the army made sport of him, coming to him and giving him bitter wine, <sup>37</sup> And saying, If you are the King of the Jews, get yourself free. <sup>38</sup> And these words were put in writing over him, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>39</sup> And one of the evil-doers on the cross, with bitter feeling, said to him, Are you not the Christ? Get yourself and us out of this. <sup>40</sup> But the other, protesting, said, Have you no fear of God? for you have a part in the same punishment, <sup>41</sup> And with reason; for we have the right reward of our acts, but this man has done nothing wrong. <sup>42</sup> And he said, Jesus, keep me in mind when you come in your kingdom. <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you will be with me in Paradise. <sup>44</sup> And it was now about the sixth hour; and all the land was dark till the ninth hour; <sup>45</sup> The light of the sun went out, and the curtain in the Temple was parted in two. <sup>46</sup> And Jesus gave a loud cry and said, Father, into your hands I give my spirit: and when he had said this, he gave up his spirit. <sup>47</sup> And when the captain saw what was done, he gave praise to God, saying, Without doubt this was an upright man. <sup>48</sup> And all the people who had come together to see it, when they saw the things which were done, went back again making signs of grief. <sup>49</sup> And all his friends and the women who came with him from Galilee, were waiting at a distance, watching these things. <sup>50</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph, a man of authority and a good and upright man <sup>51</sup> (He had not given his approval to their decision or their acts), of Arimathaea, a town of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God: <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and made a request for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> And he took it down, and folding it in a linen cloth, he put it in a place cut in the rock for a dead body; and no one had ever been put in it. <sup>54</sup> Now it was the day of making ready and the Sabbath was coming on. <sup>55</sup> And the women who had come with him from Galilee went after him and saw the place and how his body had been put to rest; <sup>56</sup> And they went back and got ready spices and perfumes; and on the Sabbath they took their rest, in agreement with the law.

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<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at dawn, they came to the place where his body had been put, taking the spices which they had got ready. <sup>2</sup> And they saw that the stone had been rolled away. <sup>3</sup> And they went in, but the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. <sup>4</sup> And while they were in doubt about it, they saw two men in shining clothing by them: <sup>5</sup> And while their faces were bent down to the earth in fear, these said to them, Why are you looking for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, he has come back to life: have in mind what he said to you when he was still in Galilee, saying, <sup>7</sup> The Son of man will be given up into the hands of evil-doers, and be put to death on the cross, and on the third day he will come back to life. <sup>8</sup> And his words came back into their minds, <sup>9</sup> And they went away from that place and gave an account of all these things to the eleven disciples



and all the others. <sup>10</sup> Now they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James: and the other women with them said these things to the Apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed foolish to them, and they had no belief in them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and went to the place where the body had been put, and looking in he saw nothing but the linen cloths, and he went to his house full of wonder at what had taken place. <sup>13</sup> And then, two of them, on that very day, were going to a little town named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And they were talking together about all those things which had taken place. <sup>15</sup> And while they were talking and questioning together, Jesus himself came near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were not open that they might have knowledge of him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, What are you talking about together while you go? <sup>18</sup> Then stopping, and looking sadly at him, one of them, named Cleopas, said to him, Are you the only man living in Jerusalem who has not had news of the things which have taken place there at this time? <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, What things? And they said, The things to do with Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet, great in his acts and his words, before God and all the people: <sup>20</sup> And how the chief priests and our rulers gave him up to be put to death on the cross. <sup>21</sup> But we were hoping that he would be the Saviour of Israel. In addition to all this he has now let three days go by from the time when these things took place; <sup>22</sup> And certain women among us gave us cause for wonder, for they went early to the place where his body had been put, <sup>23</sup> And it was not there; then they came saying that they had seen a vision of angels who said that he was living. <sup>24</sup> And some of those who were with us went to the place, and saw that it was as the women had said, but him they did not see. <sup>25</sup> And he said, O foolish men! how slow you are to give belief to what the prophets have said. <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary for the Christ to go through these things, and to come into his glory? <sup>27</sup> And he made clear to them all the things in the Writings, from Moses and from all the prophets, which had to do with himself. <sup>28</sup> And they came near the town to which they were going, and he seemed as if he was going on; <sup>29</sup> But they kept him back, saying, Do not go, for evening is near, the day is almost gone. And he went in with them. <sup>30</sup> And when he was seated with them at table, he took the bread, and said words of blessing and, making division of it, he gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And then their eyes were open, and they had knowledge of him, but he went from their view. <sup>32</sup> And they said to one another, Were not our hearts burning in us while he was talking to us on the way, making clear to us the holy Writings? <sup>33</sup> And that very hour they got up and went back to Jerusalem, where the eleven and the others had come together. <sup>34</sup> And they said to them, The Lord has truly come back to life again, and Simon has seen him. <sup>35</sup> And they gave an account of the things which had taken place on the way, and how, when he gave them bread, they had knowledge of him. <sup>36</sup> And while they were saying these things, he himself was among them, and said to them, Peace be with you! <sup>37</sup> But they were full of fear, being of the opinion that they were seeing a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, Why are you troubled, and why are your hearts full of doubt? <sup>39</sup> See; my hands and my feet: it is I myself; put your hands on me and make certain; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have. <sup>40</sup> And when he

had said this, he let them see his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And because, for joy and wonder, they were still in doubt, he said to them, Have you any food here? <sup>42</sup> And they gave him a bit of cooked fish. <sup>43</sup> And before their eyes he took a meal. <sup>44</sup> And he said to them, These are the words which I said to you when I was still with you, how it was necessary for all the things which are in the writings of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms about me, to be put into effect. <sup>45</sup> Then he made the holy Writings clear to their minds. <sup>46</sup> And he said to them, So it is in the Writings that the Christ would undergo death, and come back to life again on the third day; <sup>47</sup> And that teaching about a change of heart and forgiveness of sins is to be given to Jerusalem first and to all nations in his name. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And now I will send to you what my father has undertaken to give you, but do not go from the town, till the power from heaven comes to you. <sup>50</sup> And he took them out till they were near Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he gave them a blessing. <sup>51</sup> And while he was doing so, he went from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they gave him worship and went back to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they were in the Temple at all times, giving praise to God.

## The Good News According to John

<sup>1</sup> From the first he was the Word, and the Word was in relation with God and was God. <sup>2</sup> This Word was from the first in relation with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into existence through him, and without him nothing was. <sup>4</sup> What came into existence in him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light goes on shining in the dark; it is not overcome by the dark. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came for witness, to give witness about the light, so that all men might have faith through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light: he was sent to give witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to every man, was then coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, the world which came into being through him, but the world had no knowledge of him. <sup>11</sup> He came to the things which were his and his people did not take him to their hearts. <sup>12</sup> To all those who did so take him, however, he gave the right of becoming children of God – that is, to those who had faith in his name: <sup>13</sup> Whose birth was from God and not from blood, or from an impulse of the flesh and man's desire. <sup>14</sup> And so the Word became flesh and took a place among us for a time; and we saw his glory – such glory as is given to an only son by his father – saw it to be true and full of grace. <sup>15</sup> John gave witness about him, crying, This is he of whom I said, He who is coming after me is put over me because he was in existence before me. <sup>16</sup> From his full measure we have all been given grace on grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and the true way of life are ours through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No man has seen God at any time; the only Son, who is on the breast of the Father, he has made clear what God is. <sup>19</sup> And this is the witness of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to him with the question, Who are you? <sup>20</sup> He said quite openly and straightforwardly, I am not the Christ. <sup>21</sup> And they said to him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not. Are you the prophet? And his answer was, I am not. <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, Who are you then? We have to give some answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself? <sup>23</sup> He said, I am the voice of one crying in the waste land, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said Isaiah the prophet. <sup>24</sup> Those who had been sent came from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> And they put this question to him, saying, Why then are you giving baptism if you are not the Christ, or Elijah, or the prophet? <sup>26</sup> John's answer was: I give baptism with water; but there is one among you of whom you have no knowledge; <sup>27</sup> It is he who is coming after me; I am not good enough to undo his shoes. <sup>28</sup> These things took place at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was giving baptism. <sup>29</sup> The day after, John sees Jesus coming to him and says, See, here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, One is coming after me who is put over me because he was in existence before me. <sup>31</sup> I myself had no knowledge of him, but I came giving baptism with water so that he might be seen openly by Israel. <sup>32</sup> And John gave this witness, saying, I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove and resting on him.

<sup>33</sup> I had no knowledge who he was, but he who sent me to give baptism with water said to me, The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting, it is he who gives baptism with the Holy Spirit. <sup>34</sup> This I saw myself and my witness is that he is the Son of God. <sup>35</sup> The day after, John was there again with two of his disciples; <sup>36</sup> And looking at Jesus while he was walking he said, See, there is the Lamb of God! <sup>37</sup> Hearing what he said, the two disciples went after Jesus. <sup>38</sup> And Jesus, turning round, saw them coming after him and said to them, What are you looking for? They said to him, Rabbi (which is to say, Master), where are you living? <sup>39</sup> He said to them, Come and see. They went with him then and saw where he was living; and they were with him all that day: it was then about the tenth hour of the day. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two men who, hearing what John said, went after Jesus. <sup>41</sup> Early in the morning he came across his brother and said to him, We have made discovery! It is the Messiah! (which is to say, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he took him to Jesus. Looking at him fixedly Jesus said, You are Simon, the son of John; your name will be Cephas (which is to say, Peter). <sup>43</sup> The day after this, Jesus had a desire to go into Galilee. He came across Philip and said to him, Come and be my disciple. <sup>44</sup> Now Philip's town was Beth-saida, where Andrew and Peter came from. <sup>45</sup> Philip came across Nathanael and said to him, We have made a discovery! It is he of whom Moses, in the law, and the prophets were writing, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. <sup>46</sup> Nazareth! said Nathanael, Is it possible for any good to come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, Come and see. <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and said of him, See, here is a true son of Israel in whom there is nothing false. <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, Where did you get knowledge of me? In answer Jesus said, Before Philip was talking with you, while you were still under the fig-tree, I saw you. <sup>49</sup> Nathanael said to him, Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are King of Israel! <sup>50</sup> In answer Jesus said to him, You have faith because I said to you, I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than these. <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, Truly I say to you all, You will see heaven opening and God's angels going up and coming down on the Son of man.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> On the third day two people were going to be married at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there: <sup>2</sup> And Jesus with his disciples came as guests. <sup>3</sup> When they had not enough wine, the mother of Jesus said to him, They have no wine. <sup>4</sup> Jesus said to her, Woman, this is not your business; my time is still to come. <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, Whatever he says to you, do it. <sup>6</sup> Now six pots of stone, every one taking two or three firkins of water, were placed there for the purpose of washing, as is the way of the Jews. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, Make the pots full of water. And they made them full to the top. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to them, Now take some, and give it to the master of the feast. So they took it to him. <sup>9</sup> After tasting the water which had now become wine, the master of the feast (having no idea where it came from, though it was clear to the servants who took the water out) sent for the newly-married man, <sup>10</sup> And said to him, Every man first puts out his best wine and when all have had enough he puts out what is not so good; but you have kept the good wine

till now. <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and let his glory be seen openly; and his disciples put their faith in him. <sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples, and they were there not more than two or three days. <sup>13</sup> The time of the Passover of the Jews was near and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And there in the Temple he saw men trading in oxen and sheep and doves, and he saw the changers of money in their seats: <sup>15</sup> And he made a whip of small cords and put them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and the oxen, sending in all directions the small money of the changers and overturning their tables; <sup>16</sup> And to those who were trading in doves he said, Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a market. <sup>17</sup> And it came to the minds of the disciples that the Writings say, I am on fire with passion for your house. <sup>18</sup> Then the Jews put this question to him: What sign of authority have you to give us, seeing that you do these things? <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to them, Send destruction on this Temple and I will put it up again in three days. <sup>20</sup> The Jews said, The building of this Temple took forty-six years; and you will put it up in three days! <sup>21</sup> But his words were about that holy building which was his body. <sup>22</sup> So when he had come back again from the dead, the memory of these words came back to the disciples, and they had faith in the holy Writings and in the word which Jesus had said. <sup>23</sup> Now while he was in Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover, a great number of people came to have faith in his name, after seeing the signs which he did. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus did not have faith in them, because he had knowledge of them all. <sup>25</sup> He had no need for any witness about man; for he himself had knowledge of what was in man.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Now there was among the Pharisees a man named Nicodemus, who was one of the rulers of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, Rabbi, we are certain that you have come from God as a teacher, because no man would be able to do these signs which you do if God was not with him. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to him, Truly, I say to you, Without a new birth no man is able to see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, How is it possible for a man to be given birth when he is old? Is he able to go into his mother's body a second time and come to birth again? <sup>5</sup> Jesus said in answer, Truly, I say to you, If a man's birth is not from water and from the Spirit, it is not possible for him to go into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which has birth from the flesh is flesh, and that which has birth from the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be surprised that I say to you, It is necessary for you to have a second birth. <sup>8</sup> The wind goes where its pleasure takes it, and the sound of it comes to your ears, but you are unable to say where it comes from and where it goes: so it is with everyone whose birth is from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> And Nicodemus said to him, How is it possible for these things to be? <sup>10</sup> And Jesus, answering, said, Are you the teacher of Israel and have no knowledge of these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, I say to you, We say that of which we have knowledge; we give witness of what we have seen; and you do not take our witness to be true. <sup>12</sup> If you have no belief when my words are about the things of earth, how will you have belief if my words are about the things of heaven?

<sup>13</sup> And no one has ever gone up to heaven but he who came down from heaven, the Son of man. <sup>14</sup> As the snake was lifted up by Moses in the waste land, even so it is necessary for the Son of man to be lifted up: <sup>15</sup> So that whoever has faith may have in him eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God had such love for the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever has faith in him may not come to destruction but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to be judge of the world; he sent him so that the world might have salvation through him. <sup>18</sup> The man who has faith in him does not come up to be judged; but he who has no faith in him has been judged even now, because he has no faith in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the test by which men are judged: the light has come into the world and men have more love for the dark than for the light, because their acts are evil. <sup>20</sup> The light is hated by everyone whose acts are evil and he does not come to the light for fear that his acts will be seen. <sup>21</sup> But he whose life is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his acts have been done by the help of God. <sup>22</sup> After these things Jesus and his disciples went into the land of Judaea, and there he was with them for some time, giving baptism. <sup>23</sup> Now John was then giving baptism at Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people came and were given baptism. <sup>24</sup> For at this time John had not been put into prison. <sup>25</sup> Then a question came up between John's disciples and a Jew about washing. <sup>26</sup> And they went to John and said to him, Rabbi, the man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan, the man to whom you gave witness, is now giving baptism, and everyone is going to him. <sup>27</sup> And this was John's answer: A man is unable to have anything if it is not given to him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves give witness that I said, I am not the Christ. What I said was, I am sent before the Christ. <sup>29</sup> He who has the bride is the husband: but the husband's friend, whose place is by his side and whose ears are open to him, is full of joy because of the husband's voice: such is my joy, and it is complete. <sup>30</sup> He has to become greater while I become less. <sup>31</sup> He who comes from heaven is greater than all others: he who comes from earth is of the earth, and of the earth are his words: he who comes from heaven is over all. <sup>32</sup> He gives witness of what he has seen and of what has come to his ears; and no man takes his witness as true. <sup>33</sup> He who so takes his witness has made clear his faith that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For he whom God has sent says God's words; and God does not give him the Spirit by measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father has love for the Son and has put all things into his hands. <sup>36</sup> He who has faith in the Son has eternal life; but he who has not faith in the Son will not see life; God's wrath is resting on him.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> Now when it was clear to the Lord that word had come to the ears of the Pharisees that Jesus was making more disciples than John and was giving them baptism <sup>2</sup> (Though, in fact, it was his disciples who gave baptism, not Jesus himself), <sup>3</sup> He went out of Judaea into Galilee again. <sup>4</sup> And it was necessary for him to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria which was named Sychar, near to the bit of land which Jacob gave to his son Joseph: <sup>6</sup> Now Jacob's fountain was there. Jesus, being tired after his journey, was resting by the fountain. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman of Samaria came to get water, and Jesus said

to her, Give me some water. <sup>8</sup> For his disciples had gone to the town to get food. <sup>9</sup> The woman of Samaria said to him, Why do you, a Jew, make a request for water to me, a woman of Samaria? She said this because Jews have nothing to do with the people of Samaria. <sup>10</sup> In answer Jesus said, If you had knowledge of what God gives freely and who it is who says to you, Give me water, you would make your prayer to him, and he would give you living water. <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, Sir, you have no vessel and the fountain is deep; from where will you get the living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the fountain and took the water of it himself, with his children and his cattle? <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, Everyone who takes this water will be in need of it again: <sup>14</sup> But whoever takes the water I give him will never be in need of drink again; for the water I give him will become in him a fountain of eternal life. <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be in need again of drink and will not have to come all this way for it. <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, Go, get your husband and come back here with him. <sup>17</sup> In answer, the woman said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, You have said rightly, I have no husband: <sup>18</sup> You have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband: that was truly said. <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers gave worship on this mountain, but you Jews say that the right place for worship is in Jerusalem. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, Woman, take my word for this; the time is coming when you will not give worship to the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You give worship, but without knowledge of what you are worshipping: we give worship to what we have knowledge of: for salvation comes from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the time is coming, and is even now here, when the true worshippers will give worship to the Father in the true way of the spirit, for these are the worshippers desired by the Father. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit: then let his worshippers give him worship in the true way of the spirit. <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, I am certain that the Messiah, who is named Christ, is coming; when he comes he will make all things clear to us. <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, I, who am talking to you, am he. <sup>27</sup> At that point the disciples came back, and they were surprised to see him talking to a woman; but not one of them said to him, What is your purpose? or, Why are you talking to her? <sup>28</sup> Then the woman put down her water-pot and went into the town, and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> Come and see a man who has been talking to me of everything I ever did! Is it possible that this is the Christ? <sup>30</sup> So they went out of the town and came to him. <sup>31</sup> While this was taking place, the disciples were saying to Jesus, Master, take some food. <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, I have food of which you have no knowledge. <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said one to another, Did anyone give him food? <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, My food is to do the pleasure of him who sent me and to make his work complete. <sup>35</sup> You would say, Four months from now is the time of the grain-cutting. Take a look, I say to you, at the fields; they are even now white for cutting. <sup>36</sup> He who does the cutting now has his reward; he is getting together fruit for eternal life, so that he who did the planting and he who gets in the grain may have joy together. <sup>37</sup> In this the saying is a true one, One does the planting, and another gets in the grain. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to get in grain which you had no hand in planting: other men did that work, and you take the reward.

<sup>39</sup> Now a number of the people of that town had faith in him because of the woman's witness: He has been talking to me of everything I ever did. <sup>40</sup> So when the people came to him they made request to him to be among them for a time, and he was there two days. <sup>41</sup> And a great number more of them came to have faith in him because of what he himself said. <sup>42</sup> And they said to the woman, Now we have faith, but not because of your story: we ourselves have given ear to his words, and we are certain that he is truly the Saviour of the world. <sup>43</sup> And after the two days he went on from there into Galilee. <sup>44</sup> For Jesus himself said that a prophet has no honour in the country of his birth. <sup>45</sup> So when he came into Galilee, the Galilaeans took him to their hearts because of the things which they had seen him do in Jerusalem at the feast — they themselves having been there at the feast. <sup>46</sup> So he came to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And there was a certain man of high position whose son was ill at Capernaum. <sup>47</sup> When it came to his ears that Jesus had come from Judaea into Galilee, he went to him and made a request that he would come down to his son, who was near to death, and make him well. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to him, You will not have faith if you do not see signs and wonders. <sup>49</sup> The man said, Sir, come down before my boy is dead. <sup>50</sup> And Jesus said, Go in peace; your son is living. The man had faith in the word which Jesus said to him and went away. <sup>51</sup> And while he was going down, his servants came to him and said, Your boy is living. <sup>52</sup> So he put a question to them as to the hour when he became better; and they said to him, The disease went from him yesterday at the seventh hour. <sup>53</sup> It was clear then to the father that this was the very time at which Jesus said to him, Your son is living. And he had faith in Jesus, he and all his family. <sup>54</sup> Now this is the second sign which Jesus did after he had come out of Judaea into Galilee.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now in Jerusalem near the sheep-market there is a public bath which in Hebrew is named Beth-zatha. It has five doorways. <sup>3</sup> In these doorways there were a great number of people with different diseases: some unable to see, some without the power of walking, some with wasted bodies. <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him there on the floor it was clear to him that he had been now a long time in that condition, and so he said to the man, Is it your desire to get well? <sup>7</sup> The ill man said in answer, Sir, I have nobody to put me into the bath when the water is moving; and while I am on the way down some other person gets in before me. <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, Get up, take your bed and go. <sup>9</sup> And the man became well straight away, and took up his bed and went. Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been made well, It is the Sabbath; and it is against the law for you to take up your bed. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, But he who made me well, said to me, Take up your bed and go. <sup>12</sup> Then they put to him the question: Who is the man who said to you, Take it up and go? <sup>13</sup> Now he who had been made well had no knowledge who it was, Jesus having gone away because of the number of people who were in that place. <sup>14</sup> After a time Jesus came across him in the Temple and said



to him, See, you are well and strong; do no more sin for fear a worse thing comes to you. <sup>15</sup> The man went away and said to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. <sup>16</sup> And for this reason the Jews were turned against Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But his answer was: My Father is still working even now, and so I am working. <sup>18</sup> For this cause the Jews had an even greater desire to put Jesus to death, because not only did he not keep the Sabbath but he said God was his Father, so making himself equal with God. <sup>19</sup> So Jesus made answer and said, Truly I say to you, The Son is not able to do anything himself; he is able to do only what he sees the Father doing; whatever the Father does the Son does it in the same way. <sup>20</sup> For the Father has love for the Son and lets him see everything which he does: and he will let him see greater works than these so that you may be full of wonder. <sup>21</sup> In the same way, as the Father gives life to the dead, even so the Son gives life to those to whom he is pleased to give it. <sup>22</sup> The Father is not the judge of men, but he has given all decisions into the hands of the Son; <sup>23</sup> So that all men may give honour to the Son even as they give honour to the Father. He who gives no honour to the Son gives no honour to the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup> Truly I say to you, The man whose ears are open to my word and who has faith in him who sent me, has eternal life; he will not be judged, but has come from death into life. <sup>25</sup> Truly I say to you, The time is coming, it has even now come, when the voice of the Son of God will come to the ears of the dead, and those hearing it will have life. <sup>26</sup> For even as the Father has life in himself, so he has given to the Son to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to be judge because he is the Son of man. <sup>28</sup> Do not be surprised at this: for the time is coming when his voice will come to all who are in the place of the dead, <sup>29</sup> And they will come out; those who have done good, into the new life; and those who have done evil, to be judged. <sup>30</sup> Of myself I am unable to do anything: as the voice comes to me so I give a decision: and my decision is right because I have no desire to do what is pleasing to myself, but only what is pleasing to him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I gave witness about myself, my witness would not be true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who gives witness about me and I am certain that the witness he gives about me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent to John and he gave true witness. <sup>34</sup> But I have no need of a man's witness: I only say these things so that you may have salvation. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining light, and for a time you were ready to be happy in his light. <sup>36</sup> But the witness which I have is greater than that of John: the work which the Father has given me to do, the very work which I am now doing, is a witness that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father himself who sent me has given witness about me. Not one of you has ever given ear to his voice; his form you have not seen. <sup>38</sup> And you have not kept his word in your hearts, because you have not faith in him whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You make search in the holy Writings, in the belief that through them you get eternal life; and it is those Writings which give witness about me. <sup>40</sup> And still you have no desire to come to me so that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not take honour from men; <sup>42</sup> But I have knowledge of you that you have no love for God in your hearts. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and your hearts are not open to me. If another comes with no other authority but himself, you will give

him your approval. <sup>44</sup> How is it possible for you to have faith while you take honour one from another and have no desire for the honour which comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Put out of your minds the thought that I will say things against you to the Father: the one who says things against you is Moses, on whom you put your hopes. <sup>46</sup> If you had belief in Moses you would have belief in me; for his writings are about me. <sup>47</sup> If you have no belief in his writings, how will you have belief in my words?

## 6

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee — that is, the sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> And a great number of people went after him because they saw the signs which he did on those who were ill. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up the mountain and was seated there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, Jesus saw a great number of people coming to where he was, and he said to Philip, Where may we get bread for all these people? <sup>6</sup> This he said, testing him: for he had no doubt what he himself would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip made answer, Bread to the value of two hundred pence would not be enough even to give everyone a little. <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Jesus, <sup>9</sup> There is a boy here with five barley cakes and two fishes: but what is that among such a number? <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, Let the people be seated. Now there was much grass in that place. And those seated on the grass were about five thousand. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the cakes and having given praise to God, he gave them to the people who were seated, and the fishes in the same way, as much as they had need of. <sup>12</sup> And when they had had enough, Jesus said to his disciples, Take up the broken bits which are over, so that nothing may be wasted. <sup>13</sup> So they took them up: twelve baskets full of broken bits of the five cakes which were over after the people had had enough. <sup>14</sup> And when the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, Truly, this is the prophet who is to come into the world. <sup>15</sup> Now when Jesus saw that the people were about to come and take him by force to make him a king, he went away again up the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came the disciples went down to the sea; <sup>17</sup> And they took a boat and went across the sea in the direction of Capernaum. By then it was dark and still Jesus had not come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea was getting rough because of a strong wind which was blowing. <sup>19</sup> After they had gone three or four miles they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near to the boat; and they had great fear. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, It is I, have no fear. <sup>21</sup> Then they readily took him into the boat: and straight away the boat was at the land to which they were going. <sup>22</sup> The day after, the people who were on the other side of the sea saw that only one small boat had been there, that Jesus had not gone in that boat with the disciples, but that the disciples had gone away by themselves. <sup>23</sup> Some other boats, however, came from Tiberias near to the place where they had taken the bread after the Lord had given praise. <sup>24</sup> So when the people saw that Jesus was not there, or his disciples, they got into those boats and went over to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup> And when they came across him on the other side of the sea they said, Rabbi, when did you come here? <sup>26</sup> Jesus, answering them,

said, Truly I say to you, You come after me, not because you saw signs, but because you were given the bread and had enough. <sup>27</sup> Let your work not be for the food which comes to an end, but for the food which goes on for eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you, for on him has God the Father put his mark. <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, How may we do the works of God? <sup>29</sup> Jesus, answering, said to them, This is to do the work of God: to have faith in him whom God has sent. <sup>30</sup> So they said, What sign do you give us, so that we may see and have faith in you? What do you do? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers had the manna in the waste land, as the Writings say, He gave them bread from heaven. <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, Truly I say to you, What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> The bread of God is the bread which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world. <sup>34</sup> Ah, Lord, they said, give us that bread for ever! <sup>35</sup> And this was the answer of Jesus: I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be in need of food, and he who has faith in me will never be in need of drink. <sup>36</sup> But it is as I said to you: you have seen me, and still you have no faith. <sup>37</sup> Whatever the Father gives to me will come to me; and I will not send away anyone who comes to me. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my pleasure, but the pleasure of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the pleasure of him who sent me, that I am not to let out of my hands anything which he has given me, but I am to give it new life on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This, I say, is my Father's pleasure, that everyone who sees the Son and has faith in him may have eternal life: and I will take him up on the last day. <sup>41</sup> Now the Jews said bitter things about Jesus because of his words, I am the bread which came down from heaven. <sup>42</sup> And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we have seen? How is it then that he now says, I have come down from heaven? <sup>43</sup> Jesus made answer and said, Do not say things against me, one to another. <sup>44</sup> No man is able to come to me if the Father who sent me does not give him the desire to come: and I will take him up from the dead on the last day. <sup>45</sup> The writings of the prophets say, And they will all have teaching from God. Everyone whose ears have been open to the teaching of the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only he who is from God, he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Truly I say to you, He who has faith in me has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers took the manna in the waste land – and they are dead. <sup>50</sup> The bread which comes from heaven is such bread that a man may take it for food and never see death. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which has come from heaven: if any man takes this bread for food he will have life for ever: and more than this, the bread which I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world. <sup>52</sup> Then the Jews had an angry discussion among themselves, saying, How is it possible for this man to give us his flesh for food? <sup>53</sup> Then Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, If you do not take the flesh of the Son of man for food, and if you do not take his blood for drink, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> He who takes my flesh for food and my blood for drink has eternal life: and I will take him up from the dead at the last day. <sup>55</sup> My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> He who takes my flesh for food and my blood for drink is in me and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father has sent me, and

I have life because of the Father, even so he who takes me for his food will have life because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread which has come down from heaven. It is not like the food which your fathers had: they took of the manna, and are dead; but he who takes this bread for food will have life for ever. <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the Synagogue while he was teaching at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> Then, hearing this, a number of his disciples said, This is a hard saying; who is able to take in such teaching? <sup>61</sup> When Jesus became conscious that his disciples were protesting about what he said, he said to them, Does this give you trouble? <sup>62</sup> What then will you say if you see the Son of man going up to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> The spirit is the life giver; the flesh is of no value: the words which I have said to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup> But still some of you have no faith. For it was clear to Jesus from the first who they were who had no faith, and who it was who would be false to him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, This is why I said to you, No man is able to come to me if he is not given the power to do so by the Father. <sup>66</sup> Because of what he said, a number of the disciples went back and would no longer go with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, Have you a desire to go away? <sup>68</sup> Then Simon Peter gave this answer: Lord, to whom are we to go? you have the words of eternal life; <sup>69</sup> And we have faith and are certain that you are the Holy One of God. <sup>70</sup> Then Jesus said, Did I not make a selection of you, the twelve, and one of you is a son of the Evil One? <sup>71</sup> He was talking of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. It was he who was to be false to Jesus — one of the twelve.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> After this, Jesus went from place to place in Galilee. He did not go about in Judaea, because the Jews were looking for a chance to put him to death. <sup>2</sup> But the feast of the Jews, the feast of tents, was near. <sup>3</sup> So his brothers said to him, Go away from here into Judaea so that your disciples may see the works which you do. <sup>4</sup> Because no man does things secretly if he has a desire that men may have knowledge of him. If you do these things, let yourself be seen by all men. <sup>5</sup> For even his brothers had no belief in him. <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to them, My time is still to come, but any time is good for you. <sup>7</sup> It is not possible for you to be hated by the world; but I am hated by it, because I give witness that what it does is evil. <sup>8</sup> Go you up to the feast: I am not going up now to the feast because my time has not fully come. <sup>9</sup> Having said these things to them, he still kept in Galilee. <sup>10</sup> But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he went up, not publicly, but in secret. <sup>11</sup> At the feast the Jews were looking for him and saying, Where is he? <sup>12</sup> And there was much discussion about him among the mass of the people. Some said, He is a good man; but others said, No, he is giving people false ideas. <sup>13</sup> But no man said anything about him openly for fear of the Jews. <sup>14</sup> Now in the middle of the feast Jesus went up to the Temple and was teaching. <sup>15</sup> Then the Jews were surprised and said, How has this man got knowledge of books? He has never been to school. <sup>16</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: It is not my teaching, but his who sent me. <sup>17</sup> If any man is ready to do God's pleasure he will have knowledge of the teaching and of where it comes from — from God or from myself. <sup>18</sup> The man whose words come from himself is looking for glory for himself, but he who is looking for the glory of him who sent him

— that man is true and there is no evil in him. <sup>19</sup> Did not Moses give you the law? Even so, not one of you keeps the law. Why have you a desire to put me to death? <sup>20</sup> The people said in answer, You have an evil spirit: who has any desire to put you to death? <sup>21</sup> This was the answer of Jesus: I have done one work and you are all surprised at it. <sup>22</sup> Moses gave you circumcision — not that it comes from Moses, but from the fathers — and even on the Sabbath you give a child circumcision. <sup>23</sup> If a child is given circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup> Let not your decisions be based on what you see, but on righteousness. <sup>25</sup> Then some of the people of Jerusalem said, Is not this the man whose death is desired? <sup>26</sup> And here he is talking openly and they say nothing to him! Is it possible that the rulers have knowledge that this is truly the Christ? <sup>27</sup> However, it is clear to us where this man comes from: but when the Christ comes no one will have knowledge where he comes from. <sup>28</sup> Then, when he was teaching in the Temple, Jesus said with a loud voice, You have knowledge of me and you have knowledge of where I come from; and I have not come of myself; but there is One who has sent me; he is true, but you have no knowledge of him. <sup>29</sup> I have knowledge of him because I came from him and he sent me. <sup>30</sup> Then they had a desire to take him: but no man put hands on him because his hour was still to come. <sup>31</sup> And numbers of the people had belief in him, and they said, When the Christ comes will he do more signs than this man has done? <sup>32</sup> This discussion of the people came to the ears of the Pharisees; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent servants to take him. <sup>33</sup> Then Jesus said, I will be with you a little longer and then I go to him who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will be looking for me, and you will not see me: and where I am you may not come. <sup>35</sup> So the Jews said among themselves, To what place is he going where we will not see him? will he go to the Jews living among the Greeks and become the teacher of the Greeks? <sup>36</sup> What is this saying of his, You will be looking for me and will not see me, and where I am you may not come? <sup>37</sup> On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus got up and said in a loud voice, If any man is in need of drink let him come to me and I will give it to him. <sup>38</sup> He who has faith in me, out of his body, as the Writings have said, will come rivers of living water. <sup>39</sup> This he said of the Spirit which would be given to those who had faith in him: the Spirit had not been given then, because the glory of Jesus was still to come. <sup>40</sup> When these words came to their ears, some of the people said, This is certainly the prophet. <sup>41</sup> Others said, This is the Christ. But others said, Not so; will the Christ come from Galilee? <sup>42</sup> Do not the Writings say that the Christ comes of the seed of David and from Beth-lehem, the little town where David was? <sup>43</sup> So there was a division among the people because of him. <sup>44</sup> And some of them had a desire to take him; but no man put hands on him. <sup>45</sup> Then the servants went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, Why have you not got him with you? <sup>46</sup> The servants made answer, No man ever said things like this man. <sup>47</sup> Then the Pharisees said to them, Have you, like the others, been given false ideas? <sup>48</sup> Have any of the rulers belief in him, or any one of the Pharisees? <sup>49</sup> But these people who have no knowledge of the law are cursed. <sup>50</sup> Nicodemus — he

who had come to Jesus before, being himself one of them – said to them, <sup>51</sup> Is a man judged by our law before it has given him a hearing and has knowledge of what he has done? <sup>52</sup> This was their answer: And do you come from Galilee? Make search and you will see that no prophet comes out of Galilee. <sup>53</sup> [And every man went to his house;

## 8

<sup>1</sup> But Jesus went to the Mountain of Olives. <sup>2</sup> And early in the morning he came again into the Temple and all the people came to him and he was seated teaching them. <sup>3</sup> Now the scribes and Pharisees came, with a woman who had been taken in the act of sinning against the married relation; <sup>4</sup> And putting her forward, they said to him, Master, this woman has been taken in the very act of sinning against the married relation. <sup>5</sup> Now in the law Moses gave directions that such women were to be stoned; what do you say about it? <sup>6</sup> They said this, testing him, so that they might have something against him. But Jesus, with his head bent down, made letters on the floor with his finger. <sup>7</sup> But when they went on with their questions, he got up and said to them, Let him among you who is without sin be the first to send a stone at her. <sup>8</sup> And again, with bent head, he made letters on the floor. <sup>9</sup> And when his words came to their ears, they went out one by one, starting with the oldest even to the last, because they were conscious of what was in their hearts: and Jesus was there by himself with the woman before him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus got up, and seeing nobody but the woman, he said to her, Where are the men who said things against you? did no one give a decision against you? <sup>11</sup> And she said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said, And I do not give a decision against you: go, and never do wrong again.] <sup>12</sup> Then again Jesus said to them, I am the light of the world; he who comes with me will not be walking in the dark but will have the light of life. <sup>13</sup> So the Pharisees said to him, The witness you give is about yourself: your witness is not true. <sup>14</sup> Jesus said in answer, Even if I give witness about myself, my witness is true, because I have knowledge of where I came from and where I am going; but you have no knowledge of where I come from or of where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You are judging from what you see; I am judging no man. <sup>16</sup> Even if I am judging, my decision is right, because I am not by myself – with me is the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> Even in your law it is said that the witness of two men is true. <sup>18</sup> I give witness about myself and the Father who sent me gives witness about me. <sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, Where is your Father? Jesus said in answer, You have no knowledge of me or of my Father: if you had knowledge of me you would have knowledge of my Father. <sup>20</sup> Jesus said these words in the place where the offerings were stored, while he was teaching in the Temple: but no man took him because his time was still to come. <sup>21</sup> Then he said to them again, I am going away and you will be looking for me, but death will overtake you in your sins. It is not possible for you to come where I am going. <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, Will he take his life? Is that why he says, Where I go it is not possible for you to come? <sup>23</sup> And he said to them, You are of the earth; I am from heaven: you are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> For this reason I said to you that death will overtake you in your sins: for if you have not faith that I am he, death will come to you while you are

in your sins. <sup>25</sup> Then they said to him, Who are you? Jesus said, What I said to you from the first. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and against you: but he who sent me is true and what he has said to me I say to the world. <sup>27</sup> They did not see that his words were about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said, When the Son of man has been lifted up by you, then it will be clear to you who I am, and that I do nothing of myself, but say as the Father gave me teaching. <sup>29</sup> He who sent me is with me; he has not gone from me, because at all times I do the things which are pleasing to him. <sup>30</sup> When he said this a number came to have faith in him. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had faith in him, If you keep my word, then you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> And you will have knowledge of what is true, and that will make you free. <sup>33</sup> They said to him in answer, We are Abraham's seed and have never been any man's servant: why do you say, You will become free? <sup>34</sup> And this was the answer Jesus gave them: Truly I say to you, Everyone who does evil is the servant of sin. <sup>35</sup> Now the servant does not go on living in the house for ever, but the son does. <sup>36</sup> If then the son makes you free, you will be truly free. <sup>37</sup> I am conscious that you are Abraham's seed; but you have a desire to put me to death because my word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup> I say the things which I have seen in my Father's house: and you do the things which come to you from your father's house. <sup>39</sup> In answer they said to him, Our father is Abraham. Jesus said to them, If you were Abraham's children you would do what Abraham did. <sup>40</sup> But now you have a desire to put me to death, a man who has said to you what is true, as I had it from God: Abraham did not do that. <sup>41</sup> You are doing the works of your father. They said to him, We are true sons of Abraham; we have one Father, who is God. <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, If God was your Father you would have love for me, because it was from God I came and am here. I did not come of myself, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why are my words not clear to you? It is because your ears are shut to my teaching. <sup>44</sup> You are the children of your father the Evil One and it is your pleasure to do his desires. From the first he was a taker of life; and he did not go in the true way because there is no true thing in him. When he says what is false, it is natural to him, for he is false and the father of what is false. <sup>45</sup> But because I say what is true, you have no belief in me. <sup>46</sup> Which of you is able truly to say that I am a sinner? If I say what is true, why have you no belief in me? <sup>47</sup> He who is a child of God gives ear to the words of God: your ears are not open to them because you are not from God. <sup>48</sup> The Jews said to him in answer, Are we not right in saying that you are of Samaria and have an evil spirit? <sup>49</sup> And this was the answer of Jesus: I have not an evil spirit; but I give honour to my Father and you do not give honour to me. <sup>50</sup> I, however, am not in search of glory for myself: there is One who is searching for it and he is judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly I say to you, If a man keeps my word he will never see death. <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him, Now we are certain that you have an evil spirit. Abraham is dead, and the prophets are dead; and you say, If a man keeps my word he will never see death. <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead: who do you say that you are? <sup>54</sup> Jesus said in answer, If I take glory for myself, my glory is nothing: it is my Father who gives me glory, of whom you say that he is your God. <sup>55</sup> You have no knowledge of him, but I have knowledge

of him; and if I said I have no knowledge of him I would be talking falsely like you: but I have full knowledge of him, and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham was full of joy at the hope of seeing my day: he saw it and was glad. <sup>57</sup> Then the Jews said to him, You are not fifty years old; have you seen Abraham? <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am. <sup>59</sup> So they took up stones to send at him: but Jesus got secretly out of their way and went out of the Temple.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> And when he went on his way, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples put a question to him, saying, Master, was it because of this man's sin, or the sin of his father and mother, that he has been blind from birth? <sup>3</sup> Jesus said in answer, It was not because of his sin, or because of his father's or mother's; it was so that the works of God might be seen openly in him. <sup>4</sup> While it is day we have to do the works of him who sent me: the night comes when no work may be done. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. <sup>6</sup> Having said these words, he put earth, mixed with water from his mouth, on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> And said to him, Go and make yourself clean in the bath of Siloam (the sense of the name is, Sent). So he went away and, after washing, came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> Then the neighbours and others who had seen him before in the street, with his hand out for money, said, Is not this the man who got money from people? <sup>9</sup> Some said, It is he: others said, No, but he is like him. He said, I am he. <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, How then were your eyes made open? <sup>11</sup> His answer was: The man who is named Jesus put earth mixed with water on my eyes, and said to me, Go and make yourself clean in Siloam: so I went away and, after washing, am now able to see. <sup>12</sup> And they said to him, Where is he? His answer was: I have no knowledge. <sup>13</sup> They took him before the Pharisees — this man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which the earth was mixed by Jesus and the man's eyes were made open was the Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees put more questions to him about how his eyes had been made open. And he said to them, He put earth on my eyes, and I had a wash and am able to see. <sup>16</sup> Then some of the Pharisees said, That man has not come from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath. Others said, How is it possible for a sinner to do such signs? So there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> Again they said to the blind man, What have you to say about him for opening your eyes? And he said, He is a prophet. <sup>18</sup> Now the Jews had no belief in the statement that he had been blind and was now able to see, till they sent for the father and mother of the man whose eyes had been made open, <sup>19</sup> And put the question to them, saying, Is this your son, of whom you say that he was blind at birth? how is it then that he is now able to see? <sup>20</sup> In answer his father and mother said, We are certain that this is our son and that he was blind at birth: <sup>21</sup> But how it is he is now able to see, or who made his eyes open, we are not able to say: put the question to him; he is old enough to give an answer for himself. <sup>22</sup> They said this because of their fear of the Jews: for the Jews had come to an agreement that if any man said that Jesus was the Christ he would be put out of the Synagogue. <sup>23</sup> That was the reason why they said, He is old enough; put the question to him. <sup>24</sup> So they sent a second time for the man who had



been blind and they said to him, Give glory to God: it is clear to us that this man is a sinner. <sup>25</sup> He said in answer, I have no knowledge if he is a sinner or not, but one thing I am certain about; I was blind, and now I see. <sup>26</sup> Then they said to him, What did he do to you? how did he give you the use of your eyes? <sup>27</sup> His answer was: I have said it before, but your ears were shut: why would you have me say it again? is it your desire to become his disciples? <sup>28</sup> And they were angry with him and said, You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We are certain that God gave his word to Moses: but as for this man, we have no knowledge where he comes from. <sup>30</sup> The man said in answer, Why, here is a strange thing! You have no knowledge where he comes from though he gave me the use of my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We have knowledge that God does not give ear to sinners, but if any man is a worshipper of God and does his pleasure, to him God's ears are open. <sup>32</sup> In all the years nobody has ever before seen the eyes of a man blind from birth made open. <sup>33</sup> If this man did not come from God he would be unable to do anything. <sup>34</sup> Their answer was: You came to birth through sin; do you make yourself our teacher? And they put him out of the Synagogue. <sup>35</sup> It came to the ears of Jesus that they had put him out, and meeting him he said, Have you faith in the Son of man? <sup>36</sup> He said in answer, And who is he, Lord? Say, so that I may have faith in him. <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, You have seen him; it is he who is talking to you. <sup>38</sup> And he said, Lord, I have faith. And he gave him worship. <sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, I came into this world to be a judge, so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind. <sup>40</sup> These words came to the ears of the Pharisees who were with him and they said to him, Are we, then, blind? <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, If you were blind you would have no sin: but now that you say, We see; your sin is there still.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> Truly I say to you, He who does not go through the door into the place where the sheep are kept, but gets in by some other way, is a thief and an outlaw. <sup>2</sup> He who goes in by the door is the keeper of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The porter lets him in; and the sheep give ear to his voice; he says over the names of the sheep, and takes them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has got them all out, he goes before them, and the sheep go after him, for they have knowledge of his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not go after another who is not their keeper, but will go from him in flight, because his voice is strange to them. <sup>6</sup> In this Jesus was teaching them in the form of a story: but what he said was not clear to them. <sup>7</sup> So Jesus said again, Truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and outlaws: but the sheep did not give ear to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door: if any man goes in through me he will have salvation, and will go in and go out, and will get food. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to take the sheep and to put them to death: he comes for their destruction: I have come so that they may have life and have it in greater measure. <sup>11</sup> I am the good keeper of sheep: the good keeper gives his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a servant, and not the keeper or the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming and goes in flight, away from the sheep; and the wolf comes down on them and sends them in all directions: <sup>13</sup> Because he is a servant he has no interest in the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good keeper; I have knowledge of my sheep, and

they have knowledge of me, <sup>15</sup> Even as the Father has knowledge of me and I of the Father; and I am giving my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep which are not of this field: I will be their guide in the same way, and they will give ear to my voice, so there will be one flock and one keeper. <sup>17</sup> For this reason am I loved by the Father, because I give up my life so that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it away from me; I give it up of myself. I have power to give it up, and I have power to take it again. These orders I have from my Father. <sup>19</sup> There was a division again among the Jews because of these words. <sup>20</sup> And a number of them said, He has an evil spirit and is out of his mind; why do you give ear to him? <sup>21</sup> Others said, These are not the words of one who has an evil spirit. Is it possible for an evil spirit to make blind people see? <sup>22</sup> Then came the feast of the opening of the Temple in Jerusalem: it was winter; <sup>23</sup> And Jesus was walking in the Temple, in Solomon's covered way. <sup>24</sup> Then the Jews came round him, saying, how long are you going to keep us in doubt? If you are the Christ, say so clearly. <sup>25</sup> Jesus said in answer, I have said it and you have no belief: the works which I do in my Father's name, these give witness about me. <sup>26</sup> But you have no belief because you are not of my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep give ear to my voice, and I have knowledge of them, and they come after me: <sup>28</sup> And I give them eternal life; they will never come to destruction, and no one will ever take them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> That which my Father has given to me has more value than all; and no one is able to take anything out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and my Father are one. <sup>31</sup> Then the Jews took up stones again to send at him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them in answer, I have let you see a number of good works from the Father; for which of those works are you stoning me? <sup>33</sup> This was their answer: We are not stoning you for a good work but for evil words; because being a man you make yourself God. <sup>34</sup> In answer, Jesus said, Is there not a saying in your law, I said, You are gods? <sup>35</sup> If he said they were gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Writings may not be broken), <sup>36</sup> Do you say of him whom the Father made holy and sent into the world, Your words are evil; because I said, I am God's Son? <sup>37</sup> If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not have belief in me; <sup>38</sup> But if I am doing them, then have belief in the works even if you have no belief in me; so that you may see clearly and be certain that the Father is in me and I am in the Father. <sup>39</sup> Then again they made an attempt to take him; but he got away from them. <sup>40</sup> And he went again to the other side of the Jordan, to the place where John first gave baptism; and he was there for a time. <sup>41</sup> And a great number of people came to him, saying, John did no sign: but everything John said of this man was true. <sup>42</sup> And a number came to have faith in him there.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man named Lazarus was ill; he was of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (The Mary whose brother Lazarus was ill, was the Mary who put perfumed oil on the Lord and made his feet dry with her hair.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, Lord, your dear friend is ill. <sup>4</sup> When this came to his ears, Jesus said, The end of this disease is not death, but the glory of God, so that the Son of God may have glory because of it. <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus had love in his heart for Martha and

her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when the news came to him that Lazarus was ill, he did not go from the place where he was for two days. <sup>7</sup> Then after that time he said to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, Master, the Jews were attempting only the other day to have you stoned, and are you going back there again? <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said in answer, Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man may go about in the day without falling, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But if a man goes about in the night, he may have a fall because the light is not in him. <sup>11</sup> These things said he; and after that he said to them, Lazarus our friend is at rest; but I go so that I may make him come out of his sleep. <sup>12</sup> Then his disciples said to him, Lord, if he is resting he will get well. <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, was talking of his death: but they had the idea that he was talking about taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus said to them clearly, Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> And because of you I am glad I was not there, so that you may have faith; but let us go to him. <sup>16</sup> Then Thomas, who was named Didymus, said to the other disciples, Let us go so that we may be with him in death. <sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he made the discovery that Lazarus had been put into the earth four days before. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near to Jerusalem, about two miles away; <sup>19</sup> And a number of Jews had come to Martha and Mary to give them comfort about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha had the news that Jesus was on the way, she went out to him, but Mary did not go from the house. <sup>21</sup> Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if you had been here my brother would not be dead. <sup>22</sup> But I am certain that, even now, whatever request you make to God, God will give it to you. <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, Your brother will come to life again. <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, I am certain that he will come to life again when all come back from the dead at the last day. <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, I am myself that day and that life; he who has faith in me will have life even if he is dead; <sup>26</sup> And no one who is living and has faith in me will ever see death. Is this your faith? <sup>27</sup> She said to him, Yes, Lord: my faith is that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world. <sup>28</sup> And having said this, she went away and said secretly to her sister Mary, The Master is here and has sent for you. <sup>29</sup> And Mary, hearing this, got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not at this time come into the town, but was still in the place where Martha had seen him. <sup>31</sup> Then the Jews who were with her in the house, comforting her, when they saw Mary get up quickly and go out, went after her in the belief that she was going to the place of the dead and would be weeping there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she went down at his feet, saying, Lord, if you had been here my brother would not be dead. <sup>33</sup> And when Jesus saw her weeping, and saw the Jews weeping who came with her, his spirit was moved and he was troubled, <sup>34</sup> And said, Where have you put him? They said, Come and see, Lord. <sup>35</sup> And Jesus himself was weeping. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, See how dear he was to him! <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, This man, who made open the eyes of the blind man, was he not able to keep his friend from death? <sup>38</sup> So Jesus, deeply troubled in heart, came to the place of the dead. It was a hole in the rock, and a stone was over the opening. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said, Lord, by this time the body will be smelling, for he has been dead four days. <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, Did I not

say to you that if you had faith you would see the glory of God? <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus, looking up to heaven, said, Father, I give praise to you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> I was certain that your ears are at all times open to me, but I said it because of these who are here, so that they may see that you sent me. <sup>43</sup> Then he said in a loud voice, Lazarus, come out! <sup>44</sup> And he who was dead came out, with linen bands folded tightly about his hands and feet, and a cloth about his face. Jesus said to them, Make him free and let him go. <sup>45</sup> Then a number of the Jews who had come to Mary and had seen the things which Jesus did had belief in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went to the Pharisees with the news of what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> Then the high priests and the Pharisees had a meeting and said, What are we doing? This man is doing a number of signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on in this way, everybody will have belief in him and the Romans will come and take away our place and our nation. <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, You have no knowledge of anything; <sup>50</sup> You do not see that it is in your interest for one man to be put to death for the people, so that all the nation may not come to destruction. <sup>51</sup> He did not say this of himself, but being the high priest that year he said, as a prophet, that Jesus would be put to death for the nation; <sup>52</sup> And not for that nation only, but for the purpose of uniting in one body the children of God all over the world. <sup>53</sup> And from that day they took thought together how to put him to death. <sup>54</sup> So Jesus no longer went about publicly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near to the waste land, to a town named Ephraim, where he was for some time with the disciples. <sup>55</sup> Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and numbers of people went up from the country to Jerusalem to make themselves clean before the Passover. <sup>56</sup> They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another while they were in the Temple, What is your opinion? Will he not come to the feast? <sup>57</sup> Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone had knowledge where he was, he was to give them word, so that they might take him.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had made to come back from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they made him a meal there, and he was waited on by Martha, and Lazarus was among those who were seated with him at table. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary, taking a pound of perfumed oil of great value, put it on the feet of Jesus and made them dry with her hair: and the house became full of the smell of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot (who was to give him up), said, <sup>5</sup> Why was not this perfume traded for three hundred pence, and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup> (He said this, not because he had any love for the poor; but because he was a thief, and, having the money-bag, took for himself what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Then Jesus said, Let her be. Let her keep what she has for the day of my death. <sup>8</sup> The poor you have ever with you, but me you have not for ever. <sup>9</sup> Then a great number of the Jews had news that he was there: and they came, not only because of Jesus, but so that they might see Lazarus who had been dead and to whom he had given life. <sup>10</sup> Now there was talk among the chief priests of putting Lazarus to death; <sup>11</sup> For because of him a great number

of the Jews went away and had belief in Jesus. <sup>12</sup> The day after, a great number of people who were there for the feast, when they had the news that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> Took branches of palm-trees and went out to him, crying, A blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel! <sup>14</sup> And Jesus saw a young ass and took his seat on it; as the Writings say, <sup>15</sup> Have no fear, daughter of Zion: see your King is coming, seated on a young ass. <sup>16</sup> (These things were not clear to his disciples at first: but when Jesus had been lifted up into his glory, then it came to their minds that these things in the Writings were about him and that they had been done to him.) <sup>17</sup> Now the people who were with him when his voice came to Lazarus in the place of the dead, and gave him life again, had been talking about it. <sup>18</sup> And that was the reason the people went out to him, because it had come to their ears that he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> Then the Pharisees said one to another, You see, you are unable to do anything: the world has gone after him. <sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among the people who had come up to give worship at the feast: <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was of Beth-saida in Galilee, and made a request, saying, Sir, we have a desire to see Jesus. <sup>22</sup> Philip went and gave word of it to Andrew; and Andrew went with Philip to Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to them in answer, The hour of the glory of the Son of man has come. <sup>24</sup> Truly I say to you, If a seed of grain does not go into the earth and come to an end, it is still a seed and no more; but through its death it gives much fruit. <sup>25</sup> He who is in love with life will have it taken from him; and he who has no care for his life in this world will keep it for ever and ever. <sup>26</sup> If any man is my servant, let him come after me; and where I am, there will my servant be. If any man becomes my servant, my Father will give him honour. <sup>27</sup> Now is my soul troubled; and what am I to say? Father, keep me from this hour. No: for this purpose have I come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, give glory to your name. Then there came a voice out of heaven, saying, I have given it glory, and I will give it glory again. <sup>29</sup> Hearing the sound, a number of people who were there said that it was thunder: others said, An angel was talking to him. <sup>30</sup> Jesus said in answer, This voice came not for me but for you. <sup>31</sup> Now is this world to be judged: now will the ruler of this world be sent out. <sup>32</sup> And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will make all men come to me. <sup>33</sup> (This he said, pointing to the sort of death he would have.) <sup>34</sup> Then the people in answer said to him, The law says that the Christ will have life without end: how say you then that it is necessary for the Son of man to be lifted up? Who is this Son of man? <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, For a little time longer the light will be among you; while you have the light go on walking in it, so that the dark may not overtake you: one walking in the dark has no knowledge of where he is going. <sup>36</sup> In so far as you have the light, put your faith in the light so that you may become sons of light. With these words Jesus went away and for a time was not seen again by them. <sup>37</sup> But though he had done such a number of signs before them, they still had no belief in him: <sup>38</sup> So that the words of the prophet Isaiah might come true, when he said, Lord, who has any belief in our preaching? and the arm of the Lord, to whom has it been unveiled? <sup>39</sup> For this reason they were unable to have belief, because Isaiah said again, <sup>40</sup> He has made their eyes blind, and their hearts hard; for fear that they might see with

their eyes and get knowledge with their hearts, and be changed, and I might make them well. <sup>41</sup> (Isaiah said these words because he saw his glory. His words were about him.) <sup>42</sup> However, a number even of the rulers had belief in him, but because of the Pharisees they did not say so openly for fear that they might be shut out from the Synagogue: <sup>43</sup> For the praise of men was dearer to them than the approval of God. <sup>44</sup> Then Jesus said with a loud voice, He who has faith in me, has faith not in me, but in him who sent me. <sup>45</sup> And he who sees me, sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come as a light into the world, so that no one who has faith in me will go on living in the dark. <sup>47</sup> And if any man gives ear to my words and does not keep them, I am not his judge: I did not come to be judge of the world but to give salvation to the world. <sup>48</sup> He who puts me on one side and does not take my words to heart, is not without a judge: the word which I have said will be his judge on the last day. <sup>49</sup> For I have not said it on my authority, but the Father who sent me gave me orders what to say and how to say it. <sup>50</sup> And I have knowledge that his order is eternal life: so that the things which I say, I say them even as the Father says them to me.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> Now before the feast of the Passover, it was clear to Jesus that the time had come for him to go away from this world to the Father. Having once had love for those in the world who were his, his love for them went on to the end. <sup>2</sup> So while a meal was going on, the Evil One having now put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to be false to him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, being conscious that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he came from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> Got up from table, put off his robe and took a cloth and put it round him. <sup>5</sup> Then he put water into a basin and was washing the feet of the disciples and drying them with the cloth which was round him. <sup>6</sup> So he came to Simon Peter. Peter said, Lord, are my feet to be washed by you? <sup>7</sup> And Jesus, answering, said to him, What I do is not clear to you now, but it will be clear to you in time to come. <sup>8</sup> Peter said, I will never let my feet be washed by you, never. Jesus said in answer, If I do not make you clean you have no part with me. <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but my hands and my head. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, He who is bathed has need only to have his feet washed and then he is clean all over: and you, my disciples, are clean, but not all of you. <sup>11</sup> (He had knowledge who was false to him; that is why he said, You are not all clean.) <sup>12</sup> Then, after washing their feet and putting on his robe again, he took his seat and said to them, Do you see what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You give me the name of Master and Lord: and you are right; that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> If then I, the Lord and the Master, have made your feet clean, it is right for you to make one another's feet clean. <sup>15</sup> I have given you an example, so that you may do what I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly I say to you, A servant is not greater than his lord; and he who is sent is not greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If these things are clear to you, happy are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not talking of you all: I have knowledge of my true disciples, but things are as they are, so that the Writings may come true, The foot of him who takes bread with me is lifted up against me. <sup>19</sup> From this time forward, I give you knowledge of things before they come about, so that when they

come about you may have belief that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Truly I say to you, He who takes to his heart anyone whom I send, takes me to his heart; and he who so takes me, takes him who sent me. <sup>21</sup> When Jesus had said this he was troubled in spirit, and gave witness, saying, Truly I say to you, that one of you will be false to me. <sup>22</sup> Then the eyes of the disciples were turned on one another, in doubt as to whom he had in mind. <sup>23</sup> There was at table one of his disciples, the one dear to Jesus, resting his head on Jesus' breast. <sup>24</sup> Making a sign to him, Simon Peter said, Who is it he is talking about? <sup>25</sup> He, then, resting his head on Jesus' breast, said to him, Lord, who is it? <sup>26</sup> This was the answer Jesus gave: It is the one to whom I will give this bit of bread after I have put it in the vessel. Then he took the bit of bread, put it into the vessel, and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup> And when Judas took the bread Satan went into him. Then Jesus said to him, Do quickly what you have to do. <sup>28</sup> Now it was not clear to anyone at table why he said this to him. <sup>29</sup> Some were of the opinion that because Judas kept the money-bag Jesus said to him, Get the things we have need of for the feast; or, that he was to give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup> So Judas, having taken the bit of bread, straight away went out: and it was night. <sup>31</sup> Then when he had gone out, Jesus said, Now is glory given to the Son of man, and God is given glory in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is given glory in him, God will give him glory in himself, and will give him glory even now. <sup>33</sup> My dear children, I am only to be with you a little longer. Then you will be looking for me: and as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you, Where I am going you may not come. <sup>34</sup> I give you a new law: Have love one for another; even as I have had love for you, so are you to have love one for another. <sup>35</sup> By this it will be clear to all men that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another. <sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, Lord, where are you going? Jesus said in answer, Where I am going you may not come with me now, but you will come later. <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, Why may I not come with you even now? I will give up my life for you. <sup>38</sup> Jesus said in answer, Will you give up your life for me? Truly I say to you, Before the cry of the cock you will have said three times that you are not my disciple.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: have faith in God and have faith in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are rooms enough; if it was not so, would I have said that I am going to make ready a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to be with me, so that you may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> And you all have knowledge of where I am going, and of the way to it. <sup>5</sup> Thomas said, Lord, we have no knowledge of where you are going; how may we have knowledge of the way? <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, I am the true and living way: no one comes to the Father but by me. <sup>7</sup> If you had knowledge of me, you would have knowledge of my Father: you have knowledge of him now and have seen him. <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, Lord, let us see the Father; and we have need of nothing more. <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, Philip, have I been with you all this time, and still you have no knowledge of me? He who has seen me has seen the Father. Why do you say, Let us see the Father? <sup>10</sup> Have you not faith that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words which I

say to you, I say not from myself: but the Father who is in me all the time does his works. <sup>11</sup> Have faith that I am in the Father and that the Father is in me: at least, have faith in me because of what I do. <sup>12</sup> Truly I say to you, He who puts his faith in me will do the very works which I do, and he will do greater things than these, because I am going to my Father. <sup>13</sup> And whatever request you make in my name, that I will do, so that the Father may have glory in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you make any request to me in my name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> If you have love for me, you will keep my laws. <sup>16</sup> And I will make prayer to the Father and he will give you another Helper to be with you for ever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of true knowledge. That Spirit the world is not able to take to its heart because it sees him not and has no knowledge of him: but you have knowledge of him, because he is ever with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not let you be without a friend: I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> A little time longer, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me; and you will be living because I am living. <sup>20</sup> At that time it will be clear to you that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He who has my laws and keeps them, he it is who has love for me: and he who has love for me will be loved by my Father, and I will have love for him and will let myself be seen clearly by him. <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, How is it that you will let yourself be seen clearly by us and not by the world? <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to him in answer, If anyone has love for me, he will keep my words: and he will be dear to my Father; and we will come to him and make our living-place with him. <sup>24</sup> He who has no love for me does not keep my words; and the word which you are hearing is not my word but the Father's who sent me. <sup>25</sup> I have said all this to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will be your teacher in all things and will put you in mind of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> May peace be with you; my peace I give to you: I give it not as the world gives. Let not your heart be troubled; let it be without fear. <sup>28</sup> Keep in mind how I said to you, I go away and come to you again. If you had love for me you would be glad, because I am going to the Father: for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have given you word of it before it comes, so that, when it comes, you may have faith. <sup>30</sup> After this I will not say much to you, because the ruler of this world comes: and he has no power over me; <sup>31</sup> But he comes so that the world may see that I have love for the Father, and that I am doing as I am ordered by the Father. Get up, and let us go.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He takes away every branch in me which has no fruit, and every branch which has fruit he makes clean, so that it may have more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are clean, even now, through the teaching which I have given you. <sup>4</sup> Be in me at all times as I am in you. As the branch is not able to give fruit of itself, if it is not still on the vine, so you are not able to do so if you are not in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches: he who is in me at all times as I am in him, gives much fruit, because without me you are able to do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If a man does not keep himself in me, he becomes dead and is cut off like a dry branch; such branches are taken up and put in the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you are in me at all times, and my words are in you, then



anything for which you make a request will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> Here is my Father's glory, in that you give much fruit and so are my true disciples. <sup>9</sup> Even as the Father has given me his love, so I have given my love to you: be ever in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my laws, you will be ever in my love, even as I have kept my Father's laws, and am ever in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that I may have joy in you and so that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> This is the law I give you: Have love one for another, even as I have love for you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no man than this, that a man gives up his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends, if you do what I give you orders to do. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I give you the name of servants; because a servant is without knowledge of what his master is doing: I give you the name of friends, because I have given you knowledge of all the things which my Father has said to me. <sup>16</sup> You did not take me for yourselves, but I took you for myself; and I gave you the work of going about and producing fruit which will be for ever; so that whatever request you make to the Father in my name he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> So this is my law for you: Have love one for another. <sup>18</sup> If you are hated by the world, keep in mind that I was hated by the world before you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, you would be loved by the world: but because you are not of the world, but I have taken you out of the world, you are hated by the world. <sup>20</sup> Keep in mind the words I said to you, A servant is not greater than his lord. If they were cruel to me, they will be cruel to you; if they kept my words, they will keep yours. <sup>21</sup> They will do all this to you because of my name — because they have no knowledge of him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and been their teacher they would have had no sin: but now they have no reason to give for their sin. <sup>23</sup> He who has hate for me has hate for my Father. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works which no other man ever did, they would have had no sin: but now they have seen, and they have had hate in their hearts for me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> This comes about so that the writing in their law may be made true, Their hate for me was without cause. <sup>26</sup> When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father even the Spirit of true knowledge who comes from the Father — he will give witness about me; <sup>27</sup> And you, in addition, will give witness because you have been with me from the first.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> I have said these things to you so that you may not be in doubt. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the Synagogues: yes, the time is coming when whoever puts you to death will have the belief that he is doing God's pleasure. <sup>3</sup> They will do these things to you because they have not had knowledge of the Father or of me. <sup>4</sup> I have said these things to you so that when the time comes, what I have said may come to your mind. I did not say them to you at the first, because then I was still with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; and not one of you says to me, Where are you going? <sup>6</sup> But your hearts are full of sorrow because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup> But what I am saying is true: my going is for your good: for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And he, when he comes, will make the world conscious of sin, and of righteousness, and of being judged: <sup>9</sup> Of sin, because they have

not faith in me; <sup>10</sup> Of righteousness, because I go to the Father and you will see me no more; <sup>11</sup> Of being judged, because the ruler of this world has been judged. <sup>12</sup> I have still much to say to you, but you are not strong enough for it now. <sup>13</sup> However, when he, the Spirit of true knowledge, has come, he will be your guide into all true knowledge: for his words will not come from himself, but whatever has come to his hearing, that he will say: and he will make clear to you the things to come. <sup>14</sup> He will give me glory, because he will take of what is mine, and make it clear to you. <sup>15</sup> Everything which the Father has is mine: that is why I say, He will take of what is mine and will make it clear to you. <sup>16</sup> After a little time you will see me no longer; and then again, after a little time, you will see me. <sup>17</sup> So some of the disciples said one to another, What is this he is saying, After a little time, you will see me no longer; and then again, after a little time, you will see me? and, I am going to the Father? <sup>18</sup> So they said again and again, What is this he is saying, A little time? His words are not clear to us. <sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they had a desire to put the question to him, so he said to them, Is this what you are questioning one with another, why I said, After a little time, you will see me no longer; and then again, after a little time, you will see me? <sup>20</sup> Truly I say to you, You will be weeping and sorrowing, but the world will be glad: you will be sad, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is about to give birth she has sorrow, because her hour is come; but when she has given birth to the child, the pain is put out of her mind by the joy that a man has come into the world. <sup>22</sup> So you have sorrow now: but I will see you again, and your hearts will be glad, and no one will take away your joy. <sup>23</sup> And on that day you will put no questions to me. Truly I say to you, Whatever request you make to the Father, he will give it to you in my name. <sup>24</sup> Up to now you have made no request in my name: do so, and it will be answered, so that your hearts may be full of joy. <sup>25</sup> All this I have said to you in veiled language: but the time is coming when I will no longer say things in veiled language but will give you knowledge of the Father clearly. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will make requests in my name: and I do not say that I will make prayer to the Father for you, <sup>27</sup> For the Father himself gives his love to you, because you have given your love to me and have had faith that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came out from the Father and have come into the world: again, I go away from the world and go to the Father. <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, Now you are talking clearly and not in veiled language. <sup>30</sup> Now we are certain that you have knowledge of all things and have no need for anyone to put questions to you: through this we have faith that you came from God. <sup>31</sup> Jesus made answer, Have you faith now? <sup>32</sup> See, a time is coming, yes, it is now here, when you will go away in all directions, every man to his house, and I will be by myself: but I am not by myself, because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> I have said all these things to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble: but take heart! I have overcome the world.

## 17

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said these things; then, lifting his eyes to heaven, he said, Father, the time has now come; give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you: <sup>2</sup> Even as you gave him authority over all flesh,

to give eternal life to all those whom you have given to him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life: to have knowledge of you, the only true God, and of him whom you have sent, even Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I have given you glory on the earth, having done all the work which you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, let me have glory with you, even that glory which I had with you before the world was. <sup>6</sup> I have given knowledge of your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world: yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your words. <sup>7</sup> Now it is clear to them that whatever you have given to me comes from you: <sup>8</sup> Because I have given them the words which you gave to me; and they have taken them to heart, and have certain knowledge that I came from you, and they have faith that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> My prayer is for them: my prayer is not for the world, but for those whom you have given to me, because they are yours <sup>10</sup> (All mine are yours, and yours are mine) and I have glory in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I will be no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I come to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name which you have given to me, so that they may be one even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them I kept them safe in your name which you have given to me: I took care of them and not one of them has come to destruction, but only the son of destruction, so that the Writings might come true. <sup>13</sup> And now I come to you; and these things I say in the world so that they may have my joy complete in them. <sup>14</sup> I have given your word to them; and they are hated by the world, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you will take them out of the world, but that you will keep them from the Evil One. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>17</sup> Make them holy by the true word: your word is the true word. <sup>18</sup> Even as you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for them I make myself holy, so that they may be made truly holy. <sup>20</sup> My prayer is not for them only, but for all who will have faith in me through their word; <sup>21</sup> May they all be one! Even as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, so let them be in us, so that all men may come to have faith that you sent me. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which you have given to me I have given to them, so that they may be one even as we are one; <sup>23</sup> I in them, and you in me, so that they may be made completely one, and so that it may become clear to all men that you have sent me and that they are loved by you as I am loved by you. <sup>24</sup> Father, it is my desire that these whom you have given to me may be by my side where I am, so that they may see my glory which you have given to me, because you had love for me before the world came into being. <sup>25</sup> Father of righteousness, I have knowledge of you, though the world has not; and to these it is clear that you sent me; <sup>26</sup> And I have given to them knowledge of your name, and will give it, so that the love which you have for me may be in them and I in them.

## 18

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had said these words he went out with his disciples over the stream Kedron to a garden, into which he went with his disciples. <sup>2</sup> And Judas, who was false to him, had knowledge of the place because Jesus went there frequently with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, getting a band of armed men and police from the chief priests and Pharisees, went

there with lights and with arms. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, having knowledge of everything which was coming on him, went forward and said to them, Who are you looking for? <sup>5</sup> Their answer was, Jesus the Nazarene. Jesus said, I am he. And Judas, who was false to him, was there at their side. <sup>6</sup> And when he said to them, I am he, they went back, falling to the earth. <sup>7</sup> So again he put the question to them, Who are you looking for? And they said, Jesus the Nazarene. <sup>8</sup> Jesus made answer, I have said that I am he; if you are looking for me, let these men go away. <sup>9</sup> (He said this so that his words might come true, I have kept safe all those whom you gave to me.) <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, took it out and gave the high priest's servant a blow, cutting off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said to Peter, Put back your sword: am I not to take the cup which my Father has given to me? <sup>12</sup> Then the band and the chief captain and the police took Jesus and put cords round him. <sup>13</sup> They took him first to Annas, because Annas was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Caiaphas who had said to the Jews that it was in their interest for one man to be put to death for the people. <sup>15</sup> And Simon Peter went after Jesus with another disciple. Now that disciple was a friend of the high priest and he went in with Jesus into the house of the high priest; <sup>16</sup> But Peter was kept outside at the door. Then this other disciple, who was a friend of the high priest, came out and had a word with the girl who kept the door, and took Peter in. <sup>17</sup> Then the girl who was the door-keeper said to Peter, Are you not one of this man's disciples? In answer he said, I am not. <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and the police had made a fire of coals because it was cold; they were warming themselves in front of it and Peter was there with them, warming himself. <sup>19</sup> Then the high priest put questions to Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus made answer, I said things openly to the world at all times; I have given my teaching in the Synagogues and in the Temple to which all the Jews come; and I have said nothing secretly. <sup>21</sup> Why are you questioning me? put questions to my hearers about what I have said to them: they have knowledge of what I said. <sup>22</sup> When he said this, one of the police by his side gave him a blow with his open hand, saying, Do you give such an answer to the high priest? <sup>23</sup> Jesus said in answer, If I have said anything evil, give witness to the evil: but if I said what is true, why do you give me blows? <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him chained to Caiaphas, the high priest. <sup>25</sup> But Simon Peter was still there warming himself by the fire. They said to him, Are you not one of his disciples? He said, No, I am not. <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relation of him whose ear had been cut off by Peter, said, Did I not see you with him in the garden? <sup>27</sup> Then again Peter said, No. And straight away a cock gave its cry. <sup>28</sup> So they took Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the Praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not go into the Praetorium, so that they might not become unclean, but might take the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate came out to them and put the question: What have you to say against this man? <sup>30</sup> They said to him in answer, If the man was not a wrongdoer we would not have given him up to you. <sup>31</sup> Then Pilate said to them, Take him yourselves and let him be judged by your law. But the Jews said to him, We have no right to put any man to death. <sup>32</sup> (That the word of Jesus might come true, pointing

to the sort of death he would have.) <sup>33</sup> Then Pilate went back into the Praetorium and sent for Jesus and said to him, Are you the King of the Jews? <sup>34</sup> Jesus made answer, Do you say this of yourself, or did others say it about me? <sup>35</sup> Pilate said, Am I a Jew? Your nation and the chief priests have given you into my hands: what have you done? <sup>36</sup> Jesus said in answer, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom was of this world, my disciples would have made a good fight to keep me out of the hands of the Jews: but my kingdom is not here. <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, Are you then a king? Jesus made answer, You say that I am a king. For this purpose was I given birth, and for this purpose I came into the world, that I might give witness to what is true. Every lover of what is true gives ear to my voice. <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, True? what is true? Having said this he went out again to the Jews and said to them, I see no wrong in him. <sup>39</sup> But every year you make a request to me to let a prisoner go free at the Passover. Is it your desire that I let the King of the Jews go free? <sup>40</sup> Then again they gave a loud cry, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was an outlaw.

## 19

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped with cords. <sup>2</sup> And the men of the army made a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. <sup>3</sup> And they kept coming and saying, Long life to the King of the Jews! And they gave him blows with their hands. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate went out again and said to them, See, I let him come out to you to make it clear to you that I see no wrong in him. <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus came out with the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, Here is the man! <sup>6</sup> So when the chief priests and the police saw him they gave a loud cry, To the cross! to the cross! Pilate said to them, Take him yourselves and put him on the cross: I see no crime in him. <sup>7</sup> And the Jews made answer, We have a law, and by that law it is right for him to be put to death because he said he was the Son of God. <sup>8</sup> When this saying came to Pilate's ears his fear became greater; <sup>9</sup> And he went again into the Praetorium and said to Jesus, Where do you come from? But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> Then Pilate said to him, You say nothing to me? is it not clear to you that I have power to let you go free and power to put you to death on the cross? <sup>11</sup> Jesus gave this answer: You would have no power at all over me if it was not given to you by God; so that he who gave me up to you has the greater sin. <sup>12</sup> Hearing this, Pilate had a desire to let him go free, but the Jews said in a loud voice, If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend: everyone who makes himself a king goes against Caesar. <sup>13</sup> So when these words came to Pilate's ear, he took Jesus out, seating himself in the judge's seat in a place named in Hebrew, Gabbatha, or the Stone Floor. <sup>14</sup> (It was the day when they made ready for the Passover; and it was about the sixth hour.) And he said to the Jews, There is your King! <sup>15</sup> Then they gave a loud cry, Away with him! away with him! to the cross! Pilate said to them, Am I to put your King to death on the cross? The chief priests said in answer, We have no king but Caesar. <sup>16</sup> So then he gave him up to them to be put to death on the cross. And they took Jesus away; <sup>17</sup> And he went out with his cross on him to the place which is named Dead Man's Head (in Hebrew,

Golgotha): <sup>18</sup> Where they put him on the cross with two others, one on this side and one on that, and Jesus in the middle. <sup>19</sup> And Pilate put on the cross a statement in writing. The writing was: JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup> The writing was seen by a number of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was put to death on the cross was near the town; and the writing was in Hebrew and Latin and Greek. <sup>21</sup> Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Do not put, The King of the Jews, but, He said, I am the King of the Jews. <sup>22</sup> But Pilate made answer, What I have put in writing will not be changed. <sup>23</sup> And when Jesus was nailed to the cross, the men of the army took his clothing, and made a division of it into four parts, to every man a part, and they took his coat: now the coat was without a join, made out of one bit of cloth. <sup>24</sup> So they said among themselves, Let this not be cut up, but let us put it to the decision of chance and see who gets it. (They did this so that the Writings might come true, which say, They made a distribution of my clothing among them, and my coat they put to the decision of chance.) This was what the men of the army did. <sup>25</sup> Now by the side of the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister Mary, the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> So when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple who was dear to him, he said to his mother, Mother, there is your son! <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, There is your mother! And from that hour the disciple took her to his house. <sup>28</sup> After this, being conscious that all things had now been done so that the Writings might come true, Jesus said, Give me water. <sup>29</sup> Now there was a vessel ready, full of bitter wine, and they put a sponge full of it on a stick and put it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> So when Jesus had taken the wine he said, All is done. And with his head bent he gave up his spirit. <sup>31</sup> Now it was the day of getting ready for the Passover, and so that the bodies might not be on the cross on the Sabbath (because the day of that Sabbath was a great day), the Jews made a request to Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the men of the army came, and the legs of the first were broken and then of the other who was put to death on the cross with Jesus: <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was dead by this time, and so his legs were not broken; <sup>34</sup> But one of the men made a wound in his side with a spear, and straight away there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> And he who saw it has given witness (and his witness is true; he is certain that what he says is true) so that you may have belief. <sup>36</sup> These things came about so that the Writings might be true, No bone of his body will be broken. <sup>37</sup> And again another verse says, They will see him who was wounded by their spears. <sup>38</sup> After these things, Joseph of Arimathaea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, made a request to Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate said he might do so. So he went and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> And Nicodemus came (he who had first come to Jesus by night) with a roll of myrrh and aloes mixed, about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup> Then they took the body of Jesus, folding linen about it with the spices, as is the way of the Jews when they put the dead to rest. <sup>41</sup> Now there was a garden near the cross, and in the garden a new place for the dead in which no man had ever been put. <sup>42</sup> So they put Jesus there, because it was the Jews' day of getting ready for the Passover, and the place was near.

## 20

<sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week, very early, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the place and saw that the stone had been taken away from it. <sup>2</sup> Then she went running to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple who was loved by Jesus, and said to them, They have taken away the Lord out of the place of the dead and we have no knowledge where they have put him. <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple went out to the place of the dead. <sup>4</sup> They went running together, and the other disciple got in front of Peter and came first to the hole in the rock; <sup>5</sup> And looking in, he saw the linen bands on the earth; but he did not go in, <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came after him and went into the hole in the rock; and he saw the linen bands on the earth, <sup>7</sup> And the cloth, which had been round his head, not with the linen bands but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple who came there first went in; and he saw and belief came to him. <sup>9</sup> For at that time they had no knowledge that the Writings said that he would have to come again from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So then the disciples went away again to their houses. <sup>11</sup> But Mary was still there outside the hole in the rock, weeping; and while she was weeping and looking into the hole, <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels in white seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? She said to them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I have no knowledge where they have put him. <sup>14</sup> And then looking round, she saw Jesus there, but had no idea that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? who are you looking for? She, taking him for the gardener, said to him, Sir, if you have taken him away from here, say where you have put him and I will take him away. <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, Mary! Turning, she said to him in Hebrew, Rabboni! (which is to say, Master). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, Do not put your hand on me, for I have not gone up to the Father: but go to my brothers and say to them, I go up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went with the news to the disciples, and said she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her. <sup>19</sup> At evening on that day, the first day of the week, when, for fear of the Jews, the doors were shut where the disciples were, Jesus came among them and said to them, May peace be with you! <sup>20</sup> And when he had said this, he let them see his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus said to them again, May peace be with you! As the Father sent me, even so I now send you. <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, breathing on them, he said to them, Let the Holy Spirit come on you: <sup>23</sup> Any to whom you give forgiveness, will be made free from their sins; and any from whom you keep back forgiveness, will still be in their sins. <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, named Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, If I do not see in his hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails, and if I do not put my hand into his side, I will never have belief. <sup>26</sup> And after eight days, his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were shut, Jesus came, and taking his place in the middle of them, he said, May peace be with you! <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, Put out your finger, and see my hands; and put your hand here into my side:

and be no longer in doubt but have belief. <sup>28</sup> And Thomas said in answer, My Lord and my God! <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, Because you have seen me you have belief: a blessing will be on those who have belief though they have not seen me! <sup>30</sup> A number of other signs Jesus did before his disciples which are not recorded in this book: <sup>31</sup> But these are recorded, so that you may have faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that, having this faith you may have life in his name.

## 21

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus let himself be seen again by the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and it came about in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas named Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were all together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, I am going fishing. They said to him, And we will come with you. They went out and got into the boat; but that night they took no fish. <sup>4</sup> Now very early in the morning Jesus was there by the edge of the sea (though the disciples were not conscious that it was Jesus). <sup>5</sup> So Jesus said to them, Children, have you taken any fish? They made answer, No. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, Let down the net on the right side of the boat and you will get some. So they put it in the water and now they were not able to get it up again because of the great number of fish. <sup>7</sup> So the disciple who was dear to Jesus said to Peter, It is the Lord! Hearing that it was the Lord, Peter put his coat round him (because he was not clothed) and went into the sea. <sup>8</sup> And the other disciples came in the little boat (they were not far from land, only about two hundred cubits off) pulling the net full of fish. <sup>9</sup> When they got to land, they saw a fire of coals there, with fish cooking on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, Get some of the fish which you have now taken. <sup>11</sup> So Peter went to the boat and came back pulling the net to land, full of great fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and though there was such a number the net was not broken. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, Come and take some food. And all the disciples were in fear of putting the question, Who are you? being conscious that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish in the same way. <sup>14</sup> Now this was the third time that Jesus let himself be seen by the disciples after he had come back from the dead. <sup>15</sup> Then when they had taken food, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, is your love for me greater than the love of these others? He said to him, Yes, Lord; you are certain of my love for you. He said to him, Then give my lambs food. <sup>16</sup> Again, a second time, he said to him, Simon, son of John, have you any love for me? Yes, Lord, he said, you are certain of my love for you. Then take care of my sheep, said Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He said to him a third time, Simon, son of John, am I dear to you? Now Peter was troubled in his heart because he put the question a third time, Am I dear to you? And he said to him, Lord, you have knowledge of all things; you see that you are dear to me. Jesus said to him, Then give my sheep food. <sup>18</sup> Truly I say to you, When you were young, you made yourself ready and went wherever you had a desire to go: but when you are old, you will put out your hands and another will make you ready, and you will be taken where you have no desire to go. <sup>19</sup> Now this he said, pointing out the sort of death by which he would give God glory. And after saying



this, he said to him, Come after me. <sup>20</sup> Then Peter, turning round, saw the disciple who was dear to Jesus coming after them – the disciple who was resting on his breast at the last meal, and said, Lord, who is it who will be false to you? <sup>21</sup> Seeing him, Peter said to Jesus, What about this man? <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, If it is my desire for him to be here till I come back, what is that to you? come yourself after me. <sup>23</sup> So this saying went about among the brothers that this disciple would not undergo death: Jesus, however, did not say that he would not undergo death, but, If it is my desire for him to be here till I come back, what is that to you? <sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who gives witness about these things and who put them in writing: and we have knowledge that his witness is true. <sup>25</sup> And Jesus did such a number of other things that, if every one was recorded, it is my opinion that even the world itself is not great enough for the books there would be.

## The Acts of the Apostles

<sup>1</sup> I have given an earlier account, O Theophilus, of all the things which Jesus did, and of his teaching from the first, <sup>2</sup> Till the day when he was taken up to heaven after he had given his orders, through the Holy Spirit, to the Apostles of whom he had made selection: <sup>3</sup> And to whom he gave clear and certain signs that he was living, after his death; for he was seen by them for forty days, and gave them teaching about the kingdom of God: <sup>4</sup> And when they were all together, with him, he gave them orders not to go away from Jerusalem, but to keep there, waiting till the word of the Father was put into effect, of which, he said, I have given you knowledge: <sup>5</sup> For the baptism of John was with water, but you will have baptism with the Holy Spirit, after a little time. <sup>6</sup> So, when they were together, they said to him, Lord, will you at this time give back the kingdom to Israel? <sup>7</sup> And he said to them, It is not for you to have knowledge of the time and the order of events which the Father has kept in his control. <sup>8</sup> But you will have power, when the Holy Spirit has come on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, while they were looking, he was taken up, and went from their view into a cloud. <sup>10</sup> And while they were looking up to heaven with great attention, two men came to them, in white clothing, <sup>11</sup> And said, O men of Galilee, why are you looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come again, in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Then they went back to Jerusalem from the mountain named Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> And when they came in, they went up into the room where they were living; Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas, the son of James. <sup>14</sup> And they all with one mind gave themselves up to prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. <sup>15</sup> And in those days Peter got up among the brothers (there were about one hundred and twenty of them), and said, <sup>16</sup> My brothers, the word of God had to be put into effect, which the Holy Spirit had said before, by the mouth of David, about Judas, who was guide to those who took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> For he was numbered among us, and had his part in our work. <sup>18</sup> (Now this man, with the reward of his evil-doing, got for himself a field, and falling head first, came to a sudden and violent end there. <sup>19</sup> And this came to the knowledge of all those who were living in Jerusalem, so that the field was named in their language, Akel-dama, or, The field of blood.) <sup>20</sup> For in the book of Psalms it says, Let his house be waste, and let no man be living in it: and, Let his position be taken by another. <sup>21</sup> For this reason, of the men who have been with us all the time, while the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> Starting from the baptism of John till he went up from us, one will have to be a witness with us of his coming back from death. <sup>23</sup> And they made selection of two, Joseph, named Barsabbas, whose other name was Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they made prayers and said, Lord, having knowledge of the hearts

of all men, make clear which of these two has been marked out by you,<sup>25</sup> To take that position as a servant and Apostle, from which Judas by his sin was shut out, so that he might go to his place.<sup>26</sup> And they put it to the decision of chance, and the decision was given for Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like the rushing of a violent wind, and all the house where they were was full of it. <sup>3</sup> And they saw tongues, like flames of fire, coming to rest on every one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all full of the Holy Spirit, and were talking in different languages, as the Spirit gave them power. <sup>5</sup> Now there were living at Jerusalem, Jews, God-fearing men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound came to their ears, they all came together, and were greatly surprised because every man was hearing the words of the disciples in his special language. <sup>7</sup> And they were full of wonder and said, Are not all these men Galilaeans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that every one of us is hearing their words in the language which was ours from our birth? <sup>9</sup> Men of Parthia, Media, and Elam, and those living in Mesopotamia, in Judaea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> In Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and those who have come from Rome, Jews by birth and others who have become Jews, <sup>11</sup> Men of Crete and Arabia, to all of us they are talking in our different languages, of the great works of God. <sup>12</sup> And they were all surprised and in doubt saying to one another, What is the reason of this? <sup>13</sup> But others, making sport of them, said, They are full of new wine. <sup>14</sup> But Peter, getting up, with the eleven, said in a loud voice, O men of Judaea, and all you who are living in Jerusalem, take note of this and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these men are not overcome with wine, as it seems to you, for it is only the third hour of the day; <sup>16</sup> But this is the thing which was said by the prophet Joel; <sup>17</sup> And it will come about, in the last days, says God, that I will send out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters will be prophets, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams: <sup>18</sup> And on my men-servants and my women-servants I will send my Spirit, and they will be prophets. <sup>19</sup> And wonders will be seen in heaven, and signs on the earth, blood and fire and smoke: <sup>20</sup> The sun will become dark and the moon will be turned to blood, before that great day of the Lord comes in glory: <sup>21</sup> And whoever makes his prayer to the Lord will have salvation. <sup>22</sup> Men of Israel, give ear to these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man who had the approval of God, as was made clear to you by the great works and signs and wonders which God did by him among you, as you yourselves have knowledge, <sup>23</sup> Him, when he was given up, by the decision and knowledge of God, you put to death on the cross, by the hands of evil men: <sup>24</sup> But God gave him back to life, having made him free from the pains of death because it was not possible for him to be overcome by it. <sup>25</sup> For David said of him, I saw the Lord before my face at all times, for he is at my right hand, so that I may not be moved: <sup>26</sup> And for this cause my heart was glad and my tongue full of joy, and my flesh will be resting in hope: <sup>27</sup> For you will not let my

soul be in hell and you will not give up your Holy One to destruction. <sup>28</sup> You have made me see the ways of life; I will be full of joy when I see your face. <sup>29</sup> My brothers, I may say to you openly that David came to his death, and was put in the earth, and his resting-place is with us today. <sup>30</sup> But being a prophet, and having in mind the oath which God had given to him, that of the fruit of his body one would take his place as a king, <sup>31</sup> He, having knowledge of the future, was talking of the coming again of Christ from the dead, that he was not kept in hell and his body did not see destruction. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has given back to life, of which we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> And so, being lifted up to the right hand of God, and having the Father's word that the Holy Spirit would come, he has sent this thing, which now you see and have knowledge of. <sup>34</sup> For David has not gone up into heaven, but says, himself, The Lord said to my Lord, Be seated at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> Till I put all those who are against you under your feet. <sup>36</sup> For this reason, let all Israel be certain that this Jesus, whom you put to death on the cross, God has made Lord and Christ. <sup>37</sup> Now when these words came to their ears their hearts were troubled, and they said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers, what are we to do? <sup>38</sup> And Peter said, Let your hearts be changed, every one of you, and have baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will have the Holy Spirit given to you. <sup>39</sup> For the word of God is for you and for your children and for all those who are far off, even all those who may be marked out by the Lord our God. <sup>40</sup> And with more such words he gave his witness, offering them salvation and saying, Come out from this evil generation. <sup>41</sup> Then those who gave hearing to his words had baptism: and about three thousand souls were joined to them that day. <sup>42</sup> And they kept their attention fixed on the Apostles' teaching and were united together in the taking of broken bread and in prayer. <sup>43</sup> But fear came on every soul: and all sorts of wonders and signs were done by the Apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all those who were of the faith kept together, and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> And exchanging their goods and property for money, they made division of it among them all, as they had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, going in agreement together regularly to the Temple and, taking broken bread together in their houses, they took their food with joy and with true hearts, <sup>47</sup> Giving praise to God, and having the approval of all the people; and every day the number of those who had salvation was increased by the Lord.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John were going up to the Temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer; <sup>2</sup> And a certain man who from birth had had no power in his legs, was taken there every day, and put down at the door of the Temple which is named Beautiful, requesting money from those who went into the Temple; <sup>3</sup> He then, seeing Peter and John going into the Temple, made a request to them. <sup>4</sup> And Peter, looking at him, with John, said, Keep your eyes on us. <sup>5</sup> And he gave attention to them, hoping to get something from them. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, I have no silver or gold, but what I have, that I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up on your feet. <sup>7</sup> And he took him by his right hand, lifting him up; and straight away his feet and the bones of his legs became strong,

<sup>8</sup> And, jumping up, he got on to his feet and went into the Temple with them, walking and jumping and giving praise to God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God: <sup>10</sup> And they saw that it was the man who made requests for money at the door of the Temple, and they were full of wonder and surprise at what had taken place. <sup>11</sup> And while he kept his hands on Peter and John, all the people came running together to the covered way which is named Solomon's, full of wonder. <sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he said to the people, You men of Israel, why are you so greatly surprised at this man? or why are you looking at us as if by our power or virtue we had given him the use of his legs? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has given glory to his servant Jesus; whom you gave up, turning your backs on him, when Pilate had made the decision to let him go free. <sup>14</sup> But you would have nothing to do with the Holy and Upright One, and made request for a man of blood to be given to you, <sup>15</sup> And put to death the Lord of life; whom God gave back from the dead; of which fact we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name, through faith in his name, has made this man strong, whom you see and have knowledge of: yes, the faith which is through him has made him well, before you all. <sup>17</sup> And now, my brothers, I am conscious that you did this, as did your rulers, without knowledge. <sup>18</sup> But the things which God had made clear before, by the mouth of all the prophets, that the Christ would have to undergo, he has put into effect in this way. <sup>19</sup> So then, let your hearts be changed and be turned to God, so that your sins may be completely taken away, and times of blessing may come from the Lord; <sup>20</sup> And that he may send the Christ who was marked out for you from the first, even Jesus: <sup>21</sup> Who is to be kept in heaven till the time when all things are put right, of which God has given word by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have been from the earliest times. <sup>22</sup> For Moses said, The Lord will give you a prophet from among your people, like me; you will give ear to everything which he will say to you. <sup>23</sup> And every soul who does not give attention to that prophet, will be cut off from among the people. <sup>24</sup> And all the prophets from Samuel and those who came after, every one of them, gave word of these days. <sup>25</sup> You are the sons of the prophets, and of the agreement which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, Through your seed a blessing will come on all the families of the earth. <sup>26</sup> To you, first, God sent his servant, blessing you by turning every one of you from his sins.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> And while they were talking to the people, the priests and the captain of the Temple and the Sadducees came up to them, <sup>2</sup> Being greatly troubled because they were teaching the people and preaching Jesus as an example of the coming back from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they took them and put them in prison till the morning, for it was now evening. <sup>4</sup> But a number of those who gave hearing to the word had faith; and they were now about five thousand. <sup>5</sup> And on the day after, the rulers and those in authority and the scribes came together in Jerusalem; <sup>6</sup> And Annas, the high priest, was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all the relations of the high priest. <sup>7</sup> Then sending for Peter and John, they said, By what power and in whose name have you done this?

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, being full of the Holy Spirit, said to them, O you rulers of the people and men of authority, <sup>9</sup> If we are questioned today about a good work done to a man who was ill, as to how he has been made well, <sup>10</sup> Take note, all of you, and all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you put to death on the cross, whom God gave back from the dead, even through him is this man now before you completely well. <sup>11</sup> He is the stone which you builders had no use for, but which has been made the chief stone of the building. <sup>12</sup> And in no other is there salvation: for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, through which we may have salvation. <sup>13</sup> Now when they saw that Peter and John were without fear, though they were men of no education or learning, they were greatly surprised; and they took note of them that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> And, seeing that the man who had been made well was there with them, they were not able to say anything against it. <sup>15</sup> But when they had given them orders to go out of the Sanhedrin, they had a discussion among themselves, <sup>16</sup> Saying, What are we to do with these men? for certainly it is clear to all who are living in Jerusalem that a most important sign has been done by them, and it is not possible to say that it is not so. <sup>17</sup> But so that it may not go farther among the people, let us put them in fear of punishment if they say anything in future in this name. <sup>18</sup> And they sent for them, and gave them orders not to make statements or give teaching in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John in answer said to them, It is for you to say if it is right in the eyes of God to give attention to you more than to God: <sup>20</sup> For it is not possible for us to keep from saying what we have seen and have knowledge of. <sup>21</sup> And when they had said more sharp words to them, they let them go, not seeing what punishment they might give them, because of the people; for all men were giving praise to God for what had taken place. <sup>22</sup> For the man on whom this act of power was done was more than forty years old. <sup>23</sup> And when they had been made free, they came back to their friends, and gave an account of all the things which the chief priests and the authorities had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And hearing it, they all, with one mind, made prayer to God and said, O Lord, maker of heaven and earth and the sea and all things in them: <sup>25</sup> Who has said, by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David your servant, Why are the nations so violently moved, and why are the thoughts of the people so foolish? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth were lifted up, the rulers came together, against the Lord, and against his Christ: <sup>27</sup> For, truly, in this town, against your holy servant, Jesus, who was marked out by you as Christ, Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, came together, <sup>28</sup> To do that which had been fixed before by your hand and your purpose. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, take note of their cruel words, and give your servants power to be preachers of your word without fear, <sup>30</sup> While your hand is stretched out to do works of mercy; so that signs and wonders may be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus. <sup>31</sup> And when their prayer was ended, the place where they were was violently moved, and they all became full of the Holy Spirit, preaching the word of God without fear. <sup>32</sup> And all those who were of the faith were one in heart and soul: and not one of them said that any of the things which he had was his property only; but they had all things in common.

<sup>33</sup> And with great power the Apostles gave witness of the coming back of the Lord Jesus from the dead; and grace was on them all. <sup>34</sup> And no one among them was in need; for everyone who had land or houses, exchanging them for money, took the price of them, <sup>35</sup> And put it at the feet of the Apostles for distribution to everyone as he had need. <sup>36</sup> And Joseph, who was given by the Apostles the name of Barnabas (the sense of which is, Son of comfort), a Levite and a man of Cyprus by birth, <sup>37</sup> Having a field, got money for it and put the money at the feet of the Apostles.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, got money for his property, <sup>2</sup> And kept back part of the price, his wife having knowledge of it, and took the rest and put it at the feet of the Apostles. <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, Ananias, why has the Evil One put it into your heart to be false to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? <sup>4</sup> While you had it, was it not your property? and after you had given it in exchange, was it not still in your power? how has this purpose come into your mind? you have been false, not to men, but to God. <sup>5</sup> And at these words, Ananias went down on the earth, and his life went from him: and great fear came on all who were present. <sup>6</sup> And the young men went and made ready his body, and took it out, and put it in the earth. <sup>7</sup> And about three hours after, his wife, having no knowledge of what had taken place, came in. <sup>8</sup> And Peter said to her, Give me an answer: was this amount of money the price of the land? And she said, Yes, it was. <sup>9</sup> But Peter said to her, Why have you made an agreement together to be false to the Spirit of the Lord? See, the feet of the young men who have put the body of your husband in the earth, are at the door, and they will take you out. <sup>10</sup> And straight away she went down at his feet, and her life went from her: and the young men came in and saw her dead, and they took her out and put her in the earth with her husband. <sup>11</sup> Then great fear came on all the church and on all who had knowledge of these things. <sup>12</sup> Now a number of signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles; and they were all together in Solomon's covered way. <sup>13</sup> The others, in fear, kept back from joining them: but the people made much of them; <sup>14</sup> And a great number of men and women had faith, and were joined to the Lord; <sup>15</sup> And they even took into the streets people who were ill, and put them on beds, so that when Peter went by, some of them might be in his shade. <sup>16</sup> And numbers of people came together from the towns round about Jerusalem, with those who were ill and those who were troubled with unclean spirits: and they were all made well. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest and those who were with him (the Sadducees) were full of envy, <sup>18</sup> And they took the Apostles and put them in the common prison. <sup>19</sup> But in the night an angel of the Lord, opening the doors of the prison, took them out and said, <sup>20</sup> Go, take your place in the Temple and give the people all the teaching about this Life. <sup>21</sup> And hearing this, they went into the Temple at dawn, and were teaching. But the high priest and those who were with him got together the Sanhedrin and the representatives of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to get them. <sup>22</sup> But the men who were sent saw

that they were not in the prison, and came back with the news, <sup>23</sup> Saying, The doors of the prison were safely shut, and the keepers were at the doors, but when they were open, there was nobody inside. <sup>24</sup> Now, at these words, the captain of the Temple and the chief priests were greatly troubled about what might be the end of this business. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and said to them, The men, whom you put in prison, are in the Temple teaching the people. <sup>26</sup> Then the captain and some of the police went and took them, but not violently, for fear that they might be stoned by the people. <sup>27</sup> And they took them into the Sanhedrin, and the high priest said to them, <sup>28</sup> We gave you very clear orders not to give teaching in this name: and now Jerusalem is full of your teaching, and you are attempting to make us responsible for this man's death. <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the Apostles, answering, said, We have to do the orders of God, not of man. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers gave Jesus back to life, whom you had put to death, hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> Him God has put on high at his right hand, as a Ruler and a Saviour, to give to Israel a change of heart and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who keep his laws. <sup>33</sup> But when these words came to their ears, they were cut to the heart, and had a mind to put them to death. <sup>34</sup> But one of the Sanhedrin, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a man of learning in the law, of whom all the people had a high opinion, got up and made a suggestion for the men to be put outside for a little time. <sup>35</sup> And he said to them, Men of Israel, take care what you do about these men. <sup>36</sup> For before this there was Theudas, who said he was someone important, to whom about four hundred men gave their support: he was put to death, and his band was broken up and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup> After this man, there was Judas of Galilee, at the time of the numbering, and some of the people went after him: he was put to death, and all his supporters were put to flight. <sup>38</sup> And now I say to you, Do nothing to these men, but let them be: for if this teaching or this work is of men, it will come to nothing: <sup>39</sup> But if it is of God, you will not be able to overcome them, and you are in danger of fighting against God. <sup>40</sup> And he seemed to them to be right: and they sent for the Apostles, and, after having them whipped and giving them orders to give no teaching in the name of Jesus, they let them go. <sup>41</sup> So they went away from the Sanhedrin, happy to undergo shame for the Name. <sup>42</sup> And every day, in the Temple and privately, they went on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was increasing, protests were made by the Greek Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were not taken care of in the distribution of food every day. <sup>2</sup> And the Apostles sent for all the disciples and said, It is not right for us to give up preaching the word of God in order to make distribution of food. <sup>3</sup> Take then from among you seven men of good name, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, to whom we may give control of this business. <sup>4</sup> Then we will give all our time to prayer and the teaching of the word. <sup>5</sup> And this saying was pleasing to all of them: and they made selection of Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus



and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolas of Antioch, who had become a Jew: <sup>6</sup> These they took to the Apostles, who, after prayer, put their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> And the word of God was increasing in power; and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem became very great, and a great number of priests were in agreement with the faith. <sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> But some of those who were of the Synagogue named that of the Libertines, and some of the men of Cyrene and of Alexandria and those from Cilicia and Asia, had arguments with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they were not able to get the better of him, for his words were full of wisdom and of the Spirit. <sup>11</sup> Then they got men to say, He has said evil against Moses and against God, in our hearing. <sup>12</sup> And the people, with the rulers and the scribes, were moved against him, and they came and took him before the Sanhedrin, <sup>13</sup> And they got false witnesses who said, This man is for ever saying things against this holy place and against the law: <sup>14</sup> For he has said in our hearing that this Jesus of Nazareth will put this place to destruction and make changes in the rules which were handed down to us by Moses. <sup>15</sup> And all those who were in the Sanhedrin, looking at him, saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> Then the high priest said, Are these things true? <sup>2</sup> And he said, My brothers and fathers, give hearing. The God of glory came to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he was living in Haran, <sup>3</sup> And said to him, Go out of your land, and away from your family, and come into the land to which I will be your guide. <sup>4</sup> Then he came out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and went into Haran; and from there, when his father was dead, he was guided by God into this land, where you are living now: <sup>5</sup> And God gave him no heritage in it, not even enough to put his foot on: but he gave him an undertaking that he would give it to him and to his children after him, though he had no child at that time. <sup>6</sup> And God said that his seed would be living in a strange land, and that they would make them servants, and be cruel to them for four hundred years. <sup>7</sup> And I will be the judge, said God, of that nation which made them servants: and after that, they will come out and give me worship in this place. <sup>8</sup> And he made with him the agreement of which circumcision was the sign. And so Abraham had a son, Isaac, and gave him circumcision on the eighth day; and Isaac had a son, Jacob, and Jacob was the father of the twelve heads of the families of Israel. <sup>9</sup> And the brothers, moved with envy against Joseph, gave him to the Egyptians for money: but God was with him, <sup>10</sup> And made him free from all his troubles, and gave him wisdom and the approval of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and all his house. <sup>11</sup> Now there was no food to be had in all Egypt and Canaan, and there was great trouble: and our fathers were not able to get food. <sup>12</sup> But Jacob, hearing that there was grain in Egypt, sent out our fathers the first time. <sup>13</sup> And the second time his brothers had a meeting with Joseph, and Pharaoh had knowledge of Joseph's family. <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph sent for Jacob his father and all his family, seventy-five persons. <sup>15</sup> And Jacob went down to Egypt, and came to his end there, and so did our fathers; <sup>16</sup> And they were taken over to Shechem, and

put to rest in the place which Abraham got for a price in silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem. <sup>17</sup> But when the time was near for putting into effect the undertaking which God had given to Abraham, the people were increasing in Egypt, <sup>18</sup> Till another king came to power, who had no knowledge of Joseph. <sup>19</sup> He, having evil designs against our nation, was cruel to our fathers, and they were forced to put out their young children, so that they might not go on living. <sup>20</sup> At which time Moses came to birth, and he was very beautiful; and he was kept for three months in his father's house: <sup>21</sup> And when he was put out, Pharaoh's daughter took him and kept him as her son. <sup>22</sup> And Moses was trained in all the wisdom of Egypt, and was great in his words and works. <sup>23</sup> But when he was almost forty years old, it came into his heart to go and see his brothers, the children of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And seeing one of them being attacked, he went to his help and gave the Egyptian a death-blow: <sup>25</sup> And he was hoping that his brothers would see that God had sent him to be their saviour; but they did not see. <sup>26</sup> And the day after, he came to them, while they were having a fight, and would have made peace between them, saying, Sirs, you are brothers; why do you do wrong to one another? <sup>27</sup> But the man who was doing wrong to his neighbour, pushing him away, said, Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? <sup>28</sup> Will you put me to death as you did the Egyptian yesterday? <sup>29</sup> And at these words, Moses went in flight to the land of Midian, and was living there for a time, and had two sons. <sup>30</sup> At the end of forty years, an angel came to him in the waste land of Sinai, in the flame of a burning thorn-tree. <sup>31</sup> And Moses, seeing it, was full of wonder, and when he came up to have a nearer view of it, the voice of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>32</sup> I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob. And Moses, shaking with fear, kept his eyes from looking at it. <sup>33</sup> And the Lord said, Take off the shoes from your feet, for the place where you are is holy. <sup>34</sup> Truly, I have seen the sorrows of my people in Egypt, and their cries have come to my ears, and I have come down to make them free: and now, come, I will send you to Egypt. <sup>35</sup> This Moses, whom they would not have, saying, Who made you a ruler and a judge? him God sent to be a ruler and a saviour, by the hand of the angel whom he saw in the thorn-tree. <sup>36</sup> This man took them out, having done wonders and signs in Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the waste land, for forty years. <sup>37</sup> This is the same Moses, who said to the children of Israel, God will give you a prophet from among your brothers, like me. <sup>38</sup> This is the man who was in the church in the waste land with the angel who was talking to him in Sinai, and with our fathers; and to him were given the living words of God, so that he might give them to you. <sup>39</sup> By whom our fathers would not be controlled; but they put him on one side, turning back in their hearts to Egypt, <sup>40</sup> And saying to Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: as for this Moses, who took us out of the land of Egypt, we have no idea what has become of him. <sup>41</sup> And they made the image of a young ox in those days, and made an offering to it, and had joy in the work of their hands. <sup>42</sup> But God was turned from them and let them give worship to the stars of heaven, as it says in the book of the prophets, Did you make offerings to me of sheep and oxen for forty years in the waste land, O house of Israel? <sup>43</sup> And you took up the tent of Moloch and the star of the god Rephan, images which you made to give

worship to them: and I will take you away, farther than Babylon. <sup>44</sup> Our fathers had the Tent of witness in the waste land, as God gave orders to Moses to make it after the design which he had seen. <sup>45</sup> Which our fathers, in their turn, took with them when, with Joshua, they came into the heritage of the nations whom God was driving out before the face of our fathers, till the time of David, <sup>46</sup> Who was pleasing to God; and he had a desire to make a holy tent for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup> But Solomon was the builder of his house. <sup>48</sup> But still, the Most High has not his resting-place in houses made with hands, as the prophet says, <sup>49</sup> Heaven is the seat of my power, and earth is a resting-place for my feet: what sort of house will you make for me, says the Lord, or what is my place of rest? <sup>50</sup> Did not my hand make all these things? <sup>51</sup> You whose hearts are hard and whose ears are shut to me; you are ever working against the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets was not cruelly attacked by your fathers? and they put to death those who gave them the news of the coming of the Upright One; whom you have now given up and put to death; <sup>53</sup> You, to whom the law was given as it was ordered by angels, and who have not kept it. <sup>54</sup> Hearing these things, they were cut to the heart and moved with wrath against him. <sup>55</sup> But he was full of the Holy Spirit, and looking up to heaven, he saw the glory of God and Jesus at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, Now I see heaven open, and the Son of man at the right hand of God. <sup>57</sup> But with loud cries, and stopping their ears, they made an attack on him all together, <sup>58</sup> Driving him out of the town and stoning him: and the witnesses put their clothing at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And Stephen, while he was being stoned, made prayer to God, saying, Lord Jesus, take my spirit. <sup>60</sup> And going down on his knees, he said in a loud voice, Lord, do not make them responsible for this sin. And when he had said this, he went to his rest.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> And Saul gave approval to his death. Now at that time a violent attack was started against the church in Jerusalem; and all but the Apostles went away into all parts of Judaea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> And God-fearing men put Stephen's body in its last resting-place, making great weeping over him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul was burning with hate against the church, going into every house and taking men and women and putting them in prison. <sup>4</sup> But those who had gone in flight went everywhere preaching the word. <sup>5</sup> And Philip went down to Samaria and was teaching them about Christ. <sup>6</sup> And all the people gave attention to the words which Philip said, when they saw the signs which he did. <sup>7</sup> For unclean spirits came out from those who had them, crying with a loud voice; and a number of those who were ill and broken in body were made well. <sup>8</sup> And there was much joy in that town. <sup>9</sup> But there was a certain man named Simon, who in the past had been a wonder-worker and a cause of surprise to the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was a great man: <sup>10</sup> To whom they all gave attention, from the smallest to the greatest, saying, This man is that power of God which is named Great. <sup>11</sup> And they gave attention to him, because for a long time his wonder-working powers had kept them under his control. <sup>12</sup> But when they had faith in the good news given by Philip about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ,

a number of men and women had baptism. <sup>13</sup> And Simon himself had faith and, having had baptism, he went with Philip and, seeing the signs and the great wonders which he did, he was full of surprise. <sup>14</sup> Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem had news that the people of Samaria had taken the word of God into their hearts, they sent to them Peter and John; <sup>15</sup> Who, when they came there, made prayer for them, that the Holy Spirit might be given to them: <sup>16</sup> For up to that time he had not come on any of them; only baptism had been given to them in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they put their hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came on them. <sup>18</sup> Now when Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the touch of the Apostles' hands, he made them an offering of money, saying, <sup>19</sup> Give me this power, so that when I put my hands on anyone he may get the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> But Peter said, May your money come to destruction with you, because you had the idea that what is freely given by God may be got for a price. <sup>21</sup> You have no part in this business, because your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Let your heart be changed, and make prayer to God that you may have forgiveness for your evil thoughts. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are prisoned in bitter envy and the chains of sin. <sup>24</sup> And Simon, answering, said, Make prayer for me to the Lord, so that these things which you have said may not come on me. <sup>25</sup> So they, having given their witness and made clear the word of the Lord, went back to Jerusalem, giving the good news on their way in a number of the small towns of Samaria. <sup>26</sup> But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, Get up, and go to the south, to the road which goes from Jerusalem to Gaza, through the waste land. <sup>27</sup> And he went and there was a man of Ethiopia, a servant of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, and controller of all her property, who had come up to Jerusalem for worship; <sup>28</sup> He was going back, seated in his carriage, and was reading the book of the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, Go near, and get on his carriage. <sup>30</sup> And Philip, running up to him, saw that he was reading Isaiah the prophet, and said to him, Is the sense of what you are reading clear to you? <sup>31</sup> And he said, How is that possible when I have no guide? And he made Philip get up by his side. <sup>32</sup> Now the place in the book where he was reading was this: He was taken, like a sheep, to be put to death; and as a lamb is quiet when its wool is being cut, so he made no sound: <sup>33</sup> Being of low degree, his cause was not given a hearing: who has knowledge of his family? for his life is cut off from the earth. <sup>34</sup> And the Ethiopian said to Philip, About whom are these words said by the prophet? about himself, or some other? <sup>35</sup> So Philip, starting from this writing, gave him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And while they were going on their way, they came to some water, and the Ethiopian said, See, here is water; why may I not have baptism? <sup>37</sup> [] <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders for the carriage to be stopped, and the two of them went down into the water, and Philip gave him baptism. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away; and the Ethiopian saw him no more, for he went on his way full of joy. <sup>40</sup> But Philip came to Azotus, and went through all the towns, preaching the good news, till he came to Caesarea.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still burning with desire to put to death the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, <sup>2</sup> And made a request for letters from him to the Synagogues of Damascus, so that if there were any of the Way there, men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And while he was journeying, he came near Damascus; and suddenly he saw a light from heaven shining round him; <sup>4</sup> And he went down on the earth, and a voice said to him, Saul, Saul, why are you attacking me so cruelly? <sup>5</sup> And he said, Who are you, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus, whom you are attacking: <sup>6</sup> But get up, and go into the town, and it will be made clear to you what you have to do. <sup>7</sup> And the men who were with him were not able to say anything; hearing the voice, but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> And Saul got up from the earth, and when his eyes were open, he saw nothing; and he was guided by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was not able to see, and he took no food or drink. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias! and he said, Here I am, Lord. <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, Get up, and go to the street which is named Straight, and make search at the house of Judas for one named Saul of Tarsus: for he is at prayer; <sup>12</sup> And he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hands on him, so that he may be able to see. <sup>13</sup> But Ananias said, Lord, I have had accounts of this man from a number of people, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem: <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to make prisoners all who give worship to your name. <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said, Go without fear: for he is a special vessel for me, to give to the Gentiles and kings and to the children of Israel the knowledge of my name: <sup>16</sup> For I will make clear to him what troubles he will have to undergo for me. <sup>17</sup> And Ananias went out and came to the house, and putting his hands on him, said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw when you were on your journey, has sent me, so that you may be able to see, and be full of the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> And straight away it seemed as if a veil was taken from his eyes, and he was able to see; and he got up, and had baptism; <sup>19</sup> And when he had taken food his strength came back. And for some days he kept with the disciples who were in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And straight away, in the Synagogues, he was preaching Jesus as the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> And all those hearing him were full of wonder and said, Is not this the man who in Jerusalem was attacking all the worshippers of this name? and he had come here so that he might take them as prisoners before the chief priests. <sup>22</sup> But Saul went on increasing in power, and the Jews in Damascus were not able to give answers to the arguments by which he made it clear that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>23</sup> Then, after some days, the Jews made an agreement together to put him to death: <sup>24</sup> But Saul got knowledge of their design. And they kept watch day and night on the roads out of the town, so that they might put him to death: <sup>25</sup> But his disciples took him by night and let him down from the wall in a basket. <sup>26</sup> And when he came to Jerusalem, he made an attempt to be joined to the disciples, but they were all in fear of him, not taking him for a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him to the Apostles and gave them an account of how he had seen the Lord on the road, and had given hearing to his words, and how at Damascus he had

been preaching in the name of Jesus without fear. <sup>28</sup> And he was with them, going in and out at Jerusalem, <sup>29</sup> Preaching in the name of the Lord without fear; and he had discussions with the Greek Jews; but they were working for his death. <sup>30</sup> And when the brothers had knowledge of it, they took him to Caesarea and sent him to Tarsus. <sup>31</sup> And so the church through all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was made strong; and, living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was increased greatly. <sup>32</sup> And it came about that while Peter was going through all parts of the country he came to the saints who were living at Lydda. <sup>33</sup> And there was a certain man there, named Aeneas, who for eight years had been in bed, without power of moving. <sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you well: get up and make your bed. And straight away he got up. <sup>35</sup> And all those living in Lydda and Sharon saw him, and were turned to the Lord. <sup>36</sup> Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, that is, Dorcas: this woman was given to good works and acts of mercy at all times. <sup>37</sup> And it came about, in those days, that she got ill and came to her death: and when she had been washed, they put her in a room which was high up. <sup>38</sup> And because Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having knowledge that Peter was there, sent two men to him, requesting him to come to them straight away. <sup>39</sup> And Peter went with them. And when he had come, they took him into the room: and all the widows were there, weeping and putting before him the coats and clothing which Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter made them all go outside, and went down on his knees in prayer; and turning to the body, he said, Tabitha, get up. And, opening her eyes, she saw Peter and got up. <sup>41</sup> And he took her hand, lifting her up; and, sending for the saints and widows, he gave her to them, living. <sup>42</sup> And news of it went all through Joppa, and a number of people had faith in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> And he was living in Joppa for some time with Simon, a leather-worker.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, named Cornelius, the captain of the Italian band of the army; <sup>2</sup> A serious-minded man, fearing God with all his family; he gave much money to the poor, and made prayer to God at all times. <sup>3</sup> He saw in a vision, clearly, at about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of the Lord coming to him and saying to him, Cornelius! <sup>4</sup> And he, looking on him in fear, said, What is it, Lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and your offerings have come up to God, and he has kept them in mind. <sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa, and get one Simon, named Peter, <sup>6</sup> Who is living with Simon, a leather-worker, whose house is by the sea. <sup>7</sup> And when the angel who said these words to him had gone away, he sent for two of his house-servants, and a God-fearing man of the army, one of those who were waiting on him at all times; <sup>8</sup> And having given them an account of everything, he sent them to Joppa. <sup>9</sup> Now the day after, when they were on their journey and were near the town, Peter went up to the top of the house for prayer, about the sixth hour: <sup>10</sup> And he was in need of food: but while they were getting it ready, a deep sleep came on him; <sup>11</sup> And he saw the heavens opening, and a vessel coming down, like a great cloth let down on the

earth, <sup>12</sup> In which were all sorts of beasts and birds. <sup>13</sup> And a voice came to him, saying, Come, Peter; take them for food. <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, No, Lord; for I have never taken food which is common or unclean. <sup>15</sup> And the voice came to him a second time, What God has made clean, do not you make common. <sup>16</sup> And this was done three times: and then the vessel was taken back into heaven. <sup>17</sup> Now while Peter was in doubt as to the purpose of this vision, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made search for Simon's house, came to the door, <sup>18</sup> To see if Simon, named Peter, was living there. <sup>19</sup> And, while Peter was turning the vision over in his mind, the Spirit said to him, See, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup> Go down, then, and go with them, doubting nothing, for I have sent them. <sup>21</sup> And Peter went down to the men, and said, I am the man you are looking for: why have you come? <sup>22</sup> And they said, Cornelius, a captain, an upright and God-fearing man, respected by all the nation of the Jews, had word from God by an angel to send for you to his house, and to give hearing to your words. <sup>23</sup> So he took them in for the night. And the day after, he went with them, taking some of the brothers from Joppa with him. <sup>24</sup> And the day after that, they came to Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having got together his relations and his near friends. <sup>25</sup> And when Peter came in, Cornelius came to him and, falling down at his feet, gave him worship. <sup>26</sup> But Peter, lifting him up, said, Get up, for I am a man as you are. <sup>27</sup> And saying these words, he went in, and saw that a great number of people had come together; <sup>28</sup> And he said to them, You yourselves have knowledge that it is against the law for a man who is a Jew to be in the company of one who is of another nation; but God has made it clear to me that no man may be named common or unclean: <sup>29</sup> And so I came without question, when I was sent for. What then is your purpose in sending for me? <sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, Four days from now I was in my house in prayer at the ninth hour; and I saw before me a man in shining clothing, <sup>31</sup> Who said, Cornelius, your prayer has come to the ears of God, and your offerings are kept in his memory. <sup>32</sup> Send, then, to Joppa, and get Simon, named Peter, to come to you; he is living in the house of Simon, a leather-worker, by the sea. <sup>33</sup> So, straight away, I sent for you; and you have done well to come. And now, we are all present before God, ready to give attention to all the things which the Lord has given you to say. <sup>34</sup> Then Peter said, Truly, I see clearly that God is no respecter of persons: <sup>35</sup> But in every nation, the man who has fear of him and does righteousness is pleasing to him. <sup>36</sup> The word which he sent to the children of Israel, giving the good news of peace through Jesus Christ (who is Lord of all) — <sup>37</sup> That word you yourselves have knowledge of, which was made public through all Judaea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism of which John was the preacher, <sup>38</sup> About Jesus of Nazareth, how God gave the Holy Spirit to him, with power: and how he went about doing good and making well all who were troubled by evil spirits, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all the things which he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem; whom they put to death, hanging him on a tree. <sup>40</sup> On the third day God gave him back to life, and let him be seen, <sup>41</sup> Not by all the people, but by witnesses marked out before by God, even by us, who took food and drink with him after he came back from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he gave us orders to give news of

this to the people, and to give public witness that this is he whom God has made judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets give witness, that through his name everyone who has faith in him will have forgiveness of sins. <sup>44</sup> While Peter was saying these words, the Holy Spirit came on all those who were hearing the word. <sup>45</sup> And the Jews of the faith, who had come with Peter, were full of wonder, because the Holy Spirit was given to the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> And they were talking in tongues, and giving glory to God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> Will any man say that these may not have baptism who have been given the Holy Spirit as we have? <sup>48</sup> And he gave orders for them to have baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they kept him with them for some days.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> Now the Apostles and the brothers who were in Judaea had news that the word of God had been given to the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup> And when Peter came to Jerusalem, those who kept the rule of circumcision had an argument with him, <sup>3</sup> Saying, You went to men without circumcision, and took food with them. <sup>4</sup> But Peter gave them an account of it all in order, saying to them, <sup>5</sup> I was in the town of Joppa, at prayer: and falling into a deep sleep, I saw in a vision a vessel like a great cloth let down from heaven, and it came down to me: <sup>6</sup> And looking on it with attention I saw in it all sorts of beasts and birds. <sup>7</sup> And a voice came to my ears saying, Come, Peter; take them for food. <sup>8</sup> But I said, No, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever come into my mouth. <sup>9</sup> But the voice, coming a second time from heaven, said, What God has made clean, do not you make common. <sup>10</sup> And this was done three times, and they were all taken up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup> And at that minute, three men, sent from Caesarea, came to the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit gave me orders to go with them, doubting nothing. And these six brothers came with me; and we went into that man's house: <sup>13</sup> And he gave us an account of how he had seen the angel in his house, saying, Send to Joppa, and get Simon, named Peter, to come to you; <sup>14</sup> Who will say words to you through which you and all your family may get salvation. <sup>15</sup> And, while I was talking to them, the Holy Spirit came on them, as on us at first. <sup>16</sup> And the words of the Lord came into my mind, how he said, The baptism of John was with water, but you will have baptism with the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them, when they had faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the same as he gave to us, who was I to go against God? <sup>18</sup> And hearing these things they said nothing more, but gave glory to God, saying, Then to the Gentiles as to us has God given a change of heart, so that they may have life. <sup>19</sup> Then those who had gone away at the time of the trouble about Stephen, went as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus, preaching to the Jews only. <sup>20</sup> But some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, when they came to Antioch, gave the good news about the Lord Jesus to the Greeks. <sup>21</sup> And the power of the Lord was with them, and a great number had faith and were turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And news of them came to the ears of the church at Jerusalem: and they sent Barnabas as far as Antioch: <sup>23</sup> Who, when he came and saw the grace of God, was glad; and he made clear to them the need of keeping near the Lord with all the strength of their hearts: <sup>24</sup> For he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and a great number were



joined to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> Then he went on to Tarsus, looking for Saul; <sup>26</sup> And when he had come across him, he took him to Antioch. And they were with the church there for a year, teaching the people; and the disciples were first given the name of Christians in Antioch. <sup>27</sup> Now in those days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> And one of them, named Agabus, said publicly through the Spirit that there would be serious need of food all over the earth: which came about in the time of Claudius. <sup>29</sup> And the disciples, everyone as he was able, made a decision to send help to the brothers living in Judaea: <sup>30</sup> Which they did, sending it to the rulers of the church by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> Now, about that time, Herod the king made cruel attacks on the Christians. <sup>2</sup> And he put James, the brother of John, to death with the sword. <sup>3</sup> And when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he went on to take Peter in addition. This was at the time of the feast of unleavened bread. <sup>4</sup> And having taken him, he put him in prison, with four bands of armed men to keep watch over him; his purpose being to take him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison: but the church made strong prayer to God for him. <sup>6</sup> And when Herod was about to take him out, the same night Peter was sleeping in chains between two armed men, and the watchmen were keeping watch before the door of the prison. <sup>7</sup> And a great light was seen shining in the room, and an angel of the Lord came to Peter and, touching him on his side so that he came out of his sleep, said, Get up quickly. And his chains came off his hands. <sup>8</sup> Then the angel said, Put on your shoes and get ready to go. And he did so. And he said, Put your coat round you and come with me. <sup>9</sup> And he went out after him; and he was not certain if what was done by the angel was a fact, for it seemed to him that he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> And when they had gone past the first and second watchmen they came to the iron door into the town, which came open by itself: and they went out and down one street; and then the angel went away. <sup>11</sup> And when Peter came to his senses he said, Now, truly, I am certain that the Lord has sent his angel and taken me out of the hands of Herod, against all the hopes of the Jews. <sup>12</sup> And when he became clear about this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John named Mark, where a number of them had come together for prayer. <sup>13</sup> And he gave a blow on the door, and a young girl came to it, named Rhoda. <sup>14</sup> And hearing the voice of Peter, in her joy she went running, without opening the door, to say that Peter was outside. <sup>15</sup> And they said to her, You are off your head. But still she said, with decision, that it was so. And they said, It is his angel. <sup>16</sup> But Peter went on giving blows on the door: and when it was open and they saw him, they were full of wonder. <sup>17</sup> But he made a sign to them with his hand to be quiet, and gave them an account of how the Lord had taken him out of prison. And he said, Give the news to James and the brothers. And then he went away. <sup>18</sup> Now when it was day, the armed men were greatly troubled about what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> And Herod, when he sent for him, and he was not there, after questioning the watchmen, gave orders that they were to be put to death. Then he went down from Judaea to Caesarea for a time. <sup>20</sup> Now he was very angry with the people of Tyre

and Sidon: and they came to him, all together, and having made friends with Blastus, the controller of the king's house, they made a request for peace, because their country was dependent on the king's country for its food. <sup>21</sup> And on the day which had been fixed, Herod, dressed in his robes and seated in his place, made a public statement to them. <sup>22</sup> And the people, with loud cries, said, It is the voice of a god, not of a man. <sup>23</sup> And straight away the angel of the Lord sent a disease on him, because he did not give the glory to God: and his flesh was wasted away by worms, and so he came to his end. <sup>24</sup> But the word of the Lord went on increasing. <sup>25</sup> And Barnabas and Saul came back from Jerusalem, when their work was ended, taking with them John named Mark.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> Now there were at Antioch, in the church there, prophets and teachers, Barnabas, and Symeon who was named Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, a relation of Herod the king, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> And while they were doing the Lord's work, and going without food, the Holy Spirit said, Let Barnabas and Saul be given to me for the special work for which they have been marked out by me. <sup>3</sup> Then, after prayer and going without food they put their hands on them, and sent them away. <sup>4</sup> So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they went by ship to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> And at Salamis they were preaching the word of God in the Synagogues of the Jews: and John was with them, helping them. <sup>6</sup> And when they had gone through all the island to Paphos, they came across a certain wonder-worker and false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus; <sup>7</sup> Who was with the ruler, Sergius Paulus, an able man. This man sent for Barnabas and Saul, desiring to have knowledge of the word of God. <sup>8</sup> But Elymas, the wonder-worker (for that is the sense of his name), put himself against them, with the purpose of turning the ruler from the faith. <sup>9</sup> But Saul, whose other name is Paul, being full of the Holy Spirit, looking hard at him, said, <sup>10</sup> O you, who are full of false tricks and evil ways, a son of the Evil One, hating all righteousness, will you for ever be turning people from the right ways of the Lord? <sup>11</sup> And now, see, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind and not able to see the sun for a time. And straight away a dark mist came down on him; and he went about looking for a guide. <sup>12</sup> Then the ruler, when he saw what was done, had faith, being full of wonder at the teaching of the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul and those who were with him went by ship from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia: and there John went away from them and came back to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> But they, going through from Perga, came to Antioch in Pisidia; and they went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath and were seated. <sup>15</sup> And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the Synagogue sent to them, saying, Brothers, if you have a word of comfort for the people, say on. <sup>16</sup> And Paul, getting up and making a sign with his hand, said, Men of Israel, and you who have the fear of God, give ear. <sup>17</sup> The God of this people Israel made selection of our fathers, lifting the people up from their low condition when they were living in the land of Egypt, and with a strong arm took them out of it. <sup>18</sup> And for about forty years he put up with their ways in the waste land. <sup>19</sup> And having put to destruction seven

nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them the land for their heritage for about four hundred and fifty years. <sup>20</sup> And after these things he gave them judges, till the time of Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup> Then at their request for a king, God gave them Saul, the son of Kish, a man of the family of Benjamin, who was their king for forty years. <sup>22</sup> And having put him on one side, he made David their king, to whom he gave witness, saying, I have taken David, the son of Jesse, a man dear to my heart, who will do all my pleasure. <sup>23</sup> From this man's seed has God given to Israel a Saviour, even Jesus, as he gave his word; <sup>24</sup> For whose coming John made ready the way by preaching to all the people of Israel the baptism which goes with a change of heart. <sup>25</sup> And when John was completing his work, he said, What do I seem to you to be? I am not he; but one is coming after me, whose shoes I am not good enough to undo. <sup>26</sup> My brothers, children of the family of Abraham, and those among you who have the fear of God, to us the word of this salvation is sent. <sup>27</sup> For the men of Jerusalem and their rulers, having no knowledge of him, or of the sayings of the prophets which come to their ears every Sabbath day, gave effect to them by judging him. <sup>28</sup> And though no cause of death was seen in him, they made a request to Pilate that he might be put to death. <sup>29</sup> And when they had done all the things said in the Writings about him, they took him down from the tree, and put him in the place of the dead. <sup>30</sup> But God gave him back from the dead: <sup>31</sup> And for a number of days he was seen by those who came with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses before the people. <sup>32</sup> And we are giving you the good news of the undertaking made to the fathers, <sup>33</sup> Which God has now put into effect for our children, by sending Jesus; as it says in the second Psalm, You are my Son; this day I have given you being. <sup>34</sup> And about his coming back from the dead, never again to go to destruction, he has said these words, I will give you the holy and certain mercies of David. <sup>35</sup> Because he says in another Psalm, You will not let your Holy One see destruction. <sup>36</sup> Now David, having done God's work for his generation, went to sleep, and was put with his fathers, and his body came to destruction: <sup>37</sup> But he, who was lifted up by God, did not see destruction. <sup>38</sup> And so, let it be clear to you, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is offered to you: <sup>39</sup> And through him everyone who has faith is made free from all those things, from which the law of Moses was not able to make you free. <sup>40</sup> So take care that these words of the prophets do not come true for you; <sup>41</sup> See, you doubters, have wonder and come to your end; for I will do a thing in your days to which you will not give belief, even if it is made clear to you. <sup>42</sup> And when they went out, they made a request that these words might be said to them again on the Sabbath after. <sup>43</sup> Now when the meeting was ended, a number of the Jews and of the God-fearing Gentiles who had become Jews, went after Paul and Barnabas: who put before them how important it was to keep on in the grace of God. <sup>44</sup> And on the Sabbath after, almost all the town came together to give hearing to the word of God. <sup>45</sup> But when the Jews saw such a great number of people, they were full of envy and said evil words against Paul's preaching. <sup>46</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas without fear said, It was necessary for the word of God to be given to you first; but because you will have nothing to do with it, and have no desire for eternal life, it

will now be offered to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has given us orders, saying, I have given you for a light to the Gentiles so that you may be for salvation to the ends of the earth. <sup>48</sup> And the Gentiles, hearing this, were glad and gave glory to the word of God: and those marked out by God for eternal life had faith. <sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord went through all the country. <sup>50</sup> But the Jews, working up the feelings of the God-fearing women of high position and of the chief men of the town, got an attack started against Paul and Barnabas, driving them out of those parts. <sup>51</sup> But they, shaking off the dust of that place from their feet, came to Iconium. <sup>52</sup> And the disciples were full of joy and of the Holy Spirit.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> Now in Iconium they went together to the Synagogue of the Jews and gave such teaching that a great number of Jews and Greeks had faith. <sup>2</sup> But those Jews who had not the faith, made the minds of the Gentiles bitter against the brothers. <sup>3</sup> So they kept there for a long time, taking heart in the Lord, who gave witness to the word of his grace by causing signs and wonders to be done by their hands. <sup>4</sup> But there was a division among the people of the town; some were on the side of the Jews and some on the side of the Apostles. <sup>5</sup> And when a violent attempt was made by the Gentiles and the Jews, with their rulers, to make an attack on them and have them stoned, <sup>6</sup> Having got news of it, they went in flight to the towns of Lycaonia, Lystra, and Derbe, and the country round about: <sup>7</sup> And went on preaching the good news there. <sup>8</sup> And at Lystra there was a certain man, who from birth had been without the use of his feet, never having had the power of walking. <sup>9</sup> This man was giving ear to the preaching of Paul, who, looking at him, and seeing that he had faith to be made well, <sup>10</sup> Said in a loud voice, Get up on your feet. And, jumping up, he went walking about. <sup>11</sup> And when the people saw what Paul had done, they said in a loud voice, in the language of Lycaonia, The gods have come down to us in the form of men. <sup>12</sup> And they gave the name of Jupiter to Barnabas, and to Paul that of Mercury, because he was the chief talker. <sup>13</sup> And the priest of the image of Jupiter, which was before the town, took oxen and flowers to the doors of the town, and was about to make an offering with the people. <sup>14</sup> But when this came to the ears of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas, they went running out among the people, parting their clothing, and crying out, <sup>15</sup> Good people, why are you doing these things? We are men with the same feelings as you, and we give you the good news so that you may be turned away from these foolish things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all things in them: <sup>16</sup> Who in the past let all nations go in the ways which seemed good to them. <sup>17</sup> But he was not without witness, because he did good, and gave you rain from heaven and times of fruit, making your hearts full of food and joy. <sup>18</sup> And even with these words, it was hard for them to keep the people from making an offering to them. <sup>19</sup> But some Jews came to that place from Antioch and Iconium, and got control over the people; and after stoning Paul, they had him pulled out of the town, taking him for dead. <sup>20</sup> But when the disciples came round him, he got up and went into the town: and the day after he went away with Barnabas to Derbe. <sup>21</sup> And having made a number

of disciples through the preaching of the good news in that town, they went back to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> Making strong the souls of the disciples, saying to them that they were to keep the faith, and that we have to go through troubles of all sorts to come into the kingdom of God. <sup>23</sup> And when they had made selection of some to be rulers in every church, and had given themselves to prayer and kept themselves from food, they put them into the care of the Lord in whom they had faith. <sup>24</sup> And they went through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. <sup>25</sup> And, after preaching the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; <sup>26</sup> And from there they went by ship to Antioch, where they had been handed over to the grace of God for the work which they had not done. <sup>27</sup> And when they came there, and had got the church together, they gave them an account of all the things which God had done through them, and how he had made open a door of faith to the Gentiles. <sup>28</sup> And they were with the disciples there for a long time.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> Now certain men came down from Judaea, teaching the brothers and saying that without circumcision, after the rule of Moses, there is no salvation. <sup>2</sup> And after Paul and Barnabas had had no little argument and discussion with them, the brothers made a decision to send Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them to the Apostles and the rulers of the church at Jerusalem about this question. <sup>3</sup> So they, being sent on their way by the church, went through Phoenicia and Samaria, giving news of the salvation of the Gentiles, to the great joy of all the brothers. <sup>4</sup> And when they came to Jerusalem, they had a meeting with the church and the Apostles and the rulers, and they gave an account of all the things which God had done through them. <sup>5</sup> But some of the Pharisees, who were of the faith, got up and said, It is necessary for these to have circumcision and to keep the law of Moses. <sup>6</sup> And the Apostles and the rulers of the church came together and gave thought to the question. <sup>7</sup> And when there had been much discussion, Peter got up and said to them, My brothers, you have knowledge that some time back it was God's pleasure that by my mouth the good news might be given to the Gentiles so that they might have faith. <sup>8</sup> And God, the searcher of hearts, was a witness to them, giving them the Holy Spirit even as he did to us; <sup>9</sup> Making no division between them and us, but making clean their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup> Why then are you testing God, by putting on the neck of the disciples a yoke so hard that not even our fathers or we were strong enough for it? <sup>11</sup> But we have faith that we will get salvation through the grace of the Lord Jesus in the same way as they. <sup>12</sup> And all the people were quiet while Barnabas and Paul gave an account of the signs and wonders which God had done among the Gentiles by them. <sup>13</sup> And when they had come to an end, James, answering, said, My brothers, give ear to me: <sup>14</sup> Symeon has given an account of how God was first pleased to take from among the Gentiles a people for himself. <sup>15</sup> And this is in agreement with the words of the prophets, as it is said, <sup>16</sup> After these things I will come back, and will put up the tent of David which has been broken down, building up again its broken parts and making it complete: <sup>17</sup> So that the rest of men may make search for the Lord, and all the Gentiles on

whom my name is named, <sup>18</sup> Says the Lord, who has made these things clear from the earliest times. <sup>19</sup> For this reason my decision is, that we do not put trouble in the way of those who from among the Gentiles are turned to God; <sup>20</sup> But that we give them orders to keep themselves from things offered to false gods, and from the evil desires of the body, and from the flesh of animals put to death in ways against the law, and from blood. <sup>21</sup> For Moses, from times long past, has his preachers in every town, reading his law in the Synagogues every Sabbath. <sup>22</sup> Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the rulers and all the church, to send men from among them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; Judas, named Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among the brothers: <sup>23</sup> And they sent a letter by them, saying, The Apostles and the older brothers, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, may joy be with you: <sup>24</sup> Because we have knowledge that some who went from us have been troubling you with their words, putting your souls in doubt; to whom we gave no such order; <sup>25</sup> It seemed good to us, having come to an agreement together, to send these men to you, with our well loved Barnabas and Paul, <sup>26</sup> Men who have given up their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup> And so we have sent Judas and Silas, who will say the same things to you themselves, by word of mouth. <sup>28</sup> For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us, to put on you nothing more than these necessary things; <sup>29</sup> To keep from things offered to false gods, and from blood, and from things put to death in ways which are against the law, and from the evil desires of the body; if you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. May you be happy. <sup>30</sup> So they, being sent away, came down to Antioch, and having got the people together, they gave them the letter. <sup>31</sup> And after reading it, they were glad of its comfort. <sup>32</sup> And Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, gave teaching to the brothers and made them strong in the faith. <sup>33</sup> And when they had been there for some time, they were sent back in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. <sup>34</sup> [] <sup>35</sup> But Paul and Barnabas kept on in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of God, with a number of others. <sup>36</sup> And after some days, Paul said to Barnabas, Let us go back and see the brothers in every town where we have given the word of God, and see how they are. <sup>37</sup> And Barnabas had a desire to take with them John, named Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul was of the opinion that it was not right to take with them one who had gone away from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone on with the work. <sup>39</sup> And there was a sharp argument between them, so that they were parted from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and went by ship to Cyprus; <sup>40</sup> But Paul took Silas and went away with the blessing of the brothers. <sup>41</sup> And he went through Syria and Cilicia, making the churches stronger in the faith.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> And he came to Derbe and Lystra: and there was a certain disciple there named Timothy, whose mother was one of the Jews of the faith, but his father was a Greek; <sup>2</sup> Of whom the brothers at Lystra and Iconium had a high opinion. <sup>3</sup> Paul had a desire for him to go with him, and he gave him circumcision because of the Jews who were in those parts: for they all had knowledge that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> And on their

way through the towns, they gave them the rules which had been made by the Apostles and the rulers of the church at Jerusalem, so that they might keep them. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were made strong in the faith and were increased in number every day. <sup>6</sup> And after they had gone through the land of Phrygia and Galatia, the Holy Spirit did not let them take the word into Asia; <sup>7</sup> And having come to Mysia, they made an attempt to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not let them; <sup>8</sup> And going past Mysia, they came down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> And Paul had a vision in the night; a man of Macedonia came, requesting him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia and give us help. <sup>10</sup> And when he had seen the vision, straight away we made the decision to go into Macedonia, for it seemed certain to us that God had sent us to give the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> So, from Troas we went straight by ship to Samothrace and the day after to Neapolis; <sup>12</sup> And from there to Philippi, which is the most important town of Macedonia and a Roman colony: and we were there for some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath we went outside the town, by the river, where we had an idea that there would be a place of prayer; and, being seated, we had talk with the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup> And a certain woman named Lydia, a trader in purple cloth of the town of Thyatira, and a God-fearing woman, gave ear to us: whose heart the Lord made open to give attention to the things which Paul was saying. <sup>15</sup> And when she and her family had had baptism, she made a request to us, saying, If it seems to you that I am true to the Lord, come into my house and be my guests. And she made us come. <sup>16</sup> And when we were going to the place of prayer, we came across a girl with a spirit which gave knowledge of the future, whose masters made great profit from her power. <sup>17</sup> She came after Paul and us, crying out and saying, These men are the servants of the Most High God, who are giving you news of the way of salvation. <sup>18</sup> And this she did on a number of days. But Paul was greatly troubled and, turning, said to the spirit, I give you orders in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her. And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they took Paul and Silas, pulling them into the market-place before the rulers; <sup>20</sup> And when they had taken them before the authorities, they said, These men, who are Jews, are greatly troubling our town; <sup>21</sup> Teaching rules of living which it is not right for us to have or to keep, being Romans. <sup>22</sup> And the people made an attack on them all together: and the authorities took their clothing off them, and gave orders for them to be whipped. <sup>23</sup> And when they had given them a great number of blows, they put them in prison, giving orders to the keeper of the prison to keep them safely: <sup>24</sup> And he, having such orders, put them into the inner prison with chains on their feet. <sup>25</sup> But about the middle of the night, Paul and Silas were making prayers and songs to God in the hearing of the prisoners; <sup>26</sup> And suddenly there was an earth-shock, so that the base of the prison was moved: and all the doors came open, and everyone's chains came off. <sup>27</sup> And the keeper, coming out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, took his sword and was about to put himself to death, fearing that the prisoners had got away. <sup>28</sup> But Paul said in a loud voice, Do yourself no damage, for we are all here. <sup>29</sup> And he sent for lights and came rushing in and, shaking with fear, went down on his face before Paul and Silas,

<sup>30</sup> And took them out and said, Sirs, what have I to do to get salvation? <sup>31</sup> And they said, Have faith in the Lord Jesus, and you and your family will have salvation. <sup>32</sup> And they gave the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And that same hour of the night, he took them, and when he had given attention to their wounds, he and all his family had baptism straight away. <sup>34</sup> And he took them into his house and gave them food, and he was full of joy, having faith in God with all his family. <sup>35</sup> But when it was day, the authorities sent the police, saying, Let these men go. <sup>36</sup> And the keeper said to Paul, The authorities have given orders to let you go: come out now, and go in peace. <sup>37</sup> But Paul said to them, They have given us who are Romans a public whipping without judging us, and have put us in prison. Will they now send us out secretly? no, truly, let them come themselves and take us out. <sup>38</sup> And the police gave an account of these words to the authorities, and they were full of fear on hearing that they were Romans; <sup>39</sup> Then they came and made prayers to them, requesting them, when they had taken them out, to go away from the town. <sup>40</sup> And they came out of the prison and went to the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brothers they gave them comfort and went away.

## 17

<sup>1</sup> Now when they had gone through Amphipolis and Apollonia they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Synagogue of the Jews: <sup>2</sup> And Paul, as he generally did, went in to them, and on three Sabbath days had discussions with them from the holy Writings, <sup>3</sup> Saying to them clearly and openly that Christ had to be put to death and come back to life again; and that this Jesus, whom, he said, I am preaching to you, is the Christ. <sup>4</sup> And some of them had faith, and were joined to Paul and Silas; and a number of the God-fearing Greeks, and some of the chief women. <sup>5</sup> But the Jews, being moved with envy, took with them certain low persons from among the common people, and getting together a great number of people, made an outcry in the town, attacking the house of Jason with the purpose of taking them out to the people. <sup>6</sup> And when they were not able to get them, they took Jason and some of the brothers by force before the rulers of the town, crying, These men, who have made trouble all over the world have now come here; <sup>7</sup> Whom Jason has taken into his house: and they are acting against the orders of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus. <sup>8</sup> And hearing these things the people and the rulers of the town were troubled. <sup>9</sup> And having made Jason and the others give an undertaking to keep the peace, they let them go. <sup>10</sup> And the brothers straight away sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea: and they, when they came there, went to the Synagogue of the Jews. <sup>11</sup> Now these were more noble than the Jews of Thessalonica, for they gave serious attention to the word, searching in the holy Writings every day, to see if these things were so. <sup>12</sup> And a number of them had faith, and no small number of the Greek women of high position and of the men. <sup>13</sup> But when the Jews of Thessalonica had news that Paul was preaching the word at Berea, they came there, troubling the people and working them up. <sup>14</sup> So the brothers sent Paul straight away to the sea: but Silas and Timothy kept there still. <sup>15</sup> But those who went with Paul took him



as far as Athens, and then went away, with orders from him to Silas and Timothy to come to him quickly. <sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was troubled, for he saw all the town full of images of the gods. <sup>17</sup> So he had discussions in the Synagogue with the Jews and God-fearing Gentiles, and every day in the market-place with those who were there. <sup>18</sup> And some of those who were supporters of the theories of the Epicureans and the Stoics, had a meeting with him. And some said, What is this talker of foolish words saying? And others, He seems to be a preacher of strange gods: because he was preaching of Jesus and his coming back from the dead. <sup>19</sup> And they took him to Mars' Hill, saying, Will you make clear to us what is this new teaching of yours? <sup>20</sup> For you seem to us to say strange things, and we have a desire to get the sense of them. <sup>21</sup> (Now all the Athenians and the men from other lands who come there were giving all their time to talking or hearing of anything new.) <sup>22</sup> And Paul got to his feet on Mars' Hill and said, O men of Athens, I see that you are overmuch given to fear of the gods. <sup>23</sup> For when I came by, I was looking at the things to which you give worship, and I saw an altar with this writing on it, TO THE GOD OF WHOM THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE. Now, what you, without knowledge, give worship to, I make clear to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the earth and everything in it, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, is not housed in buildings made with hands; <sup>25</sup> And he is not dependent on the work of men's hands, as if he had need of anything, for he himself gives to all life and breath and all things; <sup>26</sup> And he has made of one blood all the nations of men living on all the face of the earth, ordering their times and the limits of their lands, <sup>27</sup> So that they might make search for God, in order, if possible, to get knowledge of him and make discovery of him, though he is not far from every one of us: <sup>28</sup> For in him we have life and motion and existence; as certain of your verse writers have said, For we are his offspring. <sup>29</sup> If then we are the offspring of God, it is not right for us to have the idea that God is like gold or silver or stone, formed by the art or design of man. <sup>30</sup> Those times when men had no knowledge were overlooked by God; but now he gives orders to all men in every place to undergo a change of heart: <sup>31</sup> Because a day has been fixed in which all the world will be judged in righteousness by the man who has been marked out by him for this work; of which he has given a sign to all men by giving him back from the dead. <sup>32</sup> Now on hearing about the coming back from death, some of them made sport of it, but others said, Let us go more fully into this another time. <sup>33</sup> And so Paul went away from among them. <sup>34</sup> But some men gave him their support: among whom was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

## 18

<sup>1</sup> After these things, he went away from Athens, and came to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And there he came across a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by birth, who not long before had come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had given orders that all Jews were to go away from Rome: and he came to them; <sup>3</sup> And because he was of the same trade, he was living with them, and they did their work together; for by trade they were tent-makers. <sup>4</sup> And every Sabbath he had discussions in the

Synagogue, turning Jews and Greeks to the faith. <sup>5</sup> And when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was completely given up to the word, preaching to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when they put themselves against him, and said evil words, he said, shaking his clothing, Your blood be on your heads, I am clean: from now I will go to the Gentiles. <sup>7</sup> And moving from there, he went into the house of a man named Titus Justus, a God-fearing man, whose house was very near the Synagogue. <sup>8</sup> And Crispus, the ruler of the Synagogue, with all his family, had faith in the Lord; and a great number of the people of Corinth, hearing the word, had faith and were given baptism. <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul in the night, in a vision, Have no fear and go on preaching: <sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one will make an attack on you to do you damage: for I have a number of people in this town. <sup>11</sup> And he was there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. <sup>12</sup> But when Gallio was ruler of Achaia, all the Jews together made an attack on Paul, and took him to the judge's seat, <sup>13</sup> Saying, This man is teaching the people to give worship to God in a way which is against the law. <sup>14</sup> But when Paul was about to say something, Gallio said to the Jews, If this was anything to do with wrongdoing or crime, there would be a reason for me to give you a hearing: <sup>15</sup> But if it is a question of words or names or of your law, see to it yourselves; I will not be a judge of such things. <sup>16</sup> And he sent them away from the judge's seat. <sup>17</sup> And they all made an attack on Sosthenes, the ruler of the Synagogue, and gave him blows before the judge's seat; but Gallio gave no attention to these things. <sup>18</sup> And Paul, after waiting some days, went away from the brothers and went by ship to Syria, Priscilla and Aquila being with him; and he had had his hair cut off in Cenchrea, for he had taken an oath. <sup>19</sup> And they came down to Ephesus and he left them there: and he himself went into the Synagogue and had a discussion with the Jews. <sup>20</sup> And being requested by them to be there for a longer time, he said, No; <sup>21</sup> And went from them, saying, I will come back to you if God lets me; and he took ship from Ephesus. <sup>22</sup> And when he had come to land at Caesarea, he went to see the church, and then went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> And having been there for some time, he went through the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, making the disciples strong in the faith. <sup>24</sup> Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, and a man of learning, came to Ephesus; and he had great knowledge of the holy Writings. <sup>25</sup> This man had been trained in the way of the Lord; and burning in spirit, he gave himself up to teaching the facts about Jesus, though he had knowledge only of John's baptism: <sup>26</sup> And he was preaching in the Synagogue without fear. But Priscilla and Aquila, hearing his words, took him in, and gave him fuller teaching about the way of God. <sup>27</sup> And when he had a desire to go over into Achaia, the brothers gave him help, and sent letters to the disciples requesting them to take him in among them: and when he had come, he gave much help to those who had faith through grace: <sup>28</sup> For he overcame the Jews in public discussion, making clear from the holy Writings that the Christ was Jesus.

## 19

<sup>1</sup> And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having

gone through the higher country, came to Ephesus, where there were certain disciples: <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, Did you get the Holy Spirit when you had faith? And they said to him, No, we have had no knowledge of the Holy Spirit. <sup>3</sup> And he said, What sort of baptism did you have? And they said, The baptism of John. <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, John gave a baptism which goes with a change of heart, saying to the people that they were to have faith in him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus. <sup>5</sup> And hearing this, they had baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had put his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they had the power of talking in tongues, and acting like prophets. <sup>7</sup> And there were about twelve of these men. <sup>8</sup> And he went into the Synagogue, and for three months he was preaching there without fear, reasoning and teaching about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup> But because some of the people were hard-hearted and would not give hearing, saying evil words about the Way before the people, he went away from them, and kept the disciples separate, reasoning every day in the school of Tyrannus. <sup>10</sup> And this went on for two years, so that all those who were living in Asia had knowledge of the word of the Lord, Greeks as well as Jews. <sup>11</sup> And God did special works of power by the hands of Paul: <sup>12</sup> So that bits of linen and clothing from his body were taken to people who were ill, and their diseases went away from them and the evil spirits went out. <sup>13</sup> But some of the Jews who went from place to place driving out evil spirits, took it on themselves to make use of the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, I give you orders, by Jesus, whom Paul is preaching. <sup>14</sup> And there were seven sons of a man named Sceva, a Jew and a chief priest, who did this. <sup>15</sup> And the evil spirit, answering, said to them, I have knowledge of Jesus, and of Paul, but who are you? <sup>16</sup> And the man in whom the evil spirit was, jumping on them, was stronger than the two of them, and overcame them, so that they went running from that house, wounded and without their clothing. <sup>17</sup> And this came to the ears of all those, Jews and Greeks, who were living at Ephesus; and fear came on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was made great. <sup>18</sup> And a number of those who had faith came and made a public statement of their sins and all their acts. <sup>19</sup> And a great number of those who were experts in strange arts took their books and put them on the fire in front of everyone: and when the books were valued they came to fifty thousand bits of silver. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord was increased very greatly and was full of power. <sup>21</sup> Now after these things were ended, Paul came to a decision that when he had gone through Macedonia and Achaia he would go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I have a desire to see Rome. <sup>22</sup> And having sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, into Macedonia, he himself went on living in Asia for a time. <sup>23</sup> And about that time a great outcry took place about the Way. <sup>24</sup> For there was a certain man named Demetrius, a silver-worker, who made silver boxes for the images of Diana, and gave no small profit to the workmen; <sup>25</sup> Whom he got together, with other workmen of the same trade, and said to them, Men, it is clear that from this business we get our wealth. <sup>26</sup> And you see, for it has come to your ears, that not only at Ephesus, but almost all through Asia, this Paul has been teaching numbers of people and turning them away, saying that those are not

gods who are made by men's hands: <sup>27</sup> And there is danger, not only that our trade may be damaged in the opinion of men, but that the holy place of the great goddess Diana may be no longer honoured, and that she to whom all Asia and the world give worship, will be put down from her high position. <sup>28</sup> And hearing this, they were very angry, crying out and saying, Great is Diana of Ephesus. <sup>29</sup> And the town was full of noise and trouble, and they all came running into the theatre, having taken by force Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia who were journeying in company with Paul. <sup>30</sup> And when Paul was about to go in to the people, the disciples did not let him. <sup>31</sup> And some of the rulers of Asia, being his friends, sent to him, requesting him seriously not to put himself in danger by going into the theatre. <sup>32</sup> And some said one thing, and some another: for there was no order in the meeting; and most of them had no idea why they had come together. <sup>33</sup> Then they took Alexander out from among the people, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander, making a sign with his hand, was about to make a statement to the people in answer: <sup>34</sup> But when they saw that he was a Jew, all of them with one voice went on crying out for about two hours, Great is Diana of Ephesus. <sup>35</sup> And when the chief secretary had got the people quiet, he said, Men of Ephesus, is any man without knowledge that the town of Ephesus is the keeper of the holy place of the great Diana, who was sent down from Jupiter? <sup>36</sup> So then, because these things may not be doubted, it would be better for you to be quiet, and do nothing unwise. <sup>37</sup> For you have taken these men, who are not doing damage to the holy place or talking against our goddess. <sup>38</sup> If, then, Demetrius and the workmen who are with him have a protest to make against any man, the law is open to them, and there are judges; let them put up a cause at law against one another. <sup>39</sup> But if any other business is in question, let it be taken up in the regular meeting. <sup>40</sup> For, truly, we are in danger of being made responsible for this day's trouble, there being no cause for it: and we are not able to give any reason for this coming together. <sup>41</sup> And when he had said this, he sent the meeting away.

## 20

<sup>1</sup> And after the noise had come to an end, Paul, having sent for the disciples and given them comfort, went away from them to Macedonia. <sup>2</sup> And when he had gone through those parts and given them much teaching, he came into Greece. <sup>3</sup> And when he had been there three months, because the Jews had made a secret design against him when he was about to take ship for Syria, he made a decision to go back through Macedonia. <sup>4</sup> And Sopater of Beroea, the son of Pyrrhus, and Aristarchus and Secundus of Thessalonica, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia, went with him as far as Asia. <sup>5</sup> But these had gone before, and were waiting for us at Troas. <sup>6</sup> And we went away from Philippi by ship after the days of unleavened bread, and came to them at Troas in five days; and we were there for seven days. <sup>7</sup> And on the first day of the week, when we had come together for the holy meal, Paul gave them a talk, for it was his purpose to go away on the day after; and he went on talking till after the middle of the night. <sup>8</sup> And there were a number of lights in the room where we had come together. <sup>9</sup> And

a certain young man named Eutychus, who was seated in the window, went into a deep sleep; and while Paul went on talking, being overcome by sleep, he had a fall from the third floor, and was taken up dead. <sup>10</sup> And Paul went down and, falling on him, took him in his arms and said, Do not be troubled, for his life is in him. <sup>11</sup> And when he had gone up, and had taken the broken bread, he went on talking to them for a long time, even till dawn, and then he went away. <sup>12</sup> And they took the boy in, living, and were greatly comforted. <sup>13</sup> But we, going before him by ship, went to Assos with the purpose of taking Paul in there: for so he had given orders, because he himself was coming by land. <sup>14</sup> And when he came up with us at Assos, we took him in the ship and went on to Mitylene. <sup>15</sup> And going from there by sea, we came on the day after opposite Chios, and touching at Samos on the day after that, we came on the third day to Miletus. <sup>16</sup> For Paul's purpose was to go past Ephesus, so that he might not be kept in Asia; for he was going quickly, in order, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. <sup>17</sup> And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus for the rulers of the church. <sup>18</sup> And when they had come, he said to them, You yourselves have seen what my life has been like all the time from the day when I first came into Asia, <sup>19</sup> Doing the Lord's work without pride, through all the sorrow and troubles which came on me because of the evil designs of the Jews: <sup>20</sup> And how I kept back nothing which might be of profit to you, teaching you publicly and privately, <sup>21</sup> Preaching to Jews and to Greeks the need for a turning of the heart to God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, as you see, I am going to Jerusalem, a prisoner in spirit, having no knowledge of what will come to me there: <sup>23</sup> Only that the Holy Spirit makes clear to me in every town that prison and pains are waiting for me. <sup>24</sup> But I put no value on my life, if only at the end of it I may see the work complete which was given to me by the Lord Jesus, to be a witness of the good news of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now I am conscious that you, among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom, will not see my face again. <sup>26</sup> And so I say to you this day that I am clean from the blood of all men. <sup>27</sup> For I have not kept back from you anything of the purpose of God. <sup>28</sup> Give attention to yourselves, and to all the flock which the Holy Spirit has given into your care, to give food to the church of God, for which he gave his blood. <sup>29</sup> I am conscious that after I am gone, evil wolves will come in among you, doing damage to the flock; <sup>30</sup> And from among yourselves will come men who will give wrong teaching, turning away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> So keep watch, having in mind that for three years without resting I was teaching every one of you, day and night, with weeping. <sup>32</sup> And now, I give you into the care of God and the word of his grace, which is able to make you strong and to give you your heritage among all the saints. <sup>33</sup> I have had no desire for any man's silver or gold or clothing. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves have seen that with these hands I got what was necessary for me and those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I was an example to you of how, in your lives, you are to give help to the feeble, and keep in memory the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, There is a greater blessing in giving than in getting. <sup>36</sup> And having said these words, he went down on his knees in prayer with them all. <sup>37</sup> And they were all weeping, falling on Paul's neck and kissing him, <sup>38</sup> Being sad most of all

because he had said that they would not see his face again. And so they went with him to the ship.

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<sup>1</sup> And after parting from them, we put out to sea and came straight to Cos, and the day after to Rhodes, and from there to Patara: <sup>2</sup> And as there was a ship going to Phoenicia, we went in it. <sup>3</sup> And when we had come in view of Cyprus, going past it on our left, we went on to Syria, and came to land at Tyre: for there the goods which were in the ship had to be taken out. <sup>4</sup> And meeting the disciples we were there for seven days: and they gave Paul orders through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> And when these days came to an end, we went on our journey; and they all, with their wives and children, came with us on our way till we were out of the town: and after going on our knees in prayer by the sea, <sup>6</sup> We said our last words to one another, and got into the ship, and they went back to their houses. <sup>7</sup> And journeying by ship from Tyre we came to Ptolemais; and there we had talk with the brothers and were with them for one day. <sup>8</sup> And on the day after, we went away and came to Caesarea, where we were guests in the house of Philip, the preacher, who was one of the seven. <sup>9</sup> And he had four daughters, virgins, who were prophets. <sup>10</sup> And while we were waiting there for some days, a certain prophet, named Agabus, came down from Judaea. <sup>11</sup> And he came to us, and took the band of Paul's clothing, and putting it round his feet and hands, said, The Holy Spirit says these words, So will the Jews do to the man who is the owner of this band, and they will give him up into the hands of the Gentiles. <sup>12</sup> And hearing these things, we and those who were living in that place made request to him not to go to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul said, What are you doing, weeping and wounding my heart? for I am ready, not only to be a prisoner, but to be put to death at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>14</sup> And as he might not be moved we did no more, saying, Let the purpose of God be done. <sup>15</sup> And after these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. <sup>16</sup> And some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, taking a certain Mnason of Cyprus, one of the early disciples, in whose house we were to be living. <sup>17</sup> And when we came to Jerusalem, the brothers were pleased to see us. <sup>18</sup> And on the day after, Paul went with us to James, and all the rulers of the church were present. <sup>19</sup> And when he had said how glad he was to see them, he gave them a detailed account of the things which God had done through his work among the Gentiles. <sup>20</sup> And hearing it, they gave praise to God; and they said to him, You see, brother, what thousands there are among the Jews, who have the faith; and they all have a great respect for the law: <sup>21</sup> And they have had news of you, how you have been teaching all the Jews among the Gentiles to give up the law of Moses, and not to give circumcision to their children, and not to keep the old rules. <sup>22</sup> What then is the position? They will certainly get news that you have come. <sup>23</sup> Do this, then, which we say to you: We have four men who have taken an oath; <sup>24</sup> Go with these, and make yourself clean with them, and make the necessary payments for them, so that they may be free from their oath: and everyone will see that the statements made about you are not true, but that you put yourself under rule, and keep the law. <sup>25</sup> But as

to the Gentiles who have the faith, we sent a letter, giving our decision that they were to keep themselves from offerings made to false gods, and from blood, and from the flesh of animals put to death in ways against the law, and from the evil desires of the body. <sup>26</sup> Then Paul took the men, and on the day after, making himself clean with them, he went into the Temple, giving out the statement that the days necessary for making them clean were complete, till the offering was made for every one of them. <sup>27</sup> And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the Temple, got the people together and put their hands on him, <sup>28</sup> Crying out, Men of Israel, come to our help: this is the man who is teaching all men everywhere against the people and the law and this place: and in addition, he has taken Greeks into the Temple, and made this holy place unclean. <sup>29</sup> For they had seen him before in the town with Trophimus of Ephesus, and had the idea that Paul had taken him with him into the Temple. <sup>30</sup> And all the town was moved, and the people came running together and put their hands on Paul, pulling him out of the Temple: and then the doors were shut. <sup>31</sup> And while they were attempting to put him to death, news came to the chief captain of the band that all Jerusalem was out of control. <sup>32</sup> And straight away he took some armed men and went quickly down to them: and the Jews, seeing them, gave no more blows to Paul. <sup>33</sup> Then the chief captain came near and took him, and gave orders for him to be put in chains, questioning them as to who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup> And some said one thing and some another, among the people: and as he was not able to get a knowledge of the facts because of the noise, he gave orders for Paul to be taken into the army building. <sup>35</sup> And when he came on to the steps, he was lifted up by the armed men, because of the force of the people; <sup>36</sup> For a great mass of people came after them, crying out, Away with him! <sup>37</sup> And when Paul was about to be taken into the building, he said to the chief captain, May I say something to you? And he said, Have you a knowledge of Greek? <sup>38</sup> Are you by chance the Egyptian who, before this, got the people worked up against the government and took four thousand men of the Assassins out into the waste land? <sup>39</sup> But Paul said, I am a Jew of Tarsus in Cilicia, which is not an unimportant town: I make a request to you to let me say a word to the people. <sup>40</sup> And when he let him do so, Paul, from the steps, made a sign with his hand to the people, and when they were all quiet, he said to them in the Hebrew language,

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<sup>1</sup> My brothers and fathers, give ear to the story of my life which I now put before you. <sup>2</sup> And, hearing him talking in the Hebrew language, they became the more quiet, and he said, <sup>3</sup> I am a Jew of Tarsus in Cilicia by birth, but I had my education in this town at the feet of Gamaliel, being trained in the keeping of every detail of the law of our fathers; given up to the cause of God with all my heart, as you are today. <sup>4</sup> And I made attacks on this Way, even to death, taking men and women and putting them in prison. <sup>5</sup> Of which the high priest will be a witness, and all the rulers, from whom I had letters to the brothers; and I went into Damascus, to take those who were there as prisoners to Jerusalem for punishment. <sup>6</sup> And it came about that while I was on my journey, coming near to

Damascus, about the middle of the day, suddenly I saw a great light from heaven shining round me. <sup>7</sup> And when I went down on the earth, a voice came to my ears saying to me, Saul, Saul, why are you attacking me so cruelly? <sup>8</sup> And I, answering, said, Who are you; Lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are attacking. <sup>9</sup> And those who were with me saw the light, but the voice of him who was talking to me came not to their ears. <sup>10</sup> And I said, What have I to do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Get up, and go into Damascus; and it will be made clear to you what you have to do. <sup>11</sup> And because I was unable to see because of the glory of that light, those who were with me took me by the hand, and so I came to Damascus. <sup>12</sup> And one Ananias, a God-fearing man, who kept the law, and of whom all the Jews in that place had a high opinion, <sup>13</sup> Came to my side and said, Brother Saul, let your eyes be open. And in that very hour I was able to see him. <sup>14</sup> And he said, You have been marked out by the God of our fathers to have knowledge of his purpose, and to see the Upright One and to give ear to the words of his mouth. <sup>15</sup> For you will be a witness for him to all men of what you have seen and of what has come to your ears. <sup>16</sup> And now, why are you waiting? get up, and have baptism, for the washing away of your sins, giving worship to his name. <sup>17</sup> And it came about that when I had come back to Jerusalem, while I was at prayer in the Temple, my senses became more than naturally clear, <sup>18</sup> And I saw him saying to me, Go out of Jerusalem straight away because they will not give hearing to your witness about me. <sup>19</sup> And I said, Lord, they themselves have knowledge that I went through the Synagogues putting in prison and whipping all those who had faith in you: <sup>20</sup> And when Stephen your witness was put to death, I was there, giving approval, and looking after the clothing of those who put him to death. <sup>21</sup> And he said to me, Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles. <sup>22</sup> And they gave him a hearing as far as this word; then with loud voices they said, Away with this man from the earth; it is not right for him to be living. <sup>23</sup> And while they were crying out, and pulling off their clothing, and sending dust into the air, <sup>24</sup> The chief captain gave orders for him to be taken into the army building, saying that he would put him to the test by whipping, so that he might have knowledge of the reason why they were crying out so violently against him. <sup>25</sup> And when they had put leather bands round him, Paul said to the captain who was present, Is it the law for you to give blows to a man who is a Roman and has not been judged? <sup>26</sup> And hearing this, the man went to the chief captain and gave him an account of it, saying, What are you about to do? for this man is a Roman. <sup>27</sup> And the chief captain came to him and said, Give me an answer; are you a Roman? And he said, Yes. <sup>28</sup> And the chief captain said, I got Roman rights for myself at a great price. And Paul said, But I had them by birth. <sup>29</sup> Then those who were about to put him to the test went away: and the chief captain was in fear, seeing that he was a Roman, and that he had put chains on him. <sup>30</sup> But on the day after, desiring to have certain knowledge of what the Jews had to say against him, he made him free, and gave orders for the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to come together, and he took Paul and put him before them.



## 23

<sup>1</sup> And Paul, looking fixedly at the Sanhedrin, said, My brothers, my life has been upright before God till this day. <sup>2</sup> And the high priest, Ananias, gave orders to those who were near him to give him a blow on the mouth. <sup>3</sup> Then Paul said to him, God will give blows to you, you whitewashed wall: are you here to be my judge by law, and by your orders am I given blows against the law? <sup>4</sup> And those who were near said, Do you say such words against God's high priest? <sup>5</sup> And Paul said, Brother, I had no idea that he was the high priest: for it has been said, You may not say evil about the ruler of your people. <sup>6</sup> But when Paul saw that half of them were Sadducees and the rest Pharisees, he said in the Sanhedrin, Brothers, I am a Pharisee, and the son of Pharisees: I am here to be judged on the question of the hope of the coming back from the dead. <sup>7</sup> And when he had said this, there was an argument between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and a division in the meeting. <sup>8</sup> For the Sadducees say that there is no coming back from the dead, and no angels or spirits: but the Pharisees have belief in all these. <sup>9</sup> And there was a great outcry: and some of the scribes on the side of the Pharisees got up and took part in the discussion, saying, We see no evil in this man: what if he has had a revelation from an angel or a spirit? <sup>10</sup> And when the argument became very violent, the chief captain, fearing that Paul would be pulled in two by them, gave orders to the armed men to take him by force from among them, and take him into the army building. <sup>11</sup> And the night after, the Lord came to his side and said, Be of good heart, for as you have been witnessing for me in Jerusalem, so will you be my witness in Rome. <sup>12</sup> And when it was day, the Jews came together and put themselves under an oath that they would take no food or drink till they had put Paul to death. <sup>13</sup> And more than forty of them took this oath. <sup>14</sup> And they came to the chief priests and the rulers and said, We have taken a great oath to take no food till we have put Paul to death. <sup>15</sup> So now, will you and the Sanhedrin make a request to the military authorities to have him sent down to you, as if you were desiring to go into the business in greater detail; and we, before ever he gets to you, will be waiting to put him to death. <sup>16</sup> But Paul's sister's son had word of their design, and he came into the army building and gave news of it to Paul. <sup>17</sup> And Paul sent for a captain and said, Take this young man to your chief, for he has news for him. <sup>18</sup> So he took him to the chief captain and said, Paul, the prisoner, made a request to me to take this young man to you, for he has something to say to you. <sup>19</sup> And the chief took him by the hand and, going on one side, said to him privately, What is it you have to say to me? <sup>20</sup> And he said, The Jews are in agreement together to make a request to you for Paul to be taken, on the day after this, into the Sanhedrin, to be questioned in greater detail. <sup>21</sup> But do not give way to them, for more than forty of them are waiting for him, having taken an oath not to take food or drink till they have put him to death: and now they are ready, waiting for your order. <sup>22</sup> So the chief captain let the young man go, saying to him, Do not say to anyone that you have given me word of these things. <sup>23</sup> And he sent for two captains and said, Make ready two hundred men, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen, to go to Caesarea, at the third hour of the night: <sup>24</sup> And get

beasts so that they may put Paul on them, and take him safely to Felix, the ruler. <sup>25</sup> And he sent a letter in these words: <sup>26</sup> Claudius Lysias, to the most noble ruler, Felix, peace be with you. <sup>27</sup> This man was taken by the Jews, and was about to be put to death by them, when I came on them with the army and took him out of danger, having knowledge that he was a Roman. <sup>28</sup> And, desiring to get at the reason for their attack on him, I took him down to their Sanhedrin: <sup>29</sup> Then it became clear to me that it was a question of their law, and that nothing was said against him which might be a reason for prison or death. <sup>30</sup> And when news was given to me that a secret design was being made against the man, I sent him straight away to you, giving orders to those who are against him to make their statements before you. <sup>31</sup> So the armed men, as they were ordered, took Paul and came by night to Antipatris. <sup>32</sup> But on the day after, they sent the horsemen on with him, and went back to their place: <sup>33</sup> And they, when they came to Caesarea, gave the letter to the ruler, and took Paul before him. <sup>34</sup> And after reading it, he said, What part of the country do you come from? And, hearing that he was from Cilicia, <sup>35</sup> I will give hearing to your cause, he said, when those who are against you have come. And he gave orders for him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium.

## 24

<sup>1</sup> And after five days, the high priest, Ananias, came with certain of the rulers, and an expert talker, one Tertullus; and they made a statement to Felix against Paul. <sup>2</sup> And when he had been sent for, Tertullus, starting his statement, said, Because by you we are living in peace, and through your wisdom wrongs are put right for this nation, <sup>3</sup> In all things and in all places we are conscious of our great debt to you, most noble Felix. <sup>4</sup> But, so that I may not make you tired, I make a request to you of your mercy, to give hearing to a short statement. <sup>5</sup> For this man, in our opinion, is a cause of trouble, a maker of attacks on the government among Jews through all the empire, and a chief mover in the society of the Nazarenes: <sup>6</sup> Who, in addition, was attempting to make the Temple unclean: whom we took, <sup>7</sup>  <sup>8</sup> And from whom you will be able, by questioning him yourself, to get knowledge of all the things which we say against him. <sup>9</sup> And the Jews were in agreement with his statement, saying that these things were so. <sup>10</sup> Then when the ruler had given him a sign to make his answer, Paul said, Because I have knowledge that you have been a judge over this nation for a number of years, I am glad to make my answer: <sup>11</sup> Seeing that you are able to make certain of the fact that it is not more than twelve days from the time when I came up to Jerusalem for worship; <sup>12</sup> And they have not seen me in argument with any man in the Temple, or working up the feelings of the people, in the Synagogues or in the town: <sup>13</sup> And they are not able to give facts in support of the things which they say against me now. <sup>14</sup> But this I will say openly to you, that I do give worship to the God of our fathers after that Way, which to them is not the true religion: but I have belief in all the things which are in the law and in the books of the prophets: <sup>15</sup> Hoping in God for that which they themselves are looking for, that there will be a coming back from the dead for upright men and wrongdoers. <sup>16</sup> And in this, I do my best at all times to have no reason for shame before God or men. <sup>17</sup> Now

after a number of years I came to give help and offerings to my nation: <sup>18</sup> And having been made clean, I was in the Temple, but not with a great number of people, and not with noise: but there were certain Jews from Asia, <sup>19</sup> And it would have been better if they had come here to make a statement, if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup> Or let these men here present say what wrongdoing was seen in me when I was before the Sanhedrin, <sup>21</sup> But only this one thing which I said among them in a loud voice, I am this day being judged on the question of the coming back from the dead. <sup>22</sup> But Felix, who had a more detailed knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, When Lysias, the chief captain, comes down, I will give attention to your business. <sup>23</sup> And he gave orders to the captain to keep Paul under his control, and to let him have everything he had need of; and not to keep his friends from coming to see him. <sup>24</sup> But after some days, Felix came with Drusilla his wife, who was of the Jews by birth, and sent for Paul, and gave hearing to him about faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> And while he was talking about righteousness and self-control and the judging which was to come, Felix had great fear and said, Go away for the present, and when the right time comes I will send for you. <sup>26</sup> For he was hoping that Paul would give him money: so he sent for him more frequently and had talk with him. <sup>27</sup> But after two years Porcius Festus took the place of Felix, who, desiring to have the approval of the Jews, kept Paul in chains.

## 25

<sup>1</sup> So Festus, having come into that part of the country which was under his rule, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the chief men of the Jews made statements against Paul, <sup>3</sup> Requesting Festus to give effect to their design against him, and send him to Jerusalem, when they would be waiting to put him to death on the way. <sup>4</sup> But Festus, in answer, said that Paul was being kept in prison at Caesarea, and that in a short time he himself was going there. <sup>5</sup> So, he said, let those who have authority among you go with me, and if there is any wrong in the man, let them make a statement against him. <sup>6</sup> And when he had been with them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea; and on the day after, he took his place on the judge's seat, and sent for Paul. <sup>7</sup> And when he came, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem came round him, and made all sorts of serious statements against him, which were not supported by the facts. <sup>8</sup> Then Paul, in his answer to them, said, I have done no wrong against the law of the Jews, or against the Temple, or against Caesar. <sup>9</sup> But Festus, desiring to get the approval of the Jews, said to Paul, Will you go up to Jerusalem, and be judged before me there in connection with these things? <sup>10</sup> And Paul said, I am before the seat of Caesar's authority where it is right for me to be judged: I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you are well able to see. <sup>11</sup> If, then, I am a wrongdoer and there is a cause of death in me, I am ready for death: if it is not as they say against me, no man may give me up to them. Let my cause come before Caesar. <sup>12</sup> Then Festus, having had a discussion with the Jews, made answer, You have said, Let my cause come before Caesar; to Caesar you will go. <sup>13</sup> Now when some days had gone by, King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea and went

to see Festus. <sup>14</sup> And as they were there for some days, Festus gave them Paul's story, saying, There is a certain man here who was put in prison by Felix: <sup>15</sup> Against whom the chief priests and the rulers of the Jews made a statement when I was at Jerusalem, requesting me to give a decision against him. <sup>16</sup> To whom I gave answer that it is not the Roman way to give a man up, till he has been face to face with those who are attacking him, and has had a chance to give an answer to the statements made against him. <sup>17</sup> So, when they had come together here, straight away, on the day after, I took my place on the judge's seat and sent for the man. <sup>18</sup> But when they got up they said nothing about such crimes as I had in mind: <sup>19</sup> But had certain questions against him in connection with their religion, and about one Jesus, now dead, who, Paul said, was living. <sup>20</sup> And as I had not enough knowledge for the discussion of these things, I made the suggestion to him to go to Jerusalem and be judged there. <sup>21</sup> But when Paul made a request that he might be judged by Caesar, I gave orders for him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar. <sup>22</sup> And Agrippa said to Festus, I have a desire to give the man a hearing myself. Tomorrow, he said, you may give him a hearing. <sup>23</sup> So on the day after, when Agrippa and Bernice in great glory had come into the public place of hearing, with the chief of the army and the chief men of the town, at the order of Festus, Paul was sent for. <sup>24</sup> And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all those who are present here with us, you see this man, about whom all the Jews have made protests to me, at Jerusalem and in this place, saying that it is not right for him to be living any longer. <sup>25</sup> But, in my opinion, there is no cause of death in him, and as he himself has made a request to be judged by Caesar, I have said that I would send him. <sup>26</sup> But I have no certain account of him to send to Caesar. So I have sent for him to come before you, and specially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the business has been gone into, I may have something to put in writing. <sup>27</sup> For it seems to me against reason to send a prisoner without making clear what there is against him.

## 26

<sup>1</sup> And Agrippa said to Paul, You may put your cause before us. Then Paul, stretching out his hand, made his answer, saying: <sup>2</sup> In my opinion I am happy, King Agrippa, to be able to give my answer before you today to all these things which the Jews say against me: <sup>3</sup> The more so, because you are expert in all questions to do with the Jews and their ways: so I make my request to you to give me a hearing to the end. <sup>4</sup> All the Jews have knowledge of my way of life from my early years, as it was from the start among my nation, and at Jerusalem; <sup>5</sup> And they are able to say, if they would give witness, that I was living as a Pharisee, in that division of our religion which is most regular in the keeping of the law. <sup>6</sup> And now I am here to be judged because of the hope given by God's word to our fathers; <sup>7</sup> For the effecting of which our twelve tribes have been working and waiting night and day with all their hearts. And in connection with this hope I am attacked by the Jews, O king! <sup>8</sup> Why, in your opinion, is it outside belief for God to make the dead come to life again? <sup>9</sup> For I, truly, was of the opinion that it was right for me to do a number of things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup> And this I did in Jerusalem:

and numbers of the saints I put in prison, having had authority given to me from the chief priests, and when they were put to death, I gave my decision against them. <sup>11</sup> And I gave them punishment frequently, in all the Synagogues, forcing them to say things against God; and burning with passion against them, I went after them even into far-away towns. <sup>12</sup> Then, when I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and orders of the chief priests, <sup>13</sup> In the middle of the day, on the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who were journeying with me. <sup>14</sup> And when we had all gone down on the earth, a voice came to me, saying in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why are you attacking me so cruelly? It is hard for you to go against the impulse which is driving you. <sup>15</sup> And I said, Who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus, whom you are attacking. <sup>16</sup> But get up on your feet: for I have come to you for this purpose, to make you a servant and a witness of the things in which you have seen me, and of those in which you will see me; <sup>17</sup> And I will keep you safe from the people, and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you, <sup>18</sup> To make their eyes open, turning them from the dark to the light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may have forgiveness of sins and a heritage among those who are made holy by faith in me. <sup>19</sup> So, then, King Agrippa, I did not go against the vision from heaven; <sup>20</sup> But I went about, first to those in Damascus and Jerusalem, and through all the country of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, preaching a change of heart, so that they, being turned to God, might give, in their works, the fruits of a changed heart. <sup>21</sup> For this reason, the Jews took me in the Temple, and made an attempt to put me to death. <sup>22</sup> And so, by God's help, I am here today, witnessing to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come about; <sup>23</sup> That the Christ would go through pain, and being the first to come back from the dead, would give light to the people and to the Gentiles. <sup>24</sup> And when he made his answer in these words, Festus said in a loud voice, Paul, you are off your head; your great learning has made you unbalanced. <sup>25</sup> Then Paul said, I am not off my head, most noble Festus, but my words are true and wise. <sup>26</sup> For the king has knowledge of these things, to whom I am talking freely; being certain that all this is common knowledge to him; for it has not been done in secret. <sup>27</sup> King Agrippa, have you faith in the prophets? I am certain that you have. <sup>28</sup> And Agrippa said to Paul, A little more and you will be making me a Christian. <sup>29</sup> And Paul said, It is my prayer to God that, in little or great measure, not only you, but all those hearing me today might be even as I am, but for these chains. <sup>30</sup> And the king and the ruler and Bernice and those who were seated with them got up; <sup>31</sup> And when they had gone away they said to one another, This man has done nothing which might give cause for death or prison. <sup>32</sup> And Agrippa said to Festus, This man might have been made free, if he had not put his cause before Caesar.

## 27

<sup>1</sup> And when the decision had been made that we were to go by sea to Italy, they gave Paul and certain other prisoners into the care of a captain named Julius, of the Augustan band. <sup>2</sup> And we went to sea in a ship of Adramyttium which was sailing to the sea towns of Asia, Aristarchus,

a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us. <sup>3</sup> And on the day after, we came to Sidon; and Julius was kind to Paul, and let him go to see his friends and take a rest. <sup>4</sup> And sailing again from there, we went on under cover of Cyprus, because the wind was against us. <sup>5</sup> And having gone across the sea off Cilicia and Pamphylia we came to Myra, in Lycia. <sup>6</sup> And there the captain came across a ship of Alexandria, sailing for Italy, and put us in it. <sup>7</sup> And when we had gone on slowly for a long time, and had had hard work getting across to Cnidus, for the wind was against us, we went under cover of Crete, in the direction of Salmone; <sup>8</sup> And sailing down the side of it, as well as we were able, we came to a certain place named Fair Havens, near which was the town of Lasea. <sup>9</sup> And as a long time had gone by, and the journey was now full of danger, because it was late in the year, Paul put the position before them, <sup>10</sup> Saying, Friends, I see that this journey will be one of great damage and loss, not only to the goods and the ship, but to ourselves. <sup>11</sup> But the captain gave more attention to the master and the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. <sup>12</sup> And as the harbour was not a good one in which to be for the winter, the greater number of them were for going out to sea, in order, if possible, to put in for the winter at Phoenix, a harbour of Crete, looking to the north-east and south-east. <sup>13</sup> And when the south wind came softly, being of the opinion that their purpose might be effected, they let the ship go and went sailing down the side of Crete, very near to the land. <sup>14</sup> But after a little time, a very violent wind, named Euraquilo, came down from it with great force. <sup>15</sup> And when the ship got into the grip of it, and was not able to make headway into the wind, we gave way, and went before it. <sup>16</sup> And, sailing near the side of a small island named Cauda, we were able, though it was hard work, to make the ship's boat safe: <sup>17</sup> And having got it up, they put cords under and round the ship; but fearing that they might be pushed on to the Syrtis, they let down the sails and so went running before the wind. <sup>18</sup> And, still fighting the storm with all our strength, the day after they made a start at getting the goods out of the ship; <sup>19</sup> And on the third day, they let all the sailing apparatus go over the side. <sup>20</sup> And as we had not seen the sun or stars for a long time, and a great storm was on us, all hope of salvation was gone. <sup>21</sup> And when they had been without food for a long time, Paul got up among them and said, Friends, it would have been better if you had given attention to me and not gone sailing out from Crete, to undergo this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup> But now, I say to you, be of good heart, for there will be no loss of life, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For this night there came to my side an angel of the God who is my Master and whose servant I am, <sup>24</sup> Saying, Have no fear, Paul, for you will come before Caesar, and God has given to you all those who are sailing with you. <sup>25</sup> And so, O men, be of good heart, for I have faith in God that it will be as he said to me. <sup>26</sup> But we will be sent on to a certain island. <sup>27</sup> But when the fourteenth day came, while we were going here and there in the Adriatic sea, about the middle of the night the sailors had an idea that they were getting near land; <sup>28</sup> And they let down the lead, and saw that the sea was a hundred and twenty feet deep; and after a little time they did it again and it was ninety feet. <sup>29</sup> Then, fearing that by chance we might come on to the rocks, they let down four hooks from the back of the ship, and made prayers for the coming of day. <sup>30</sup> Then the

sailors made attempts secretly to get away from the ship, letting down a boat as if they were about to put down hooks from the front of the ship; <sup>31</sup> But Paul said to the captain and his men, If you do not keep these men in the ship, you will not be safe. <sup>32</sup> Then the armed men, cutting the cords of the boat, let her go. <sup>33</sup> And when dawn was near, Paul gave them all orders to take food, saying, This is the fourteenth day you have been waiting and taking no food. <sup>34</sup> So I make request to you to take food; for this is for your salvation: not a hair from the head of any of you will come to destruction. <sup>35</sup> And when he had said this and had taken bread, he gave praise to God before them all, and took a meal of the broken bread. <sup>36</sup> Then they all took heart and did the same. <sup>37</sup> And we were, in the ship, two hundred and seventy-six persons. <sup>38</sup> And when they had had enough food, they made the weight of the ship less, turning the grain out into the sea. <sup>39</sup> And when it was day, they had no knowledge of the land, but they saw an inlet of the sea with a floor of sand, and they had the idea of driving the ship up on to it if possible. <sup>40</sup> So cutting away the hooks, and letting them go into the sea, and freeing the cords of the guiding-blades, and lifting up the sail to the wind, they went in the direction of the inlet. <sup>41</sup> And coming to a point between two seas, they got the ship to land; and the front part was fixed in the sand and not able to be moved, but the back part was broken by the force of the waves. <sup>42</sup> Then the armed men were for putting the prisoners to death, so that no one would get away by swimming. <sup>43</sup> But the captain, desiring to keep Paul safe, kept them from their purpose, and gave orders that those who had knowledge of swimming were to go off the ship and get first to land: <sup>44</sup> And the rest, some on boards and some on things from the ship. And so it came about that they all got safe to land.

## 28

<sup>1</sup> And when we were safe, we made the discovery that the island was named Melita. <sup>2</sup> And the simple people living there were uncommonly kind to us, for they made a fire for us, and took us in, because it was raining and cold. <sup>3</sup> But when Paul had got some sticks together and put them on the fire, a snake came out, because of the heat, and gave him a bite on the hand. <sup>4</sup> And when the people saw it hanging on his hand, they said to one another, Without doubt this man has put someone to death, and though he has got safely away from the sea, God will not let him go on living. <sup>5</sup> But shaking off the beast into the fire, he got no damage. <sup>6</sup> But they had the idea that they would see him becoming ill, or suddenly falling down dead; but after waiting a long time, and seeing that no damage came to him, changing their opinion, they said he was a god. <sup>7</sup> Now near that place there was some land, the property of the chief man of the island, who was named Publius; who very kindly took us into his house as his guests for three days. <sup>8</sup> And the father of Publius was ill, with a disease of the stomach; to whom Paul went, and put his hands on him, with prayer, and made him well. <sup>9</sup> And when this took place, all the others in the island who had diseases came and were made well. <sup>10</sup> Then they gave us great honour, and, when we went away, they put into the ship whatever things we were in need of. <sup>11</sup> And after three months we went to sea in a ship of Alexandria sailing under the sign

of the Dioscuri, which had been at the island for the winter. <sup>12</sup> And going into the harbour at Syracuse, we were waiting there for three days. <sup>13</sup> And from there, going about in a curve, we came to Rhegium: and after one day a south wind came up and on the day after we came to Puteoli: <sup>14</sup> Where we came across some of the brothers, who kept us with them for seven days; and so we came to Rome. <sup>15</sup> And the brothers, when they had news of us, came out from town as far as Appii Forum and the Three Taverns to have a meeting with us: and Paul, seeing them, gave praise to God and took heart. <sup>16</sup> And when we came into Rome, they let Paul have a house for himself and the armed man who kept watch over him. <sup>17</sup> Then after three days he sent for the chief men of the Jews: and when they had come together, he said to them, My brothers, though I had done nothing against the people or the ways of our fathers, I was given, a prisoner from Jerusalem, into the hands of the Romans. <sup>18</sup> Who, when they had put questions to me, were ready to let me go free, because there was no cause of death in me. <sup>19</sup> But when the Jews made protest against it, I had to put my cause into Caesar's hands; not because I have anything to say against my nation. <sup>20</sup> But for this reason I sent for you, to see and have talk with you: for because of the hope of Israel I am in these chains. <sup>21</sup> And they said to him, We have not had letters from Judaea about you, and no one of the brothers has come to us here to give an account or say any evil about you. <sup>22</sup> But we have a desire to give hearing to your opinion: for as to this form of religion, we have knowledge that in all places it is attacked. <sup>23</sup> And when a day had been fixed, they came to his house in great numbers; and he gave them teaching, giving witness to the kingdom of God, and having discussions with them about Jesus, from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening. <sup>24</sup> And some were in agreement with what he said, but some had doubts. <sup>25</sup> And they went away, for there was a division among them after Paul had said this one thing: Well did the Holy Spirit say by the prophet Isaiah to your fathers, <sup>26</sup> Go to this people and say, Though you give ear, you will not get knowledge; and seeing, you will see, but the sense will not be clear to you: <sup>27</sup> For the heart of this people has become fat and their ears are slow in hearing and their eyes are shut; for fear that they might see with their eyes and give hearing with their ears and become wise in their hearts and be turned again to me, so that I might make them well. <sup>28</sup> Be certain, then, that the salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles, and they will give hearing. <sup>29</sup> [] <sup>30</sup> And for the space of two years, Paul was living in the house of which he had the use, and had talk with all those who went in to see him, <sup>31</sup> Preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ without fear, and no orders were given that he was not to do so.



## Paul's Letter to the Romans

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, an Apostle by the selection of God, given authority as a preacher of the good news, <sup>2</sup> Of which God had given word before by his prophets in the holy Writings, <sup>3</sup> About his Son who, in the flesh, came from the family of David, <sup>4</sup> But was marked out as Son of God in power by the Holy Spirit through the coming to life again of the dead; Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> Through whom grace has been given to us, sending us out to make disciples to the faith among all nations, for his name: <sup>6</sup> Among whom you in the same way have been marked out to be disciples of Jesus Christ: <sup>7</sup> To all those who are in Rome, loved by God, marked out as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> First of all, I give praise to my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because news of your faith has gone into all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whose servant I am in spirit in the good news of his Son, that you are at all times in my memory and in my prayers, <sup>10</sup> And that I am ever making prayers that God will give me a good journey to you. <sup>11</sup> For I have a strong desire to see you, and to give you some grace of the spirit, so that you may be made strong; <sup>12</sup> That is to say, that all of us may be comforted together by the faith which is in you and in me. <sup>13</sup> You may be certain, my brothers, that it has frequently been in my mind to come to you (but till now I was kept from it), so that I might have some fruit from you in the same way as I have had it from the other nations. <sup>14</sup> I have a debt to Greeks and to the nations outside; to the wise and to those who have no learning. <sup>15</sup> For which reason I have the desire, as far as I am able, to give the knowledge of the good news to you who are in Rome. <sup>16</sup> For I have no feeling of shame about the good news, because it is the power of God giving salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first, and then to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it there is the revelation of the righteousness of God from faith to faith: as it is said in the holy Writings, The man who does righteousness will be living by his faith. <sup>18</sup> For there is a revelation of the wrath of God from heaven against all the wrongdoing and evil thoughts of men who keep down what is true by wrongdoing; <sup>19</sup> Because the knowledge of God may be seen in them, God having made it clear to them. <sup>20</sup> For from the first making of the world, those things of God which the eye is unable to see, that is, his eternal power and existence, are fully made clear, he having given the knowledge of them through the things which he has made, so that men have no reason for wrongdoing: <sup>21</sup> Because, having the knowledge of God, they did not give glory to God as God, and did not give praise, but their minds were full of foolish things, and their hearts, being without sense, were made dark. <sup>22</sup> Seeming to be wise, they were in fact foolish, <sup>23</sup> And by them the glory of the eternal God was changed and made into the image of man who is not eternal, and of birds and beasts and things which go on the earth. <sup>24</sup> For this reason God gave them up to the evil desires of their hearts, working shame in their bodies with one another: <sup>25</sup> Because by them the true word of God was changed into that which

is false, and they gave worship and honour to the thing which is made, and not to him who made it, to whom be blessing for ever. So be it.<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to evil passions, and their women were changing the natural use into one which is unnatural:<sup>27</sup> And in the same way the men gave up the natural use of the woman and were burning in their desire for one another, men doing shame with men, and getting in their bodies the right reward of their evil-doing.<sup>28</sup> And because they had not the mind to keep God in their knowledge, God gave them up to an evil mind, to do those things which are not right;<sup>29</sup> Being full of all wrongdoing, evil, desire for the goods of others, hate, envy, putting to death, fighting, deceit, cruel ways, evil talk, and false statements about others;<sup>30</sup> Hated by God, full of pride, without respect, full of loud talk, given to evil inventions, not honouring father or mother,<sup>31</sup> Without knowledge, not true to their undertakings, unkind, having no mercy:<sup>32</sup> Who, though they have knowledge of the law of God, that the fate of those who do these things is death, not only go on doing these things themselves, but give approval to those who do them.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> So you have no reason, whoever you are, for judging: for in judging another you are judging yourself, for you do the same things. <sup>2</sup> And we are conscious that God is a true judge against those who do such things. <sup>3</sup> But you who are judging another for doing what you do yourself, are you hoping that God's decision will not take effect against you? <sup>4</sup> Or is it nothing to you that God had pity on you, waiting and putting up with you for so long, not seeing that in his pity God's desire is to give you a change of heart? <sup>5</sup> But by your hard and unchanged heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of the revelation of God's judging in righteousness; <sup>6</sup> Who will give to every man his right reward: <sup>7</sup> To those who go on with good works in the hope of glory and honour and salvation from death, he will give eternal life: <sup>8</sup> But to those who, from a love of competition, are not guided by what is true, will come the heat of his wrath, <sup>9</sup> Trouble and sorrow on all whose works are evil, to the Jew first and then to the Greek; <sup>10</sup> But glory and honour and peace to all whose works are good, to the Jew first and then to the Greek: <sup>11</sup> For one man is not different from another before God. <sup>12</sup> All those who have done wrong without the law will get destruction without the law: and those who have done wrong under the law will have their punishment by the law; <sup>13</sup> For it is not the hearers of the law who will be judged as having righteousness before God, but only the doers: <sup>14</sup> For when the Gentiles without the law have a natural desire to do the things in the law, they are a law to themselves; <sup>15</sup> Because the work of the law is seen in their hearts, their sense of right and wrong giving witness to it, while their minds are at one time judging them and at another giving them approval; <sup>16</sup> In the day when God will be a judge of the secrets of men, as it says in the good news of which I am a preacher, through Jesus Christ. <sup>17</sup> But as for you who have the name of Jew, and are resting on the law, and take pride in God, <sup>18</sup> And have knowledge of his desires, and are a judge of the things which are different, having the learning of the law, <sup>19</sup> In the belief that you are a guide to the blind, a light to those in the dark, <sup>20</sup> A teacher

of the foolish, having in the law the form of knowledge and of what is true; <sup>21</sup> You who give teaching to others, do you give it to yourself? you who say that a man may not take what is not his, do you take what is not yours? <sup>22</sup> You who say that a man may not be untrue to his wife, are you true to yours? you who are a hater of images, do you do wrong to the house of God? <sup>23</sup> You who take pride in the law, are you doing wrong to the honour of God by behaviour which is against the law? <sup>24</sup> For the name of God is shamed among the Gentiles because of you, as it is said in the holy Writings. <sup>25</sup> It is true that circumcision is of use if you keep the law, but if you go against the law it is as if you had it not. <sup>26</sup> If those who have not circumcision keep the rules of the law, will it not be credited to them as circumcision? <sup>27</sup> And they, by their keeping of the law without circumcision, will be judges of you, by whom the law is broken though you have the letter of the law and circumcision. <sup>28</sup> The true Jew is not one who is only so publicly, and circumcision is not that which may be seen in the flesh: <sup>29</sup> But he is a Jew who is a secret one, whose circumcision is of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> How then is the Jew better off? or what profit is there in circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Much in every way: first of all because the words of God were given to them. <sup>3</sup> And if some have no faith, will that make the faith of God without effect? <sup>4</sup> In no way: but let God be true, though every man is seen to be untrue; as it is said in the Writings, That your words may be seen to be true, and you may be seen to be right when you are judged. <sup>5</sup> But if the righteousness of God is supported by our wrongdoing what is to be said? is it wrong for God to be angry (as men may say)? <sup>6</sup> In no way: because if it is so, how is God able to be the judge of all the world? <sup>7</sup> But if, because I am untrue, God being seen to be true gets more glory, why am I to be judged as a sinner? <sup>8</sup> Let us not do evil so that good may come (a statement which we are falsely said by some to have made), because such behaviour will have its right punishment. <sup>9</sup> What then? are we worse off than they? In no way: because we have before made it clear that Jews as well as Greeks are all under the power of sin; <sup>10</sup> As it is said in the holy Writings, There is not one who does righteousness; <sup>11</sup> Not one who has the knowledge of what is right, not one who is a searcher after God; <sup>12</sup> They have all gone out of the way, there is no profit in any of them; there is not one who does good, not so much as one: <sup>13</sup> Their throat is like an open place of death; with their tongues they have said what is not true: the poison of snakes is under their lips: <sup>14</sup> Whose mouth is full of curses and bitter words: <sup>15</sup> Their feet are quick in running after blood; <sup>16</sup> Destruction and trouble are in their ways; <sup>17</sup> And of the way of peace they have no knowledge: <sup>18</sup> There is no fear of God before their eyes. <sup>19</sup> Now, we have knowledge that what the law says is for those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and all men may be judged by God: <sup>20</sup> Because by the works of the law no man is able to have righteousness in his eyes, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now without the law there is a revelation of the righteousness of God, to which witness is given by the

law and the prophets; <sup>22</sup> That is, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ, to all those who have faith; and one man is not different from another; <sup>23</sup> For all have done wrong and are far from the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> And they may have righteousness put to their credit, freely, by his grace, through the salvation which is in Christ Jesus: <sup>25</sup> Whom God has put forward as the sign of his mercy, through faith, by his blood, to make clear his righteousness when, in his pity, God let the sins of earlier times go without punishment; <sup>26</sup> And to make clear his righteousness now, so that he might himself be upright, and give righteousness to him who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> What reason, then, is there for pride? It is shut out. By what sort of law? of works? No, but by a law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For this reason, then, a man may get righteousness by faith without the works of the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? is he not in the same way the God of Gentiles? Yes, of Gentiles: <sup>30</sup> If God is one; and he will give righteousness because of faith to those who have circumcision, and through faith to those who have not circumcision. <sup>31</sup> Do we, then, through faith make the law of no effect? in no way: but we make it clear that the law is important.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> What, then, may we say that Abraham, our father after the flesh, has got? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham got righteousness by works, he has reason for pride; but not before God. <sup>3</sup> But what does it say in the holy Writings? And Abraham had faith in God, and it was put to his account as righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Now, the reward is credited to him who does works, not as of grace but as a debt. <sup>5</sup> But to him who without working has faith in him who gives righteousness to the evil-doer, his faith is put to his account as righteousness. <sup>6</sup> As David says that there is a blessing on the man to whose account God puts righteousness without works, saying, <sup>7</sup> Happy are those who have forgiveness for their wrongdoing, and whose sins are covered. <sup>8</sup> Happy is the man against whom no sin is recorded by the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Is this blessing, then, for the circumcision only, or in the same way for those who have not circumcision? for we say that the faith of Abraham was put to his account as righteousness. <sup>10</sup> How, then, was it judged? when he had circumcision, or when he had it not? Not when he had it, but when he did not have it: <sup>11</sup> And he was given the sign of circumcision as a witness of the faith which he had before he underwent circumcision: so that he might be the father of all those who have faith, though they have not circumcision, and so that righteousness might be put to their account; <sup>12</sup> And the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who keep to the way of that faith which our father Abraham had before he underwent circumcision. <sup>13</sup> For God's word, that the earth would be his heritage, was given to Abraham, not through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if they who are of the law are the people who get the heritage, then faith is made of no use, and the word of God has no power; <sup>15</sup> For the outcome of the law is wrath; but where there is no law it will not be broken. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it is of faith, so that it may be through grace; and so that the word of God may be certain to all the seed; not only to that which is of the law, but to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is

the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> (As it is said in the holy Writings, I have made you a father of a number of nations) before him in whom he had faith, that is, God, who gives life to the dead, and to whom the things which are not are as if they were. <sup>18</sup> Who without reason for hope, in faith went on hoping, so that he became the father of a number of nations, as it had been said, So will your seed be. <sup>19</sup> And not being feeble in faith though his body seemed to him little better than dead (he being about a hundred years old) and Sarah was no longer able to have children: <sup>20</sup> Still, he did not give up faith in the undertaking of God, but was made strong by faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup> And being certain that God was able to keep his word. <sup>22</sup> For which reason it was put to his account as righteousness. <sup>23</sup> Now, it was not because of him only that this was said, <sup>24</sup> But for us in addition, to whose account it will be put, if we have faith in him who made Jesus our Lord come back again from the dead, <sup>25</sup> Who was put to death for our evil-doing, and came to life again so that we might have righteousness.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> For which reason, because we have righteousness through faith, let us be at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>2</sup> Through whom, in the same way, we have been able by faith to come to this grace in which we now are; and let us have joy in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only so, but let us have joy in our troubles: in the knowledge that trouble gives us the power of waiting; <sup>4</sup> And waiting gives experience; and experience, hope: <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put to shame; because our hearts are full of the love of God through the Holy Spirit which is given to us. <sup>6</sup> For when we were still without strength, at the right time Christ gave his life for evil-doers. <sup>7</sup> Now it is hard for anyone to give his life even for an upright man, though it might be that for a good man someone would give his life. <sup>8</sup> But God has made clear his love to us, in that, when we were still sinners, Christ gave his life for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more, if we now have righteousness by his blood, will salvation from the wrath of God come to us through him. <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were haters of God, the death of his Son made us at peace with him, much more, now that we are his friends, will we have salvation through his life; <sup>11</sup> And not only so, but we have joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are now at peace with God. <sup>12</sup> For this reason, as through one man sin came into the world, and death because of sin, and so death came to all men, because all have done evil: <sup>13</sup> Because, till the law came, sin was in existence, but sin is not put to the account of anyone when there is no law to be broken. <sup>14</sup> But still death had power from Adam till Moses, even over those who had not done wrong like Adam, who is a picture of him who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free giving of God is not like the wrongdoing of man. For if, by the wrongdoing of one man death came to numbers of men, much more did the grace of God, and the free giving by the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, come to men. <sup>16</sup> And the free giving has not the same effect as the sin of one: for the effect of one man's sin was punishment by the decision of God, but the free giving had power to give righteousness to wrongdoers in great number. <sup>17</sup> For, if by the wrongdoing of one, death was ruling through the one, much

more will those to whom has come the wealth of grace and the giving of righteousness, be ruling in life through the one, even Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> So then, as the effect of one act of wrongdoing was that punishment came on all men, even so the effect of one act of righteousness was righteousness of life for all men. <sup>19</sup> Because, as numbers of men became sinners through the wrongdoing of one man, even so will great numbers get righteousness through the keeping of the word of God by one man. <sup>20</sup> And the law came in addition, to make wrongdoing worse; but where there was much sin, there was much more grace: <sup>21</sup> That, as sin had power in death, so grace might have power through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> What may we say, then? are we to go on in sin so that there may be more grace? <sup>2</sup> In no way. How may we, who are dead to sin, be living in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or are you without the knowledge that all we who had baptism into Christ Jesus, had baptism into his death? <sup>4</sup> We have been placed with him among the dead through baptism into death: so that as Christ came again from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, in the same way, might be living in new life. <sup>5</sup> For, if we have been made like him in his death, we will, in the same way, be like him in his coming to life again; <sup>6</sup> Being conscious that our old man was put to death on the cross with him, so that the body of sin might be put away, and we might no longer be servants to sin. <sup>7</sup> Because he who is dead is free from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we are dead with Christ, we have faith that we will be living with him; <sup>9</sup> Having knowledge that because Christ has come back from the dead, he will never again go down to the dead; death has no more power over him. <sup>10</sup> For his death was a death to sin, but his life now is a life which he is living to God. <sup>11</sup> Even so see yourselves as dead to sin, but living to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> For this cause do not let sin be ruling in your body which is under the power of death, so that you give way to its desires; <sup>13</sup> And do not give your bodies to sin as the instruments of wrongdoing, but give yourselves to God, as those who are living from the dead, and your bodies as instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup> For sin may not have rule over you: because you are not under law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup> What then? are we to go on in sin because we are not under law but under grace? Let it not be so. <sup>16</sup> Are you not conscious that you are the servants of him to whom you give yourselves to do his desire? if to sin, the end being death, or if to do the desire of God, the end being righteousness. <sup>17</sup> But praise be to God that though you were the servants of sin, you have now given yourselves freely to that form of teaching under which you were placed; <sup>18</sup> And being made free from sin you have been made the servants of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am using words in the way of men, because your flesh is feeble: as you gave your bodies as servants to what is unclean, and to evil to do evil, so now give them as servants to righteousness to do what is holy. <sup>20</sup> When you were servants of sin you were free from righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What fruit had you at that time in the things which are now a shame to you? for the end of such things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now, being free from sin, and having been made servants to God, you have your fruit in that which is holy, and the end is eternal

life. <sup>23</sup> For the reward of sin is death; but what God freely gives is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> Is it not clear, my brothers (I am using an argument to those who have knowledge of the law), that the law has power over a man as long as he is living? <sup>2</sup> For the woman who has a husband is placed by the law under the power of her husband as long as he is living; but if her husband is dead, she is free from the law of the husband. <sup>3</sup> So if, while the husband is living, she is joined to another man, she will get the name of one who is untrue to her husband: but if the husband is dead, she is free from the law, so that she is not untrue, even if she takes another man. <sup>4</sup> In the same way, my brothers, you were made dead to the law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, even to him who came again from the dead, so that we might give fruit to God. <sup>5</sup> For when we were in the flesh, the evil passions which came into being through the law were working in our bodies to give the fruit of death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are free from the law, having been made dead to that which had power over us; so that we are servants in the new way of the spirit, not in the old way of the letter. <sup>7</sup> What then is to be said? is the law sin? in no way. But I would not have had knowledge of sin but for the law: for I would not have been conscious of desire if the law had not said, You may not have a desire for what is another's. <sup>8</sup> But sin, taking its chance through that which was ordered by the law, was working in me every form of desire: because without the law sin is dead. <sup>9</sup> And there was a time when I was living without the law: but when the law gave its orders, sin came to life and put me to death; <sup>10</sup> And I made the discovery that the law whose purpose was to give life had become a cause of death: <sup>11</sup> For I was tricked and put to death by sin, which took its chance through the law. <sup>12</sup> But the law is holy, and its orders are holy, upright, and good. <sup>13</sup> Was then that which is good, death to me? In no way. But the purpose was that sin might be seen to be sin by working death to me through that which is good; so that through the orders of the law sin might seem much more evil. <sup>14</sup> For we are conscious that the law is of the spirit; but I am of the flesh, given into the power of sin. <sup>15</sup> And I have no clear knowledge of what I am doing, for that which I have a mind to do, I do not, but what I have hate for, that I do. <sup>16</sup> But, if I do that which I have no mind to do, I am in agreement with the law that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> So it is no longer I who do it, but the sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I am conscious that in me, that is, in my flesh, there is nothing good: I have the mind but not the power to do what is right. <sup>19</sup> For the good which I have a mind to do, I do not: but the evil which I have no mind to do, that I do. <sup>20</sup> But if I do what I have no mind to do, it is no longer I who do it, but the sin living in me. <sup>21</sup> So I see a law that, though I have a mind to do good, evil is present in me. <sup>22</sup> In my heart I take pleasure in the law of God, <sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my body, working against the law of my mind, and making me the servant of the law of sin which is in my flesh. <sup>24</sup> How unhappy am I! who will make me free from the body of this death? <sup>25</sup> I give praise to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So with my mind I am a servant to the law of God, but with my flesh to the law of sin.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> For this cause those who are in Christ Jesus will not be judged as sinners. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law was not able to do because it was feeble through the flesh, God, sending his Son in the image of the evil flesh, and as an offering for sin, gave his decision against sin in the flesh: <sup>4</sup> So that what was ordered by the law might be done in us, who are living, not in the way of the flesh, but in the way of the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who are living in the way of the flesh give their minds to the things of the flesh, but those who go in the way of the Spirit, to the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For the mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace: <sup>7</sup> Because the mind of the flesh is opposite to God; it is not under the law of God, and is not able to be: <sup>8</sup> So that those who are in the flesh are not able to give pleasure to God. <sup>9</sup> You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God is in you. But if any man has not the Spirit of Christ he is not one of his. <sup>10</sup> And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of him who made Jesus come again from the dead is in you, he who made Christ Jesus come again from the dead will in the same way, through his Spirit which is in you, give life to your bodies which now are under the power of death. <sup>12</sup> So then, my brothers, we are in debt, not to the flesh to be living in the way of the flesh: <sup>13</sup> For if you go in the way of the flesh, death will come on you; but if by the Spirit you put to death the works of the body, you will have life. <sup>14</sup> And all those who are guided by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not get the spirit of servants again to put you in fear, but the spirit of sons was given to you, by which we say, Abba, Father. <sup>16</sup> The Spirit is witness with our spirit that we are children of God: <sup>17</sup> And if we are children, we have a right to a part in the heritage; a part in the things of God, together with Christ; so that if we have a part in his pain, we will in the same way have a part in his glory. <sup>18</sup> I am of the opinion that there is no comparison between the pain of this present time and the glory which we will see in the future. <sup>19</sup> For the strong desire of every living thing is waiting for the revelation of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For every living thing was put under the power of change, not by its desire, but by him who made it so, in hope <sup>21</sup> That all living things will be made free from the power of death and will have a part with the free children of God in glory. <sup>22</sup> For we are conscious that all living things are weeping and sorrowing in pain together till now. <sup>23</sup> And not only so, but we who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we have sorrow in our minds, waiting for the time when we will take our place as sons, that is, the salvation of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For our salvation is by hope: but hope which is seen is not hope: for who is hoping for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we have hope for that which we see not, then we will be able to go on waiting for it. <sup>26</sup> And in the same way the Spirit is a help to our feeble hearts: for we are not able to make prayer to God in the right way; but the Spirit puts our desires into words which are not in our power to say; <sup>27</sup> And he who is the searcher of hearts has knowledge of the mind of the Spirit, because he is making prayers for the saints in agreement with the mind of God. <sup>28</sup> And we are conscious that all things are working together for good to those who have love for God, and have been marked



out by his purpose. <sup>29</sup> Because those of whom he had knowledge before they came into existence, were marked out by him to be made like his Son, so that he might be the first among a band of brothers: <sup>30</sup> And those who were marked out by him were named; and those who were named were given righteousness; and to those to whom he gave righteousness, in the same way he gave glory. <sup>31</sup> What may we say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not keep back his only Son, but gave him up for us all, will he not with him freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will say anything against the saints of God? It is God who makes us clear from evil; <sup>34</sup> Who will give a decision against us? It is Christ Jesus who not only was put to death, but came again from the dead, who is now at the right hand of God, taking our part. <sup>35</sup> Who will come between us and the love of Christ? Will trouble, or pain, or cruel acts, or the need of food or of clothing, or danger, or the sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is said in the holy Writings, Because of you we are put to death every day; we are like sheep ready for destruction. <sup>37</sup> But we are able to overcome all these things and more through his love. <sup>38</sup> For I am certain that not death, or life, or angels, or rulers, or things present, or things to come, or powers, <sup>39</sup> Or things on high, or things under the earth, or anything which is made, will be able to come between us and the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> I say what is true in Christ, and not what is false, my mind giving witness with me in the Holy Spirit, <sup>2</sup> That I am full of sorrow and pain without end. <sup>3</sup> For I have a desire to take on myself the curse for my brothers, my family in the flesh: <sup>4</sup> Who are Israelites: who have the place of sons, and the glory, and the agreements with God, and the giving of the law, and the worship, and the hope offered by God: <sup>5</sup> Whose are the fathers, and of whom came Christ in the flesh, who is over all, God, to whom be blessing for ever. So be it. <sup>6</sup> But it is not as if the word of God was without effect. For they are not all Israel, who are of Israel: <sup>7</sup> And they are not all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, In Isaac will your seed be named. <sup>8</sup> That is, it is not the children of the flesh, but the children of God's undertaking, who are named as the seed. <sup>9</sup> For this is the word of God's undertaking, At this time will I come, and Sarah will have a son. <sup>10</sup> And not only so, but Rebecca being about to have a child by our father Isaac — <sup>11</sup> Before the children had come into existence, or had done anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose and his selection might be effected, not by works, but by him whose purpose it is, <sup>12</sup> It was said to her, The older will be the servant of the younger. <sup>13</sup> Even as it is said, I had love for Jacob, but for Esau I had hate. <sup>14</sup> What may we say then? is God not upright? let it not be said. <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and pity on whom I will have pity. <sup>16</sup> So then, it is not by the desire or by the attempt of man, but by the mercy of God. <sup>17</sup> For the holy Writings say to Pharaoh, For this same purpose did I put you on high, so that I might make my power seen in you, and that there might be knowledge of my name through all the earth. <sup>18</sup> So then, at his pleasure he has mercy on a man, and at his pleasure he makes the heart hard. <sup>19</sup> But you will say to me, Why does he still make

us responsible? who is able to go against his purpose? <sup>20</sup> But, O man, who are you, to make answer against God? May the thing which is made say to him who made it, Why did you make me so? <sup>21</sup> Or has not the potter the right to make out of one part of his earth a vessel for honour, and out of another a vessel for shame? <sup>22</sup> What if God, desiring to let his wrath and his power be seen, for a long time put up with the vessels of wrath which were ready for destruction: <sup>23</sup> And to make clear the wealth of his glory to vessels of mercy, which he had before made ready for glory, <sup>24</sup> Even us, who were marked out by him, not only from the Jews, but from the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup> As he says in Hosea, They will be named my people who were not my people, and she will be loved who was not loved. <sup>26</sup> And in the place where it was said to them, You are not my people, there they will be named the sons of the living God. <sup>27</sup> And Isaiah says about Israel, Even if the number of the children of Israel is as the sand of the sea, only a small part will get salvation: <sup>28</sup> For the Lord will give effect to his word on the earth, putting an end to it and cutting it short. <sup>29</sup> And, as Isaiah had said before, If the Lord of armies had not given us a seed, we would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah. <sup>30</sup> What then may we say? That the nations who did not go after righteousness have got righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith: <sup>31</sup> But Israel, going after a law of righteousness, did not get it. <sup>32</sup> Why? Because they were not searching for it by faith, but by works. They came up against the stone which was in the way; <sup>33</sup> As it is said, See, I am putting in Zion a stone causing a fall, and a rock in the way: but he who has faith in him will not be put to shame.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is, that they may get salvation. <sup>2</sup> For I give witness of them that they have a strong desire for God, but not with knowledge. <sup>3</sup> Because, not having knowledge of God's righteousness, and desiring to give effect to their righteousness, they have not put themselves under the righteousness of God. <sup>4</sup> For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who has faith. <sup>5</sup> For Moses says that the man who does the righteousness which is of the law will get life by it. <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness which is of faith says these words, Say not in your heart, Who will go up to heaven? (that is, to make Christ come down:) <sup>7</sup> Or, Who will go down into the deep? (that is, to make Christ come again from the dead:) <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart: that is, the word of faith of which we are the preachers: <sup>9</sup> Because, if you say with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and have faith in your heart that God has made him come back from the dead, you will have salvation: <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man has faith to get righteousness, and with the mouth he says that Jesus is Lord to get salvation. <sup>11</sup> Because it is said in the holy Writings, Whoever has faith in him will not be shamed. <sup>12</sup> And the Jew is not different from the Greek: for there is the same Lord of all, who is good to all who have hope in his name: <sup>13</sup> Because, Whoever will give worship to the name of the Lord will get salvation. <sup>14</sup> But how will they give worship to him in whom they have no faith? and how will they have faith in him of whom they have not had news? and how will they have news without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how will there be preachers if they are

not sent? As it is said, How beautiful are the feet of those who give the glad news of good things. <sup>16</sup> But they have not all given ear to the good news. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has had faith in our word? <sup>17</sup> So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. <sup>18</sup> But I say, Did not the word come to their ears? Yes, certainly: Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. <sup>19</sup> But I say, Had Israel no knowledge? First Moses says, You will be moved to envy by that which is not a nation, and by a foolish people I will make you angry. <sup>20</sup> And Isaiah says without fear, Those who were not searching for me made discovery of me; and I was seen by those whose hearts were turned away from me. <sup>21</sup> But about Israel he says; All the day my hands have been stretched out to a people whose hearts were turned away, and who put themselves against my word.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> So I say, Has God put his people on one side? Let there be no such thought. For I am of Israel, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not put away the people of his selection. Or have you no knowledge of what is said about Elijah in the holy Writings? how he says words to God against Israel, <sup>3</sup> Lord, they have put your prophets to death, and made waste your altars, and now I am the last, and they are searching for me to take away my life. <sup>4</sup> But what answer does God make to him? I have still seven thousand men whose knees have not been bent to Baal. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, there are at this present time some who are marked out by the selection of grace. <sup>6</sup> But if it is of grace, then it is no longer of works: or grace would not be grace. <sup>7</sup> What then? That which Israel was searching for he did not get, but those of the selection got it and the rest were made hard. <sup>8</sup> As it was said in the holy Writings, God gave them a spirit of sleep, eyes which might not see, and ears which have no hearing, to this day. <sup>9</sup> And David says, Let their table be made a net for taking them, and a stone in their way, and a punishment: <sup>10</sup> Let their eyes be made dark so that they may not see, and let their back be bent down at all times. <sup>11</sup> So I say, Were their steps made hard in order that they might have a fall? In no way: but by their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles, so that they might be moved to envy. <sup>12</sup> Now, if their fall is the wealth of the world, and their loss the wealth of the Gentiles, how much greater will be the glory when they are made full? <sup>13</sup> But I say to you, Gentiles, in so far as I am the Apostle of the Gentiles, I make much of my position: <sup>14</sup> If in any way those who are of my flesh may be moved to envy, so that some of them may get salvation by me. <sup>15</sup> For, if by their putting away, the rest of men have been made friends with God, what will their coming back again be, but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup> And if the first-fruit is holy, so is the mass: and if the root is holy, so are the branches. <sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, an olive-tree of the fields, were put in among them, and were given a part with them in the root by which the olive-tree is made fertile, <sup>18</sup> Do not be uplifted in pride over the branches: because it is not you who are the support of the root, but it is by the root that you are supported. <sup>19</sup> You will say, Branches were broken off so that I might be put in. <sup>20</sup> Truly, because they had no faith they were broken off, and you have your place by reason of your

faith. Do not be lifted up in pride, but have fear; <sup>21</sup> For, if God did not have mercy on the natural branches, he will not have mercy on you. <sup>22</sup> See then that God is good but his rules are fixed: to those who were put away he was hard, but to you he has been good, on the condition that you keep in his mercy; if not, you will be cut off as they were. <sup>23</sup> And they, if they do not go on without faith, will be united to the tree again, because God is able to put them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut out of a field olive-tree, and against the natural use were united to a good olive-tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be united again with the olive-tree which was theirs? <sup>25</sup> For it is my desire, brothers, that this secret may be clear to you, so that you may not have pride in your knowledge, that Israel has been made hard in part, till all the Gentiles have come in; <sup>26</sup> And so all Israel will get salvation: as it is said in the holy Writings, There will come out of Zion the One who makes free; by him wrongdoing will be taken away from Jacob: <sup>27</sup> And this is my agreement with them, when I will take away their sins. <sup>28</sup> As far as the good news is in question, they are cut off from God on account of you, but as far as the selection is in question, they are loved on account of the fathers. <sup>29</sup> Because God's selection and his mercies may not be changed. <sup>30</sup> For as you, in time past, were not under the rule of God, but now have got mercy through their turning away, <sup>31</sup> So in the same way these have gone against the orders of God, so that by the mercy given to you they may now get mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has let them all go against his orders, so that he might have mercy on them all. <sup>33</sup> O how deep is the wealth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! no one is able to make discovery of his decisions, and his ways may not be searched out. <sup>34</sup> Who has knowledge of the mind of the Lord? or who has taken part in his purposes? <sup>35</sup> Or who has first given to him, and it will be given back to him again? <sup>36</sup> For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things. To him be the glory for ever. So be it.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I make request to you, brothers, by the mercies of God, that you will give your bodies as a living offering, holy, pleasing to God, which is the worship it is right for you to give him. <sup>2</sup> And let not your behaviour be like that of this world, but be changed and made new in mind, so that by experience you may have knowledge of the good and pleasing and complete purpose of God. <sup>3</sup> But I say to every one of you, through the grace given to me, not to have an over-high opinion of himself, but to have wise thoughts, as God has given to every one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For, as we have a number of parts in one body, but all the parts have not the same use, <sup>5</sup> So we, though we are a number of persons, are one body in Christ, and are dependent on one another; <sup>6</sup> And having different qualities by reason of the grace given to us, such as the quality of a prophet, let it be made use of in relation to the measure of our faith; <sup>7</sup> Or the position of a Deacon of the church, let a man give himself to it; or he who has the power of teaching, let him make use of it; <sup>8</sup> He who has the power of comforting, let him do so; he who gives, let him give freely; he who has the power of ruling, let him do it with a serious mind; he who has mercy on others, let it be with joy. <sup>9</sup> Let love be without deceit. Be haters of what is evil; keep your minds fixed on what

is good. <sup>10</sup> Be kind to one another with a brother's love, putting others before yourselves in honour; <sup>11</sup> Be not slow in your work, but be quick in spirit, as the Lord's servants; <sup>12</sup> Being glad in hope, quiet in trouble, at all times given to prayer; <sup>13</sup> Giving to the needs of the saints, ready to take people into your houses. <sup>14</sup> Give blessing and not curses to those who are cruel to you. <sup>15</sup> Take part in the joy of those who are glad, and in the grief of those who are sorrowing. <sup>16</sup> Be in harmony with one another. Do not have a high opinion of yourselves, but be in agreement with common people. Do not give yourselves an air of wisdom. <sup>17</sup> Do not give evil for evil to any man. Let all your business be well ordered in the eyes of all men. <sup>18</sup> As far as it is possible for you be at peace with all men. <sup>19</sup> Do not give punishment for wrongs done to you, dear brothers, but give way to the wrath of God; for it is said in the holy Writings, Punishment is mine, I will give reward, says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> But if one who has hate for you is in need of food or of drink, give it to him, for in so doing you will put coals of fire on his head. <sup>21</sup> Do not let evil overcome you, but overcome evil by good.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> Let everyone put himself under the authority of the higher powers, because there is no power which is not of God, and all powers are ordered by God. <sup>2</sup> For which reason everyone who puts himself against the authority puts himself against the order of God: and those who are against it will get punishment for themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a cause of fear to the good work but to the evil. If you would have no fear of the authority, do good and you will have praise; <sup>4</sup> For he is the servant of God to you for good. But if you do evil, have fear; for the sword is not in his hand for nothing: he is God's servant, making God's punishment come on the evil-doer. <sup>5</sup> So put yourselves under the authority, not for fear of wrath, but because you have the knowledge of what is right. <sup>6</sup> For the same reason, make payment of taxes; because the authority is God's servant, to take care of such things at all times. <sup>7</sup> Give to all what is their right: taxes to him whose they are, payment to him whose right it is, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour is to be given. <sup>8</sup> Be in debt for nothing, but to have love for one another: for he who has love for his neighbour has kept all the law. <sup>9</sup> And this, Do not be untrue in married life, Do not put to death, Do not take what is another's, Do not have desire for what is another's, and if there is any other order, it is covered by this word, Have love for your neighbour as for yourself. <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to his neighbour, so love makes the law complete. <sup>11</sup> See then that the time has come for you to be awake from sleep: for now is your salvation nearer than when you first had faith. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone, and the day is near: so let us put off the works of the dark, arming ourselves with light, <sup>13</sup> With right behaviour as in the day; not in pleasure-making and drinking, not in bad company and unclean behaviour, not in fighting and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give thought to the flesh to do its desires.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> Do not put on one side him who is feeble in faith, and do not put him in

doubt by your reasonings. <sup>2</sup> One man has faith to take all things as food: another who is feeble in faith takes only green food. <sup>3</sup> Let not him who takes food have a low opinion of him who does not: and let not him who does not take food be a judge of him who does; for he has God's approval. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to make yourself a judge of another man's servant? it is to his master that he is responsible for good or bad. Yes, his place will be safe, because the Lord is able to keep him from falling. <sup>5</sup> This man puts one day before another: to that man they are the same. Let every man be certain in his mind. <sup>6</sup> He who keeps the day, keeps it to the Lord; and he who takes food, takes it as to the Lord, for he gives praise to God; and he who does not take food, to the Lord he takes it not, and gives praise to God. <sup>7</sup> For every man's life and every man's death has a relation to others as well as to himself. <sup>8</sup> As long as we have life we are living to the Lord; or if we give up our life it is to the Lord; so if we are living, or if our life comes to an end, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> And for this purpose Christ went into death and came back again, that he might be the Lord of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup> But you, why do you make yourself your brother's judge? or again, why have you no respect for your brother? because we will all have to take our place before God as our judge. <sup>11</sup> For it is said in the holy Writings, By my life, says the Lord, to me every knee will be bent, and every tongue will give worship to God. <sup>12</sup> So every one of us will have to give an account of himself to God. <sup>13</sup> Then let us not be judges of one another any longer: but keep this in mind, that no man is to make it hard for his brother, or give him cause for doubting. <sup>14</sup> I am conscious of this, and am certain in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself; but for the man in whose opinion it is unclean, for him it is unclean. <sup>15</sup> And if because of food your brother is troubled, then you are no longer going on in the way of love. Do not let your food be destruction to him for whom Christ went into death. <sup>16</sup> Let it not be possible for men to say evil about your good: <sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> And he who in these things is Christ's servant, is pleasing to God and has the approval of men. <sup>19</sup> So then, let us go after the things which make peace, and the things by which we may be a help to one another. <sup>20</sup> Do not let the work of God come to nothing on account of food. All things are certainly clean; but it is evil for that man who by taking food makes it hard for another. <sup>21</sup> It is better not to take meat or wine or to do anything which might be a cause of trouble to your brother. <sup>22</sup> The faith which you have, have it to yourself before God. Happy is the man who is not judged by that to which he gives approval. <sup>23</sup> But he who is in doubt is judged if he takes food, because he does it not in faith; and whatever is not of faith is sin.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong have to be a support to the feeble, and not give pleasure to ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let every one of us give pleasure to his neighbour for his good, to make him strong. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not give pleasure to himself, but, as it is said, The bitter words of those who were angry with you came on me. <sup>4</sup> Now those things which were put down in writing before our time were for our learning, so that through quiet waiting and through the comfort of the holy Writings we might have

hope. <sup>5</sup> Now may the God who gives comfort and strength in waiting make you of the same mind with one another in harmony with Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> So that with one mouth you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> So then, take one another to your hearts, as Christ took us, to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> Now I say that Christ has been made a servant of the circumcision to give effect to the undertakings given by God to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> And so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercy; as it is said, For this reason I will give praise to you among the Gentiles, and I will make a song to your name. <sup>10</sup> And again he says, Take part, you Gentiles, in the joy of his people. <sup>11</sup> And again, Give praise to the Lord, all you Gentiles; and let all the nations give praise to him. <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, There will be the root of Jesse, and he who comes to be the ruler over the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles put their hope. <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope make you full of joy and peace through faith, so that all hope may be yours in the power of the Holy Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And I myself am certain of you, brothers, that you are full of what is good, complete in all knowledge, able to give direction to one another. <sup>15</sup> But I have, in some measure, less fear in writing to you to put these things before you again, because of the grace which was given to me by God, <sup>16</sup> To be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, doing the work of a priest in the good news of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles might be pleasing to God, being made holy by the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> So I have pride in Christ Jesus in the things which are God's. <sup>18</sup> And I will keep myself from talking of anything but those things which Christ has done by me to put the Gentiles under his rule in word and in act, <sup>19</sup> By signs and wonders, in the power of the Holy Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have given all the good news of Christ; <sup>20</sup> Making it my purpose not to take the good news where Christ was named, so that my work might not be resting on that of others; <sup>21</sup> But as it is said in the holy Writings, They will see, to whom the news of him had not been given, and those to whose ears it had not come will have knowledge. <sup>22</sup> For which reason I was frequently kept from coming to you: <sup>23</sup> But now, having no longer any place in these parts and having had for a number of years a great desire to come to you, <sup>24</sup> Whenever I go to Spain (for it is my hope to see you on my way, and to be sent on there by you, if first I may in some measure have been comforted by your company) — <sup>25</sup> But now I go to Jerusalem, taking help for the saints. <sup>26</sup> For it has been the good pleasure of those of Macedonia and Achaia to send a certain amount of money for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> Yes, it has been their good pleasure; and they are in their debt. For if the Gentiles have had a part in the things of the Spirit which were theirs, it is right for them, in the same way, to give them help in the things of the flesh. <sup>28</sup> So when I have done this, and have given them this fruit of love, I will go on by you into Spain. <sup>29</sup> And I am certain that when I come, I will be full of the blessing of Christ. <sup>30</sup> Now I make request to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that you will be working together with me in your prayers to God for me; <sup>31</sup> So that I may be kept safe from those in Judaea who have not put themselves under the rule of God, and that the help which I am taking for Jerusalem may be pleasing to the saints; <sup>32</sup> So that I may come to you in joy by the good pleasure of God, and have rest with you.

<sup>33</sup> Now may the God of peace be with you all. So be it.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> It is my desire to say a good word for Phoebe, who is a servant of the church in Cenchreae: <sup>2</sup> That you will take her in kindly, after the way of the saints, as one who is the Lord's, and give her help in anything in which she may have need of you: because she has been a help to a great number and to myself. <sup>3</sup> Give my love to Prisca and Aquila, workers with me in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> Who for my life put their necks in danger; to whom not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are in debt: <sup>5</sup> And say a kind word to the church which is in their house. Give my love to my dear Epänetus, who is the first fruit of Asia to Christ. <sup>6</sup> Give my love to Mary, who gave much care to you. <sup>7</sup> Give my love to Andronicus and Junia, my relations, who were in prison with me, who are noted among the Apostles, and who were in Christ before me. <sup>8</sup> Give my love to Ampliatus, who is dear to me in the Lord, <sup>9</sup> Give my love to Urbanus, a worker in Christ with us, and to my dear Stachys. <sup>10</sup> Give my love to Apelles, who has the approval of Christ. Say a kind word to those who are of the house of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup> Give my love to Herodion, my relation. Say a kind word to those of the house of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Give my love to Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Give my love to my dear Persis, who did much work in the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Give my love to Rufus, one of the Lord's selection, and to his mother and mine. <sup>14</sup> Give my love to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. <sup>15</sup> Give my love to Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup> Give one another a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send their love to you. <sup>17</sup> Now, it is my desire, brothers, that you will take note of those who are causing division and trouble among you, quite against the teaching which was given to you: and keep away from them. <sup>18</sup> For such people are not servants of the Lord Christ, but of their stomachs; and by their smooth and well-said words the hearts of those who have no knowledge of evil are tricked. <sup>19</sup> For all have knowledge of how you do what you are ordered. For this reason I have joy in you, but it is my desire that you may be wise in what is good, and without knowledge of evil. <sup>20</sup> And the God of peace will be crushing Satan under your feet before long. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <sup>21</sup> Timothy, who is working with me, sends his love to you, so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my relations. <sup>22</sup> I, Tertius, who have done the writing of this letter, send love in the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Gaius, with whom I am living, whose house is open to all the church, sends his love, so does Erastus, the manager of the accounts of the town, and Quartus, the brother. <sup>24</sup> [<sup>25</sup> Now to him who is able to make you strong in agreement with the good news which I gave you and the preaching of Jesus Christ, in the light of the revelation of that secret which has been kept through times eternal, <sup>26</sup> But is now made clear; and by the writings of the prophets, by the order of the eternal God, the knowledge of it has been given to all the nations, so that they may come under the rule of the faith; <sup>27</sup> To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory for ever. So be it.



## Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the purpose of God, and Sosthenes the brother, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been made holy in Christ Jesus, saints by the selection of God, with all those who in every place give honour to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give praise to my God for you at all times, because of the grace of God which has been given to you in Christ Jesus; <sup>5</sup> So that in him you have wealth in all things, in word and in knowledge of every sort; <sup>6</sup> Even as the witness of the Christ has been made certain among you: <sup>7</sup> So that having every grace you are living in the hope of the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>8</sup> Who will give you strength to the end, to be free from all sin in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is true, through whom you have been given a part with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>10</sup> Now I make request to you, my brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you will all say the same thing, and that there may be no divisions among you, so that you may be in complete agreement, in the same mind and in the same opinion. <sup>11</sup> Because it has come to my knowledge, through those of the house of Chloe, that there are divisions among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> That is, that some of you say, I am of Paul; some say, I am of Apollos; some say, I am of Cephas; and some say, I am Christ's. <sup>13</sup> Is there a division in Christ? was Paul nailed to the cross for you? or were you given baptism in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I give praise to God that not one of you had baptism from me, but Crispus and Gaius; <sup>15</sup> So that no one may be able to say that you had baptism in my name. <sup>16</sup> And I gave baptism to the house of Stephanas; but I am not certain that any others had baptism from me. <sup>17</sup> For Christ sent me, not to give baptism, but to be a preacher of the good news: not with wise words, for fear that the cross of Christ might be made of no value. <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross seems foolish to those who are on the way to destruction; but to us who are on the way to salvation it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> As it says in the holy Writings, I will put an end to the wisdom of the wise, and will put on one side the designs of those who have knowledge. <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? where is he who has knowledge of the law? where is the man of this world who has a love of discussion? has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For because, by the purpose of God, the world, with all its wisdom, had not the knowledge of God, it was God's pleasure, by so foolish a thing as preaching, to give salvation to those who had faith in him. <sup>22</sup> Seeing that the Jews make request for signs, and the Greeks are looking for knowledge: <sup>23</sup> But we give the good news of Christ on the cross, a hard thing to the Jews, and a foolish thing to the Gentiles; <sup>24</sup> But to those of God's selection, Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because what seems foolish in God is wiser than men; and what seems feeble in God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For you see God's design for you, my brothers, that he has not taken a great number of the wise after the flesh, not the strong, not the noble: <sup>27</sup> But God made selection of the foolish things of this world so that he might put the wise to shame; and the feeble things that he might put to shame

the strong; <sup>28</sup> And the low things of the world, and the things without honour, did God make selection of, yes, even the things which are not, so that he might make as nothing the things which are: <sup>29</sup> So that no flesh might have glory before God. <sup>30</sup> But God has given you a place in Christ Jesus, through whom God has given us wisdom and righteousness and salvation, and made us holy: <sup>31</sup> So that, as it is said in the holy Writings, Whoever has a desire for glory, let his glory be in the Lord.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> And when I came to you, my brothers, I did not come with wise words of knowledge, putting before you the secret of God. <sup>2</sup> For I had made the decision to have knowledge of nothing among you but only of Jesus Christ on the cross. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you without strength, in fear and in doubt. <sup>4</sup> And in my preaching there were no honeyed words of wisdom, but I was dependent on the power of the Spirit to make it clear to you: <sup>5</sup> So that your faith might be based not on man's wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup> But still we have wisdom for those who are complete in knowledge, though not the wisdom of this world, and not of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing: <sup>7</sup> But we give the news of the secret wisdom of God, which he had kept in store before the world came into existence, for our glory; <sup>8</sup> Of which not one of the rulers of this world had knowledge: for if they had, they would not have put the Lord of glory on the cross: <sup>9</sup> But as it says in the holy Writings, Things which the eye saw not, and which had not come to the ears or into the heart of man, such things as God has made ready for those who have love for him. <sup>10</sup> But God has given us the revelation of these things through his Spirit, for the Spirit makes search into all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who has knowledge of the things of a man but the spirit of the man which is in him? in the same way, no one has knowledge of the things of God but the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> But we have not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which comes from God, so that we may have knowledge of the things which are freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup> And these are the things which we say, not in the language of man's wisdom, but in words given to us by the Spirit, judging the things of the spirit by the help of the Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the natural man is not able to take in the things of the Spirit of God: for they seem foolish to him, and he is not able to have knowledge of them, because such knowledge comes only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup> But he who has the Spirit, though judging all things, is himself judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For who has knowledge of the mind of the Lord, so as to be his teacher? But we have the mind of Christ.

## 3

<sup>1</sup> And the teaching I gave you, my brothers, was such as I was able to give, not to those who have the Spirit, but to those who are still in the flesh, even to children in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk and not meat, because you were, then, unable to take it, and even now you are not able; <sup>3</sup> Because you are still in the flesh: for when there is envy and division among you, are you not still walking after the way of the flesh, even as natural men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, I am of Paul; and another says, I am of Apollos; are you not talking like natural men? <sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? They are but servants who gave you the good news

as God gave it to them. <sup>6</sup> I did the planting, Apollos did the watering, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup> So then the planter is nothing, and the waterer is nothing; but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup> Now the planter and the waterer are working for the same end: but they will have their separate rewards in the measure of their work. <sup>9</sup> For we are workers with God: you are God's planting, God's building. <sup>10</sup> In the measure of the grace given to me, I, as a wise master-builder, have put the base in position, and another goes on building on it. But let every man take care what he puts on it. <sup>11</sup> For there is no other base for the building but that which has been put down, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> But on the base a man may put gold, silver, stones of great price, wood, dry grass, cut stems; <sup>13</sup> Every man's work will be made clear in that day, because it will be tested by fire; and the fire itself will make clear the quality of every man's work. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work comes through the test, he will have a reward. <sup>15</sup> If the fire puts an end to any man's work, it will be his loss: but he will get salvation himself, though as by fire. <sup>16</sup> Do you not see that you are God's holy house, and that the Spirit of God has his place in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone makes the house of God unclean, God will put an end to him; for the house of God is holy, and you are his house. <sup>18</sup> Let no man have a false idea. If any man seems to himself to be wise among you, let him become foolish, so that he may be wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolish before God. As it is said in the holy Writings, He who takes the wise in their secret designs: <sup>20</sup> And again, The Lord has knowledge of the reasonings of the wise, that they are nothing. <sup>21</sup> So let no one take pride in men. For all things are yours; <sup>22</sup> Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; <sup>23</sup> And you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> Let us be judged as servants of Christ, and as those who are responsible for the secret things of God. <sup>2</sup> And it is right for such servants to be safe persons. <sup>3</sup> But it is a small thing to me that I am judged by you or by man's judging; I am not even a judge of myself. <sup>4</sup> For I am not conscious of any wrong in myself; but this does not make me clear, for it is the Lord who is my judge. <sup>5</sup> For this reason let there be no judging before the time, till the Lord comes, who will make clear the secret things of the dark, and the designs of the heart; and then will every man have his praise from God. <sup>6</sup> My brothers, it is because of you that I have taken Apollos and myself as examples of these things, so that in us you might see that it is not wise to go farther than what is in the holy Writings, so that no one of you may be lifted up against his brother. <sup>7</sup> For who made you better than your brother? or what have you that has not been given to you? but if it has been given to you, what cause have you for pride, as if it had not been given to you? <sup>8</sup> For even now you are full, even now you have wealth, you have been made kings without us: truly, I would be glad if you were kings, so that we might be kings with you. <sup>9</sup> For it seems to me that God has put us the Apostles last of all, as men whose fate is death: for we are put on view to the world, and to angels, and to men. <sup>10</sup> We are made to seem foolish for Christ, but you are wise in Christ; we are feeble, but you are strong; you have glory, but we have shame. <sup>11</sup> Even to this

hour we are without food, drink, and clothing, we are given blows and have no certain resting-place; <sup>12</sup> And with our hands we do the hardest work: when they give us curses we give blessings, when we undergo punishment we take it quietly; <sup>13</sup> When evil things are said about us we give gentle answers: we are made as the unclean things of the world, as that for which no one has any use, even till now. <sup>14</sup> I am not saying these things to put you to shame, but so that, as my dear children, you may see what is right. <sup>15</sup> For even if you had ten thousand teachers in Christ, you have not more than one father: for in Christ Jesus I have given birth to you through the good news. <sup>16</sup> So my desire is that you take me as your example. <sup>17</sup> For this cause I have sent Timothy to you, who is my dear and true child in the Lord; he will make clear to you my ways in Christ, even as I am teaching everywhere in every church. <sup>18</sup> Now some are full of pride, as if I was not coming to you. <sup>19</sup> But I will come to you in a short time, if it is pleasing to the Lord, and I will take note, not of the word of those who are full of pride, but of the power. <sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. <sup>21</sup> What is your desire? is my coming to be with punishment, or is it to be in love and a gentle spirit?

## 5

<sup>1</sup> It is said, in fact, that there is among you a sin of the flesh, such as is not seen even among the Gentiles, that one of you has his father's wife. <sup>2</sup> And in place of feeling sorrow, you are pleased with yourselves, so that he who has done this thing has not been sent away from among you. <sup>3</sup> For I myself, being present in spirit though not in body, have come to a decision about him who has done this thing; <sup>4</sup> In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you have come together with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, <sup>5</sup> That this man is to be handed over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may have forgiveness in the day of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> This pride of yours is not good. Do you not see that a little leaven makes a change in all the mass? <sup>7</sup> Take away, then, the old leaven, so that you may be a new mass, even as you are without leaven. For Christ has been put to death as our Passover. <sup>8</sup> Let us then keep the feast, not with old leaven, and not with the leaven of evil thoughts and acts, but with the unleavened bread of true thoughts and right feelings. <sup>9</sup> In my letter I said to you that you were not to keep company with those who go after the desires of the flesh; <sup>10</sup> But I had not in mind the sinners who are outside the church, or those who have a desire for and take the property of others, or those who give worship to images; for it is not possible to keep away from such people without going out of the world completely: <sup>11</sup> But the sense of my letter was that if a brother had the name of being one who went after the desires of the flesh, or had the desire for other people's property, or was in the way of using violent language, or being the worse for drink, or took by force what was not his, you might not keep company with such a one, or take food with him. <sup>12</sup> For it is no business of mine to be judging those who are outside; but it is yours to be judging those who are among you; <sup>13</sup> As for those who are outside, God is their judge. So put away the evil man from among you.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> How is it, that if any one of you has a cause at law against another, he takes it before a Gentile judge and not before the saints? <sup>2</sup> Is it not certain that the saints will be the judges of the world? if then the world will be judged by you, are you unable to give a decision about the smallest things? <sup>3</sup> Is it not certain that we are to be the judges of angels? how much more then of the things of this life? <sup>4</sup> If then there are questions to be judged in connection with the things of this life, why do you put them in the hands of those who have no position in the church? <sup>5</sup> I say this to put you to shame. Is there not among you one wise man who may be able to give a decision between his brothers? <sup>6</sup> But a brother who has a cause at law against another takes it before Gentile judges. <sup>7</sup> More than this, it is not to your credit to have causes at law with one another at all. Why not put up with wrong? why not undergo loss? <sup>8</sup> So far from doing this, you yourselves do wrong and take your brothers' property. <sup>9</sup> Have you not knowledge that evil-doers will have no part in the kingdom of God? Have no false ideas about this: no one who goes after the desires of the flesh, or gives worship to images, or is untrue when married, or is less than a man, or makes a wrong use of men, <sup>10</sup> Or is a thief, or the worse for drink, or makes use of strong language, or takes by force what is not his, will have any part in the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And such were some of you; but you have been washed, you have been made holy, you have been given righteousness in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. <sup>12</sup> I am free to do all things; but not all things are wise. I am free to do all things; but I will not let myself come under the power of any. <sup>13</sup> Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will put an end to them together. But the body is not for the desires of the flesh, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body: <sup>14</sup> And God who made the Lord Jesus come back from the dead will do the same for us by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not see that your bodies are part of the body of Christ? how then may I take what is a part of the body of Christ and make it a part of the body of a loose woman? such a thing may not be. <sup>16</sup> Or do you not see that he who is joined to a loose woman is one body with her? for God has said, The two of them will become one flesh. <sup>17</sup> But he who is united to the Lord is one spirit. <sup>18</sup> Keep away from the desires of the flesh. Every sin which a man does is outside of the body; but he who goes after the desires of the flesh does evil to his body. <sup>19</sup> Or are you not conscious that your body is a house for the Holy Spirit which is in you, and which has been given to you by God? and you are not the owners of yourselves; <sup>20</sup> For a payment has been made for you: let God be honoured in your body.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> Now, as to the things in your letter to me: It is good for a man to have nothing to do with a woman. <sup>2</sup> But because of the desires of the flesh, let every man have his wife, and every woman her husband. <sup>3</sup> Let the husband give to the wife what is right; and let the wife do the same to the husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife has not power over her body, but the husband; and in the same way the husband has not power over his body, but the wife. <sup>5</sup> Do not keep back from one another what is right, but only for a short

time, and by agreement, so that you may give yourselves to prayer, and come together again; so that Satan may not get the better of you through your loss of self-control. <sup>6</sup> But this I say as my opinion, and not as an order of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> It is my desire that all men might be even as I am. But every man has the power of his special way of life given him by God, one in this way and one in that. <sup>8</sup> But I say to the unmarried and to the widows, It is good for them to be even as I am. <sup>9</sup> But if they have not self-control let them get married; for married life is better than the burning of desire. <sup>10</sup> But to the married I give orders, though not I but the Lord, that the wife may not go away from her husband <sup>11</sup> (Or if she goes away from him, let her keep unmarried, or be united to her husband again); and that the husband may not go away from his wife. <sup>12</sup> But to the rest I say, and not the Lord; If a brother has a wife who is not a Christian, and it is her desire to go on living with him, let him not go away from her. <sup>13</sup> And if a woman has a husband who is not a Christian, and it is his desire to go on living with her, let her not go away from her husband. <sup>14</sup> For the husband who has not faith is made holy through his Christian wife, and the wife who is not a Christian is made holy through the brother: if not, your children would be unholy, but now are they holy. <sup>15</sup> But if the one who is not a Christian has a desire to go away, let it be so: the brother or the sister in such a position is not forced to do one thing or the other: but it is God's pleasure that we may be at peace with one another. <sup>16</sup> For how may you be certain, O wife, that you will not be the cause of salvation to your husband? or you, O husband, that you may not do the same for your wife? <sup>17</sup> Only, as the Lord has given to a man, and as is the purpose of God for him, so let him go on living. And these are my orders for all the churches. <sup>18</sup> If any man who is a Christian has had circumcision, let him keep so; and if any man who is a Christian has not had circumcision, let him make no change. <sup>19</sup> Circumcision is nothing, and its opposite is nothing, but only doing the orders of God is of value. <sup>20</sup> Let every man keep the position in which he has been placed by God. <sup>21</sup> If you were a servant when you became a Christian, let it not be a grief to you; but if you have a chance to become free, make use of it. <sup>22</sup> For he who was a servant when he became a Christian is the Lord's free man; and he who was free when he became a Christian is the Lord's servant. <sup>23</sup> It is the Lord who has made payment for you: be not servants of men. <sup>24</sup> My brothers, let every man keep in that condition which is the purpose of God for him. <sup>25</sup> Now about virgins I have no orders from the Lord: but I give my opinion as one to whom the Lord has given mercy to be true to him. <sup>26</sup> In my opinion then, because of the present trouble, it is good for a man to keep as he is. <sup>27</sup> If you are married to a wife, make no attempt to get free from her: if you are free from a wife, do not take a wife. <sup>28</sup> If you get married it is not a sin; and if an unmarried woman gets married it is not a sin. But those who do so will have trouble in the flesh. But I will not be hard on you. <sup>29</sup> But I say this, my brothers, the time is short; and from now it will be wise for those who have wives to be as if they had them not; <sup>30</sup> And for those who are in sorrow, to give no signs of it; and for those who are glad, to give no signs of joy; and for those who are getting property, to be as if they had nothing; <sup>31</sup> And for those who make use of the world, not to be using it fully; for this world's way of life will

quickly come to an end. <sup>32</sup> But it is my desire for you to be free from cares. The unmarried man gives his mind to the things of the Lord, how he may give pleasure to the Lord: <sup>33</sup> But the married man gives his attention to the things of this world, how he may give pleasure to his wife. <sup>34</sup> And the wife is not the same as the virgin. The virgin gives her mind to the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in body and in spirit: but the married woman takes thought for the things of the world, how she may give pleasure to her husband. <sup>35</sup> Now I say this for your profit; not to make things hard for you, but because of what is right, and so that you may be able to give all your attention to the things of the Lord. <sup>36</sup> But if, in any man's opinion, he is not doing what is right for his virgin, if she is past her best years, and there is need for it, let him do what seems right to him; it is no sin; let them be married. <sup>37</sup> But the man who is strong in mind and purpose, who is not forced but has control over his desires, does well if he comes to the decision to keep her a virgin. <sup>38</sup> So then, he who gets married to his virgin does well, and he who keeps her unmarried does better. <sup>39</sup> It is right for a wife to be with her husband as long as he is living; but when her husband is dead, she is free to be married to another; but only to a Christian. <sup>40</sup> But it will be better for her to keep as she is, in my opinion: and it seems to me that I have the Spirit of God.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> Now about things offered to images: we all seem to ourselves to have knowledge. Knowledge gives pride, but love gives true strength. <sup>2</sup> If anyone seems to himself to have knowledge, so far he has not the right sort of knowledge about anything; <sup>3</sup> But if anyone has love for God, God has knowledge of him. <sup>4</sup> So, then, as to the question of taking food offered to images, we are certain that an image is nothing in the world, and that there is no God but one. <sup>5</sup> For though there are those who have the name of gods, in heaven or on earth, as there are a number of gods and a number of lords, <sup>6</sup> There is for us only one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we are for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we have our being through him. <sup>7</sup> Still, all men have not that knowledge: but some, being used till now to the image, are conscious that they are taking food which has been offered to the image; and because they are not strong in the faith, their minds are troubled. <sup>8</sup> But God's approval of us is not based on the food we take: if we do not take it we are no worse for it; and if we take it we are no better. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this power of yours does not give cause for trouble to the feeble. <sup>10</sup> For if a man sees you, who have knowledge, taking food as a guest in the house of an image, will it not give him, if he is feeble, the idea that he may take food offered to images? <sup>11</sup> And so, through your knowledge, you are the cause of destruction to your brother, for whom Christ underwent death. <sup>12</sup> And in this way, doing evil to the brothers, and causing trouble to those whose faith is feeble, you are sinning against Christ. <sup>13</sup> For this reason, if food is a cause of trouble to my brother, I will give up taking meat for ever, so that I may not be a cause of trouble to my brother.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> Am I not free? am I not an Apostle? have I not seen Jesus our Lord? are you not my work in the Lord? <sup>2</sup> If to others I am not an Apostle, at least I am one to you: for the fact that you are Christians is the sign that I am an Apostle. <sup>3</sup> My answer to those who are judging me is this. <sup>4</sup> Have we no right to take food and drink? <sup>5</sup> Have we no right to take about with us a Christian wife, like the rest of the Apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? <sup>6</sup> Or I only and Barnabas, have we no right to take a rest from work? <sup>7</sup> Who ever goes to war without looking to someone to be responsible for his payment? who puts in vines and does not take the fruit of them? or who takes care of sheep without drinking of their milk? <sup>8</sup> Am I talking as a man? does not the law say the same? <sup>9</sup> For it says in the law of Moses, It is not right to keep the ox from taking the grain when he is crushing it. Is it for the oxen that God is giving orders? <sup>10</sup> Or has he us in mind? Yes, it was said for us; because it is right for the ploughman to do his ploughing in hope, and for him who is crushing the grain to do his work hoping for a part in the fruits of it. <sup>11</sup> If we have been planting the things of the Spirit for you, does it seem a great thing for you to give us a part in your things of this world? <sup>12</sup> If others have a part in this right over you, have we not even more? But we did not make use of our right, so that we might put nothing in the way of the good news of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Do you not see that the servants of the holy things get their living from the Temple, and the servants of the altar have their part in the food which is offered on the altar? <sup>14</sup> Even so did the Lord give orders that the preachers of the good news might get their living from the good news. <sup>15</sup> But I have not made use of any of these things: and I am not writing this in the hope that it may be so for me: for it would be better for me to undergo death, than for any man to make this pride of mine of no effect. <sup>16</sup> For if I am a preacher of the good news, I have no cause for pride in this; because I am forced to do so, for a curse is on me if I do not. <sup>17</sup> But if I do it gladly, I have a reward; and if not, I am under orders to do it. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? This, that when I am giving the good news, I may give it without payment, not making use of my rights as a preacher of the good news. <sup>19</sup> For though I was free from all men, I made myself a servant to all, so that more might have salvation. <sup>20</sup> And to the Jews I was as a Jew, so that I might give the good news to them; to those under the law I was the same, not as being myself under the law, but so that I might give the good news to those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those without the law I was as one without the law, not as being without law to God, but as under law to Christ, so that I might give the good news to those without the law. <sup>22</sup> To the feeble, I was as one who is feeble, so that they might have salvation: I have been all things to all men, so that some at least might have salvation. <sup>23</sup> And I do all things for the cause of the good news, so that I may have a part in it. <sup>24</sup> Do you not see that in a running competition all take part, but only one gets the reward? So let your minds be fixed on the reward. <sup>25</sup> And every man who takes part in the sports has self-control in all things. Now they do it to get a crown which is of this world, but we for an eternal crown. <sup>26</sup> So then I am running, not uncertainly; so I am fighting, not as one who gives blows in the air: <sup>27</sup> But I give blows to my body, and keep it under control,



for fear that, after having given the good news to others, I myself might not have God's approval.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> For it is my desire, my brothers, that you may keep in mind how all our fathers were under the cloud, and they all went through the sea; <sup>2</sup> And they all had baptism from Moses in the cloud and in the sea; <sup>3</sup> And they all took the same holy food; <sup>4</sup> And the same holy drink: for they all took of the water from the holy rock which came after them: and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> But with most of them God was not pleased: for they came to their end in the waste land. <sup>6</sup> Now these things were for an example to us, so that our hearts might not go after evil things, as they did. <sup>7</sup> Then do not go after false gods, as some of them did; as it is said in the holy Writings, After resting and feasting, the people got up to take their pleasure. <sup>8</sup> Again, let us not give way to the desires of the flesh, as some of them did, of whom twenty-three thousand came to their end in one day. <sup>9</sup> And let us not put the Lord to the test, as some of them did, and came to their death by snakes. <sup>10</sup> And do not say evil things against the Lord, as some of them did, and destruction overtook them. <sup>11</sup> Now these things were done as an example; and were put down in writing for our teaching, on whom the last days have come. <sup>12</sup> So let him who seems to himself to be safe go in fear of a fall. <sup>13</sup> You have been put to no test but such as is common to man: and God is true, who will not let any test come on you which you are not able to undergo; but he will make with the test a way out of it, so that you may be able to go through it. <sup>14</sup> For this cause, my dear brothers, give no worship to false gods. <sup>15</sup> What I am saying is for wise men, do you be the judges of it. <sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing which we take, does it not give us a part in the blood of Christ? and is not the broken bread a taking part in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because we, being a number of persons, are one bread, we are one body: for we all take part in the one bread. <sup>18</sup> See Israel after the flesh: do not those who take as food the offerings of the altar take a part in the altar? <sup>19</sup> Do I say, then, that what is offered to images is anything, or that the image is anything? <sup>20</sup> What I say is that the things offered by the Gentiles are offered to evil spirits and not to God; and it is not my desire for you to have any part with evil spirits. <sup>21</sup> It is not possible for you, at the same time, to take the cup of the Lord and the cup of evil spirits; you may not take part in the table of the Lord and the table of evil spirits. <sup>22</sup> Or may we be the cause of envy to the Lord? are we stronger than he? <sup>23</sup> We are free to do all things, but there are things which it is not wise to do. We are free to do all things, but not all things are for the common good. <sup>24</sup> Let a man give attention not only to what is good for himself, but equally to his neighbour's good. <sup>25</sup> Whatever meat may be had at the public market, take as food without question of right or wrong; <sup>26</sup> For the earth is the Lord's and all things in it. <sup>27</sup> If a Gentile makes a feast for you, and you are pleased to go as a guest, take whatever is put before you, without question of right or wrong. <sup>28</sup> But if anyone says to you, This food has been used as an offering, do not take it, on account of him who said it, and on account of his sense of right and wrong: <sup>29</sup> Right and wrong, I say, not for you, but for the other man; for the fact that I am free is not dependent on another

man's sense of right or wrong. <sup>30</sup> But if I give praise to God for the food which I take, let no man say evil of me for that reason. <sup>31</sup> So then, if it is a question of food or drink, or any other thing, whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Give no cause of trouble to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God. <sup>33</sup> Even as I give way to all men in all things, not looking for profit for myself, but for the good of others, that they may get salvation.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> So take me for your example, even as I take Christ for mine. <sup>2</sup> Now I am pleased to see that you keep me in memory in all things, and that you give attention to the teaching which was handed down from me to you. <sup>3</sup> But it is important for you to keep this fact in mind, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God. <sup>4</sup> Every man who takes part in prayer, or gives teaching as a prophet, with his head covered, puts shame on his head. <sup>5</sup> But every woman who does so with her head unveiled, puts shame on her head: for it is the same as if her hair was cut off. <sup>6</sup> For if a woman is not veiled, let her hair be cut off; but if it is a shame to a woman to have her hair cut off, let her be veiled. <sup>7</sup> For it is not right for a man to have his head covered, because he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. <sup>8</sup> For the man did not come from the woman, but the woman from the man. <sup>9</sup> And the man was not made for the woman, but the woman for the man. <sup>10</sup> For this reason it is right for the woman to have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup> But the woman is not separate from the man, and the man is not separate from the woman in the Lord. <sup>12</sup> For as the woman is from the man, so the man is through the woman; but all things are from God. <sup>13</sup> Be judges yourselves of the question: does it seem right for a woman to take part in prayer unveiled? <sup>14</sup> Does it not seem natural to you that if a man has long hair, it is a cause of shame to him? <sup>15</sup> But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given to her for a covering. <sup>16</sup> But if any man will not be ruled in this question, this is not our way of doing things, and it is not done in the churches of God. <sup>17</sup> But in giving you this order, there is one thing about which I am not pleased: it is that when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup> For first of all, it has come to my ears that when you come together in the church, there are divisions among you, and I take the statement to be true in part. <sup>19</sup> For divisions are necessary among you, in order that those who have God's approval may be clearly seen among you. <sup>20</sup> But now, when you come together, it is not possible to take the holy meal of the Lord: <sup>21</sup> For when you take your food, everyone takes his meal before the other; and one has not enough food, and another is the worse for drink. <sup>22</sup> What? have you not houses to take your meals in? or have you no respect for the church of God, putting the poor to shame? What am I to say to you? am I to give you praise? certainly not. <sup>23</sup> For it was handed down to me from the Lord, as I gave it to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when Judas was false to him, took bread, <sup>24</sup> And when it had been broken with an act of praise, he said, This is my body which is for you: do this in memory of me. <sup>25</sup> In the same way, with the cup, after the meal, he said, This cup is the new testament in my blood: do this, whenever you take it, in memory

of me. <sup>26</sup> For whenever you take the bread and the cup you give witness to the Lord's death till he comes. <sup>27</sup> If, then, anyone takes the bread or the cup of the Lord in the wrong spirit, he will be responsible for the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let no man take of the bread and the cup without testing himself. <sup>29</sup> For a man puts himself in danger, if he takes part in the holy meal without being conscious that it is the Lord's body. <sup>30</sup> For this cause a number of you are feeble and ill, and a number are dead. <sup>31</sup> But if we were true judges of ourselves, punishment would not come on us. <sup>32</sup> But if punishment does come, it is sent by the Lord, so that we may be safe when the world is judged. <sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers, when you come together to the holy meal of the Lord, let there be waiting for one another. <sup>34</sup> If any man is in need of food, let him take his meal in his house; so that you may not come together to your damage. And the rest I will put in order when I come.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> But about the things of the spirit, my brothers, it is not right for you to be without teaching. <sup>2</sup> You are conscious that when you were Gentiles, in whatever way you were guided, you went after images without voice or power. <sup>3</sup> So it is my desire for you to be clear about this; that no one is able to say by the Spirit of God that Jesus is cursed; and no one is able to say that Jesus is Lord, but by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are different qualities given to men, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are different sorts of servants, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are different operations, but the same God, who is working all things in all. <sup>7</sup> But to every man some form of the Spirit's working is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one are given words of wisdom through the Spirit; and to another words of knowledge through the same Spirit: <sup>9</sup> To another faith in the same Spirit; and to another the power of taking away disease, by the one Spirit; <sup>10</sup> And to another the power of working wonders; and to another the prophet's word; and to another the power of testing spirits; to another different sorts of tongues; and to another the power of making clear the sense of the tongues: <sup>11</sup> But all these are the operations of the one and the same Spirit, giving to every man separately as his pleasure is. <sup>12</sup> For as the body is one, and has a number of parts, and all the parts make one body, so is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For through the baptism of the one Spirit we were all formed into one body, Jews or Greeks, servants or free men, and were all made full of the same Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body is not one part, but a number of parts. <sup>15</sup> If the foot says, Because I am not the hand, I am not a part of the body; it is no less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear says, Because I am not the eye, I am not a part of the body; it is a part of the body all the same. <sup>17</sup> If all the body was an eye, where would be the hearing? if all was hearing, where would be the smelling? <sup>18</sup> But now God has put every one of the parts in the body as it was pleasing to him. <sup>19</sup> And if they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> But now they are all different parts, but one body. <sup>21</sup> And the eye may not say to the hand, I have no need of you: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. <sup>22</sup> No, those parts which seem to be feeble are the more necessary; <sup>23</sup> And to those parts of the body which seem to have less honour we give all the more honour; and to those parts of the body which are a cause of

shame to us we give the greater respect; <sup>24</sup> But those parts of the body which are beautiful have no need of such care: and so the body has been joined together by God in such a way as to give more honour to those parts which had need of it; <sup>25</sup> So that there might be no division in the body; but all the parts might have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> And if there is pain in one part of the body, all the parts will be feeling it; or if one part is honoured, all the parts will be glad. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and every one of you the separate parts of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has put some in the church, first, Apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then those with wonder-working powers, then those with the power of taking away disease, helpers, wise guides, users of strange tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all Apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? have all the power of working wonders? <sup>30</sup> Are all able to take away disease? have all the power of tongues? are all able to give their sense? <sup>31</sup> But let your desires be turned to the more important things given by the Spirit. And now I am pointing out to you an even better way.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> If I make use of the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am like sounding brass, or a loud-tongued bell. <sup>2</sup> And if I have a prophet's power, and have knowledge of all secret things; and if I have all faith, by which mountains may be moved from their place, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I give all my goods to the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it is of no profit to me. <sup>4</sup> Love is never tired of waiting; love is kind; love has no envy; love has no high opinion of itself, love has no pride; <sup>5</sup> Love's ways are ever fair, it takes no thought for itself; it is not quickly made angry, it takes no account of evil; <sup>6</sup> It takes no pleasure in wrongdoing, but has joy in what is true; <sup>7</sup> Love has the power of undergoing all things, having faith in all things, hoping all things. <sup>8</sup> Though the prophet's word may come to an end, tongues come to nothing, and knowledge have no more value, love has no end. <sup>9</sup> For our knowledge is only in part, and the prophet's word gives only a part of what is true: <sup>10</sup> But when that which is complete is come, then that which is in part will be no longer necessary. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I made use of a child's language, I had a child's feelings and a child's thoughts: now that I am a man, I have put away the things of a child. <sup>12</sup> For now we see things in a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now my knowledge is in part; then it will be complete, even as God's knowledge of me. <sup>13</sup> But now we still have faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## 14

<sup>1</sup> Go after love; still desiring to have the things which the Spirit gives, but most of all that you may have the prophet's power. <sup>2</sup> For he who makes use of tongues is not talking to men but to God; because no one has the sense of what he is saying; but in the Spirit he is talking of secret things. <sup>3</sup> But the word of the prophet gives men knowledge and comfort and strength. <sup>4</sup> He who makes use of tongues may do good to himself; but he who gives the prophet's word does good to the church. <sup>5</sup> Now though it is my desire for you all to have the power of tongues, it would

give me more pleasure to be hearing the prophet's word from you; for this is a greater thing than using tongues, if the sense is not given at the same time, for the good of the church. <sup>6</sup> But, now, my brothers, if I come to you using tongues, what profit will it be to you, if I do not give you a revelation, or knowledge, or the word of the prophet, or teaching? <sup>7</sup> Even things without life, having a voice, such as a music-pipe or other instrument, if they do not give out different sounds, who may be certain what is being played? <sup>8</sup> For if the war-horn gives out an uncertain note, who will get ready for the fight? <sup>9</sup> So if you, in using a strange tongue, say words which have no sense, how will anyone take in what you are saying? for you will be talking to the air. <sup>10</sup> There are, it may be, a number of different voices in the world, and no voice is without sense. <sup>11</sup> But if the sense of the voice is not clear to me, I am like a man from a strange country to him who is talking, and he will be the same to me. <sup>12</sup> So if you are desiring the things which the Spirit gives, let your minds be turned first to the things which are for the good of the church. <sup>13</sup> For this reason, let the man who has the power of using tongues make request that he may, at the same time, be able to give the sense. <sup>14</sup> For if I make use of tongues in my prayers, my spirit makes the prayer, but not my mind. <sup>15</sup> What then? let my prayer be from the spirit, and equally from the mind; let my song be from the spirit, and equally from mind. <sup>16</sup> For if you give a blessing with the spirit, how will the man who has no knowledge say, So be it, after your prayer, seeing that he has not taken in what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> For your giving of the blessing is certainly well done, but of no profit to the man without knowledge. <sup>18</sup> I give praise to God that I am able to make use of tongues more than you all: <sup>19</sup> But in the church it would be better for me to make use of five words of which the sense was clear, so that others might have profit, than ten thousand words in a strange tongue. <sup>20</sup> My brothers, do not be children in mind: in evil be as little children, but in mind be of full growth. <sup>21</sup> In the law it is said, By men of other tongues and by strange lips will my words come to this people; and not even so will they give ear to me, says the Lord. <sup>22</sup> For this reason tongues are for a sign, not to those who have faith, but to those who have not: but the prophet's word is for those who have faith, and not for the rest who have not. <sup>23</sup> If, then, the church has come together, and all are using tongues, and there come in men without knowledge or faith, will they not say that you are unbalanced? <sup>24</sup> But if all are teaching as prophets, and a man without faith or knowledge comes in, he is tested by all, he is judged by all; <sup>25</sup> The secrets of his heart are made clear; and he will go down on his face and give worship to God, saying that God is truly among you. <sup>26</sup> What is it then, my brothers? when you come together everyone has a holy song, or a revelation, or a tongue, or is giving the sense of it. Let everything be done for the common good. <sup>27</sup> If any man makes use of a tongue, let it not be more than two, or at the most three, and in turn; and let someone give the sense: <sup>28</sup> But if there is no one to give the sense, let him keep quiet in the church; and let his words be to himself and to God. <sup>29</sup> And let the prophets give their words, but not more than two or three, and let the others be judges of what they say. <sup>30</sup> But if a revelation is given to another who is seated near, let the first be quiet. <sup>31</sup> For you may all be prophets in turn so that all may get

knowledge and comfort; <sup>32</sup> And the spirits of the prophets are controlled by the prophets; <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God whose ways are without order, but a God of peace; as in all the churches of the saints. <sup>34</sup> Let women keep quiet in the churches: for it is not right for them to be talking; but let them be under control, as it says in the law. <sup>35</sup> And if they have a desire for knowledge about anything, let them put questions to their husbands privately: for talking in the church puts shame on a woman. <sup>36</sup> What? was it from you that the word of God went out? or did it only come in to you? <sup>37</sup> If any man seems to himself to be a prophet or to have the Spirit, let him take note of the things which I am writing to you, as being the word of the Lord. <sup>38</sup> But if any man is without knowledge, let him be so. <sup>39</sup> So then, my brothers, let it be your chief desire to be prophets; but let no one be stopped from using tongues. <sup>40</sup> Let all things be done in the right and ordered way.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> Now I am going to make clear to you, my brothers, what the good news was which I gave to you, and which you took, and on which your faith is based, <sup>2</sup> By which you have salvation; that is to say, the form in which it was given to you, if it is fixed in your minds, and if your faith in it is not without effect. <sup>3</sup> For I gave to you first of all what was handed down to me, how Christ underwent death for our sins, as it says in the Writings; <sup>4</sup> And he was put in the place of the dead; and on the third day he came back from the dead, as it says in the Writings; <sup>5</sup> And he was seen by Cephas; then by the twelve; <sup>6</sup> Then by more than five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, but some are sleeping; <sup>7</sup> Then he was seen by James; then by all the Apostles. <sup>8</sup> And last of all, as by one whose birth was out of the right time, he was seen by me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the Apostles, having no right to be named an Apostle, because of my cruel attacks on the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God, I am what I am: and his grace which was given to me has not been for nothing; for I did more work than all of them; though not I, but the grace of God which was with me. <sup>11</sup> If then it is I who am the preacher, or they, this is our word, and to this you have given your faith. <sup>12</sup> Now if the good news says that Christ came back from the dead, how do some of you say that there is no coming back from the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no coming back from the dead, then Christ has not come back from the dead: <sup>14</sup> And if Christ did not come again from the dead, then our good news and your faith in it are of no effect. <sup>15</sup> Yes, and we are seen to be false witnesses of God; because we gave witness of God that by his power Christ came again from the dead: which is not true if there is no coming back from the dead. <sup>16</sup> For if it is not possible for the dead to come to life again, then Christ has not come to life again: <sup>17</sup> And if that is so, your faith is of no effect; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> And, in addition, the dead in Christ have gone to destruction. <sup>19</sup> If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most unhappy. <sup>20</sup> But now Christ has truly come back from the dead, the first-fruits of those who are sleeping. <sup>21</sup> For as by man came death, so by man there is a coming back from the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam death comes to all, so in Christ will all come back to life. <sup>23</sup> But every man in his right order: Christ the first-fruits; then

those who are Christ's at his coming. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he will give up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he will have put an end to all rule and to all authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For his rule will go on till he has put all those who are against him under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last power to come to an end is death. <sup>27</sup> For, as it says, He has put all things under his feet. But when he says, All things are put under him, it is clear that it is not said about him who put all things under him. <sup>28</sup> And when all things have been put under him, then will the Son himself be under him who put all things under him, so that God may be all in all. <sup>29</sup> Again, what will they do who are given baptism for the dead? if the dead do not come back at all, why are people given baptism for them? <sup>30</sup> And why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> Yes, truly, by your pride in me, my brothers in Christ Jesus our Lord, my life is one long death. <sup>32</sup> If, after the way of men, I was fighting with beasts at Ephesus, what profit is it to me? If the dead do not come to life again, let us take our pleasure in feasting, for tomorrow we come to an end. <sup>33</sup> Do not be tricked by false words: evil company does damage to good behaviour. <sup>34</sup> Be awake to righteousness and keep yourselves from sin; for some have no knowledge of God: I say this to put you to shame. <sup>35</sup> But someone will say, How do the dead come back? and with what sort of body do they come? <sup>36</sup> Foolish man, it is necessary for the seed which you put into the earth to undergo death in order that it may come to life again: <sup>37</sup> And when you put it into the earth, you do not put in the body which it will be, but only the seed, of grain or some other sort of plant; <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body, as it is pleasing to him, and to every seed its special body. <sup>39</sup> All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one flesh of men, another of beasts, another of birds, and another of fishes. <sup>40</sup> And there are bodies of heaven and bodies of earth, but the glory of the one is different from that of the other. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for the glory of one star is different from that of another. <sup>42</sup> So is it with the coming back from the dead. It is planted in death; it comes again in life: <sup>43</sup> It is planted in shame; it comes again in glory: feeble when it is planted, it comes again in power: <sup>44</sup> It is planted a natural body; it comes again as a body of the spirit. If there is a natural body, there is equally a body of the spirit. <sup>45</sup> And so it is said, The first man Adam was a living soul. The last Adam is a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But that which is natural comes before that which is of the spirit. <sup>47</sup> The first man is from the earth, and of the earth: the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> Those who are of the earth are like the man who was from the earth: and those who are of heaven are like the one from heaven. <sup>49</sup> And in the same way as we have taken on us the image of the man from the earth, so we will take on us the image of the one from heaven. <sup>50</sup> Now I say this, my brothers, that it is not possible for flesh and blood to have a part in the kingdom of God; and death may not have a part in life. <sup>51</sup> See, I am giving you the revelation of a secret: we will not all come to the sleep of death, but we will all be changed. <sup>52</sup> In a second, in the shutting of an eye, at the sound of the last horn: for at that sound the dead will come again, free for ever from the power of death, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this body which comes to destruction will be made free from the power of death, and the man who is under the power of death will put on eternal life. <sup>54</sup> But when

this has taken place, then that which was said in the Writings will come true, Death is overcome by life. <sup>55</sup> O death, where is your power? O death, where are your pains? <sup>56</sup> The pain of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: <sup>57</sup> But praise be to God who gives us strength to overcome through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> For this cause, my dear brothers, be strong in purpose and unmoved, ever giving yourselves to the work of the Lord, because you are certain that your work is not without effect in the Lord.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> Now about the giving of money for the saints, as I gave orders to the churches of Galatia, so do you. <sup>2</sup> On the first day of the week, let every one of you put by him in store, in measure as he has done well in business, so that it may not be necessary to get money together when I come. <sup>3</sup> And when I come, I will send the men of your selection with letters to take the money you have got together to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And if it is possible for me to go there, they will go with me. <sup>5</sup> But I will come to you after I have gone through Macedonia, for that is my purpose; <sup>6</sup> But I may be with you for a time, or even for the winter, so that you may see me on my way, wherever I go. <sup>7</sup> For it is not my desire to see you now, on my way; because it is my hope to be with you for some time, if that is the Lord's pleasure. <sup>8</sup> But I will be at Ephesus till Pentecost; <sup>9</sup> For a great and important door there is open to me, and there are a number of people against me. <sup>10</sup> Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear; because he is doing the Lord's work, even as I am: <sup>11</sup> See then that he has the honour which is right. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me: for I am looking for him with the brothers. <sup>12</sup> But as for Apollos, the brother, I had a great desire for him to come to you with the brothers, but it was not his pleasure to come now; but he will come when he has a chance. <sup>13</sup> Be on the watch, unmoved in the faith, and be strong like men. <sup>14</sup> Let all you do be done in love. <sup>15</sup> Now I make my request to you, my brothers, for you have knowledge that the house of Stephanas is the first-fruits of Achaia, and that they have made themselves the servants of the saints, <sup>16</sup> That you put yourselves under such, and under everyone who is helping the Lord's work. <sup>17</sup> And I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for they have done what was needed to make your work complete. <sup>18</sup> For they gave comfort to my spirit and to yours: for which cause give respect to such people. <sup>19</sup> The churches of Asia send their love to you. So do Aquila and Prisca, with the church which is in their house. <sup>20</sup> All the brothers send their love to you. Give one another a holy kiss. <sup>21</sup> I, Paul, send you these words of love in my writing. <sup>22</sup> If any man has not love for the Lord, let him be cursed. Maran atha (our Lord comes). <sup>23</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. <sup>24</sup> My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. So be it.



## Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the purpose of God, and Timothy the brother, to the church of God which is in Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort; <sup>4</sup> Who gives us comfort in all our troubles, so that we may be able to give comfort to others who are in trouble, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup> For as we undergo more of the pain which Christ underwent, so through Christ does our comfort become greater. <sup>6</sup> But if we are troubled, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which takes effect through your quiet undergoing of the same troubles which we undergo: <sup>7</sup> And our hope for you is certain; in the knowledge that as you take part in the troubles, so you will take part in the comfort. <sup>8</sup> For it is our desire that you may not be without knowledge of our trouble which came on us in Asia, that the weight of it was very great, more than our power, so that it seemed that we had no hope even of life: <sup>9</sup> Yes, we ourselves have had the answer of death in ourselves, so that our hope might not be in ourselves, but in God who is able to give life to the dead: <sup>10</sup> Who gave us salvation from so great a death: on whom we have put our hope that he will still go on to give us salvation; <sup>11</sup> You at the same time helping together by your prayer for us; so that for what has been given to us through a number of persons, praise may go up to God for us from all of them. <sup>12</sup> For our glory is in this, in the knowledge which we have that our way of life in the world, and most of all in relation to you, has been holy and true in the eyes of God; not in the wisdom of the flesh, but in the grace of God. <sup>13</sup> For in our letters we say no other things to you, but those which you are reading, and to which you give agreement, and, it is my hope, will go on doing so to the end: <sup>14</sup> Even as you have been ready, in part, to say that we are your glory, in the same way that you are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus. <sup>15</sup> And being certain of this, it was my purpose to come to you before, so that you might have a second grace; <sup>16</sup> And by way of Corinth to go into Macedonia, and from there to come back again to you, so that you might send me on my way to Judaea. <sup>17</sup> If then I had such a purpose, did I seem to be changing suddenly? or am I guided in my purposes by the flesh, saying, Yes, today, and, No, tomorrow? <sup>18</sup> As God is true, our word to you is not Yes and No. <sup>19</sup> For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we were preaching among you, even I and Silvanus and Timothy, was not Yes and No, but in him is Yes. <sup>20</sup> For he is the Yes to all the undertakings of God: and by him all the words of God are made certain and put into effect, to the glory of God through us. <sup>21</sup> Now he who makes our faith strong together with you, in Christ, and has given us of his grace, is God; <sup>22</sup> And it is he who has put his stamp on us, even the Spirit, as the sign in our hearts of the coming glory. <sup>23</sup> But God is my witness that it was in pity for you that I did not come to Corinth at that time. <sup>24</sup> Not that we have authority over your faith, but we are helpers of your joy: for it is faith which is your support.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> But it was my decision for myself, not to come again to you with sorrow. <sup>2</sup> For if I give you sorrow, who then will make me glad, but he who is made sad by me? <sup>3</sup> And I said this very thing in my letter, for fear that when I came I might have sorrow from those from whom it was right for me to have joy; being certain of this, that my joy is the joy of you all. <sup>4</sup> For out of much trouble and pain of heart and much weeping I sent my letter to you; not to give you sorrow, but so that you might see how great is the love which I have to you. <sup>5</sup> But if anyone has been a cause of sorrow, he has been so, not to me only, but in some measure to all of you (I say this that I may not be over-hard on you). <sup>6</sup> Let it be enough for such a man to have undergone the punishment which the church put on him; <sup>7</sup> So that now, on the other hand, it is right for him to have forgiveness and comfort from you, for fear that his sorrow may be over-great. <sup>8</sup> For which cause my desire is that you will make your love to him clear by your acts. <sup>9</sup> And for the same reason I sent you a letter so that I might be certain of your desire to do my orders in all things. <sup>10</sup> But if you give forgiveness to anyone, I do the same: for if I have given forgiveness for anything, I have done it because of you, in the person of Christ; <sup>11</sup> So that Satan may not get the better of us: for we are not without knowledge of his designs. <sup>12</sup> Now when I came to Troas for the good news of Christ, and there was an open door for me in the Lord, <sup>13</sup> I had no rest in my spirit because Titus my brother was not there: so I went away from them, and came into Macedonia. <sup>14</sup> But praise be to God who makes us strong to overcome in Christ, and makes clear through us in every place the value of the knowledge of him. <sup>15</sup> For we are a sweet perfume of Christ to God in those who are getting salvation and in those who are going to destruction; <sup>16</sup> To the one it is a perfume of death to death; to the other a perfume of life to life. And who is enough for such things? <sup>17</sup> For we are not like the great number who make use of the word of God for profit: but our words are true, as from God, being said as before God in Christ.

## 3

<sup>1</sup> Do we seem to be again attempting to put ourselves in the right? or have we need, as some have, of letters of approval to you or from you? <sup>2</sup> You yourselves are our letter, whose writing is in our heart, open for every man's reading and knowledge; <sup>3</sup> For you are clearly a letter of Christ, the fruit of our work, recorded not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in stone, but in hearts of flesh. <sup>4</sup> And this is the certain faith which we have in God through Christ: <sup>5</sup> Not as if we were able by ourselves to do anything for which we might take the credit; but our power comes from God; <sup>6</sup> Who has made us able to be servants of a new agreement; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter gives death, but the Spirit gives life. <sup>7</sup> For if the operation of the law, giving death, recorded in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the eyes of the children of Israel had to be turned away from the face of Moses because of its glory, a glory which was only for a time: <sup>8</sup> Will not the operation of the Spirit have a much greater glory? <sup>9</sup> For if the operation of the law, producing punishment, had its glory, how much greater will be the operation of the Spirit causing righteousness? <sup>10</sup> For the glory

of the first no longer seems to be glory, because of the greater glory of that which comes after. <sup>11</sup> For if the order which was for a time had its glory, much more will the eternal order have its glory. <sup>12</sup> Having then such a hope, we keep nothing back, <sup>13</sup> And are not like Moses, who put a veil on his face, so that the children of Israel might not see clearly to the end of the present order of things: <sup>14</sup> But their minds were made hard: for to this very day at the reading of the old agreement the same veil is still unlifted; though it is taken away in Christ. <sup>15</sup> But to this day, at the reading of the law of Moses, a veil is over their heart. <sup>16</sup> But when it is turned to the Lord, the veil will be taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there the heart is free. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face giving back as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> For this reason, because we have been made servants of this new order, through the mercy given to us, we are strong: <sup>2</sup> And we have given up the secret things of shame, not walking in false ways, and not making use of the word of God with deceit; but by the revelation of what is true, as before God, we have the approval of every man's sense of right and wrong. <sup>3</sup> But if our good news is veiled, it is veiled from those who are on the way to destruction: <sup>4</sup> Because the god of this world has made blind the minds of those who have not faith, so that the light of the good news of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not be shining on them. <sup>5</sup> For our preaching is not about ourselves, but about Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants through Jesus. <sup>6</sup> Seeing that it is God who said, Let light be shining out of the dark, who has put in our hearts the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we have this wealth in vessels of earth, so that it may be seen that the power comes not from us but from God; <sup>8</sup> Troubles are round us on every side, but we are not shut in; things are hard for us, but we see a way out of them; <sup>9</sup> We are cruelly attacked, but not without hope; we are made low, but we are not without help; <sup>10</sup> In our bodies there is ever the mark of the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be seen in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For, while living, we are still being given up to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be seen in our flesh, though it is under the power of death. <sup>12</sup> So then, death is working in us, but life in you. <sup>13</sup> But having the same spirit of faith, as it is said in the Writings, The words of my mouth came from the faith in my heart; in the same way, our words are the outcome of our faith; <sup>14</sup> Because we are certain that he who made the Lord Jesus come back from the dead, will do the same for us, and will give us a place in his glory with you. <sup>15</sup> For we go through all things on account of you, because the greater the number to whom the grace is given, the greater is the praise to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> For which cause we do not give way to weariness; but though our outer man is getting feebler, our inner man is made new day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our present trouble, which is only for a short time, is working out for us a much greater weight of glory; <sup>18</sup> While our minds are not on the things which are seen, but on the things which are not

seen: for the things which are seen are for a time; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> For we are conscious that if this our tent of flesh is taken down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in heaven. <sup>2</sup> For in this we are crying in weariness, greatly desiring to be clothed with our house from heaven: <sup>3</sup> So that our spirits may not be unclothed. <sup>4</sup> For truly, we who are in this tent do give out cries of weariness, for the weight of care which is on us; not because we are desiring to be free from the body, but so that we may have our new body, and death may be overcome by life. <sup>5</sup> Now he who has made us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a witness of what is to come. <sup>6</sup> So, then, we are ever without fear, and though conscious that while we are in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> (For we are walking by faith, not by seeing,) <sup>8</sup> We are without fear, desiring to be free from the body, and to be with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this reason we make it our purpose, in the body or away from it, to be well-pleasing to him. <sup>10</sup> For we all have to come before Christ to be judged; so that every one of us may get his reward for the things done in the body, good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Having in mind, then, the fear of the Lord, we put these things before men, but God sees our hearts; and it is my hope that we may seem right in your eyes. <sup>12</sup> We are not again requesting your approval, but we are giving you the chance of taking pride in us, so that you may be able to give an answer to those whose glory is in seeming, and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are foolish, it is to God; or if we are serious, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For it is the love of Christ which is moving us; because we are of the opinion that if one was put to death for all, then all have undergone death; <sup>15</sup> And that he underwent death for all, so that the living might no longer be living to themselves, but to him who underwent death for them and came back from the dead. <sup>16</sup> For this reason, from this time forward we have knowledge of no man after the flesh: even if we have had knowledge of Christ after the flesh, we have no longer any such knowledge. <sup>17</sup> So if any man is in Christ, he is in a new world: the old things have come to an end; they have truly become new. <sup>18</sup> But all things are of God, who has made us at peace with himself through Christ, and has given to us the work of making peace; <sup>19</sup> That is, that God was in Christ making peace between the world and himself, not putting their sins to their account, and having given to us the preaching of this news of peace. <sup>20</sup> So we are the representatives of Christ, as if God was making a request to you through us: we make our request to you, in the name of Christ, be at peace with God. <sup>21</sup> For him who had no knowledge of sin God made to be sin for us; so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> We then, working together with God, make our request to you not to take the grace of God to no purpose. <sup>2</sup> (For he says, I have given ear to you at a good time, and I have been your helper in a day of salvation: see, now is the good time; now is the day of salvation): <sup>3</sup> Giving no cause for trouble in anything, so that no one may be able to say anything against our work; <sup>4</sup> But in everything making it clear that we are the servants

of God, in quiet strength, in troubles, in need, in sorrow, <sup>5</sup> In blows, in prisons, in attacks, in hard work, in watchings, in going without food; <sup>6</sup> In a clean heart, in knowledge, in long waiting, in being kind, in the Holy Spirit, in true love, <sup>7</sup> In the true word, in the power of God; with the arms of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, <sup>8</sup> By glory and by shame, by an evil name and a good name; as untrue, and still true; <sup>9</sup> Unnoted, but still kept fully in mind; as near to death, but still living; as undergoing punishment, but not put to death; <sup>10</sup> As full of sorrow, but ever glad; as poor, but giving wealth to others; as having nothing, but still having all things. <sup>11</sup> Our mouth is open to you, O Corinthians, our heart is wide. <sup>12</sup> It is not our feelings to you which are narrow, but yours to us. <sup>13</sup> Now to give me back payment of the same sort (I am talking as to my children), let your hearts be wide open to me. <sup>14</sup> Do not keep company with those who have not faith: for what is there in common between righteousness and evil, or between light and dark? <sup>15</sup> And what agreement is there between Christ and the Evil One? or what part has one who has faith with one who has not? <sup>16</sup> And what agreement has the house of God with images? for we are a house of the living God; even as God has said, I will be living among them, and walking with them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>17</sup> For which cause, Come out from among them, and be separate, says the Lord, and let no unclean thing come near you; and I will take you for myself, <sup>18</sup> And will be a Father to you; and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord, the Ruler of all.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> Because God, then, will give us such rewards, dear brothers, let us make ourselves clean from all evil of flesh and spirit, and become completely holy in the fear of God. <sup>2</sup> Let your hearts be open to us: we have done no man wrong, no man has been damaged by us, we have made no profit out of any man, <sup>3</sup> It is not with the purpose of judging you that I say this: for I have said before that you are in our hearts for life and death together. <sup>4</sup> My words to you are without fear, I am full of pride on account of you: I have great comfort and joy in all our troubles. <sup>5</sup> For even when we had come into Macedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; there were fightings outside and fears inside. <sup>6</sup> But God who gives comfort to the poor in spirit gave us comfort by the coming of Titus; <sup>7</sup> And not by his coming only, but by the comfort which he had in you, while he gave us word of your desire, your sorrow, your care for me; so that I was still more glad. <sup>8</sup> For though my letter gave you pain, I have no regret for it now, though I had before; for I see that the letter gave you pain, but only for a time. <sup>9</sup> Now I am glad, not that you had sorrow, but that your sorrow was the cause of a change of heart; for yours was a holy sorrow so that you might undergo no loss by us in anything. <sup>10</sup> For the sorrow which God gives is the cause of salvation through a change of heart, in which there is no reason for grief: but the sorrow of the world is a cause of death. <sup>11</sup> For you see what care was produced in you by this very sorrow of yours before God, what clearing of yourselves, what wrath against sin, what fear, what desire, what serious purpose, what punishment. In everything you have

made it clear that you are free from sin in this business. <sup>12</sup> So though I sent you a letter, it was not only because of the man who did the wrong, or because of him to whom the wrong was done, but so that your true care for us might be made clear in the eyes of God. <sup>13</sup> So we have been comforted: and we had the greater joy in our comfort because of the joy of Titus, for his spirit had been made glad by you all. <sup>14</sup> For I was not put to shame in anything in which I may have made clear to him my pride in you; but as we said nothing to you but what was true, so the good things which I said to Titus about you were seen by him to be true. <sup>15</sup> And his love to you is the more increased by his memory of you all, how you gave way to his authority, and how you took him to your hearts with fear and honour. <sup>16</sup> It gives me great joy to see you answering to my good opinion of you in every way.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> And now we give you news, brothers, about the grace of God which has been given to the churches of Macedonia; <sup>2</sup> How while they were undergoing every sort of trouble, and were in the greatest need, they took all the greater joy in being able to give freely to the needs of others. <sup>3</sup> For I give them witness, that as they were able, and even more than they were able, they gave from the impulse of their hearts, <sup>4</sup> Seriously requesting us that they might have a part in this grace of being servants to the needs of the saints: <sup>5</sup> And going even farther than our hope, they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us after the purpose of God. <sup>6</sup> So that we made a request to Titus that, as he had made a start before, so he might make this grace complete in you. <sup>7</sup> And that as you are full of every good thing, of faith, of the word, of knowledge, of a ready mind, and of love to us, so you may be full of this grace in the same way. <sup>8</sup> I am not giving you an order, but using the ready mind of others as a test of the quality of your love. <sup>9</sup> For you see the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, how though he had wealth, he became poor on your account, so that through his need you might have wealth. <sup>10</sup> And in this I give my opinion: for it is to your profit, who were the first to make a start a year before, not only to do this, but to make clear that your minds were more than ready to do it. <sup>11</sup> Then make the doing of it complete; so that as you had a ready mind, you may give effect to it as you are able. <sup>12</sup> For if there is a ready mind, a man will have God's approval in the measure of what he has, and not of what he has not. <sup>13</sup> And I am not saying this so that others may get off free, while the weight comes on you: <sup>14</sup> But so that things may be equal; that from those things of which you have more than enough at the present time their need may be helped, and that if you are in any need they may be a help to you in the same way, making things equal. <sup>15</sup> As it says in the Writings, He who had taken up much had nothing over and he who had little had enough. <sup>16</sup> But praise be to God, who puts the same care for you into the heart of Titus. <sup>17</sup> For while he gladly gave ear to our request, he was interested enough to go to you from the impulse of his heart. <sup>18</sup> And with him we have sent a brother whose praise in the good news has gone through all the churches; <sup>19</sup> And not only so, but he was marked out by the churches to go with us in the grace of this giving which we have undertaken to the glory of the Lord and to make clear

that our mind was ready: <sup>20</sup> And so that no man might be able to say anything against us in the business of this giving which has been put into our hands: <sup>21</sup> For the business has been so ordered by us as to have the approval, not only of the Lord, but of men. <sup>22</sup> And we have sent with them our brother, whose ready spirit has been made clear to us at times and in ways without number, but it is now all the more so because of the certain faith which he has in you. <sup>23</sup> If any question comes up about Titus, he is my brother-worker, working with me for you; or about the others, they are the representatives of the churches to the glory of Christ. <sup>24</sup> Make clear then to them, as representatives of the churches, the quality of your love, and that the things which we have said about you are true.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> But there is no need for me to say anything in my letter about the giving to the saints: <sup>2</sup> For I have before made clear to those of Macedonia my pride in your ready mind, saying to them that Achaia has been ready for a year back; and a great number have been moved to do the same by your example. <sup>3</sup> But I have sent the brothers, so that the good things we said about you may be seen to be true, and that, as I said, you may be ready: <sup>4</sup> For fear that, if any from Macedonia come with me, and you are not ready, we (not to say, you) might be put to shame in this thing. <sup>5</sup> So it seemed to me wise for the brothers to go before, and see that the amount which you had undertaken to give was ready, so that it might be a cause for praise, and not as if we were making profit out of you. <sup>6</sup> But in the Writings it says, He who puts in only a small number of seeds, will get in the same; and he who puts them in from a full hand, will have produce in full measure from them. <sup>7</sup> Let every man do after the purpose of his heart; not giving with grief, or by force: for God takes pleasure in a ready giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to give you all grace in full measure; so that ever having enough of all things, you may be full of every good work: <sup>9</sup> As it is said in the Writings, He has sent out far and wide, he has given to the poor; his righteousness is for ever. <sup>10</sup> And he who gives seed for putting into the field and bread for food, will take care of the growth of your seed, at the same time increasing the fruits of your righteousness; <sup>11</sup> Your wealth being increased in everything, with a simple mind, causing praise to God through us. <sup>12</sup> For this work of giving not only takes care of the needs of the saints, but is the cause of much praise to God; <sup>13</sup> For when, through this work of giving, they see what you are, they give glory to God for the way in which you have given yourselves to the good news of Christ, and for the wealth of your giving to them and to all; <sup>14</sup> While their hearts go out to you in love and in prayer for you, because of the great grace of God which is in you. <sup>15</sup> Praise be to God for what he has given, which words have no power to say.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> Now I, Paul, myself make request to you by the quiet and gentle behaviour of Christ, I who am poor in spirit when with you, but who say what is in my mind to you without fear when I am away from you: <sup>2</sup> Yes, I make my request to you, so that when I am with you I may not have to make use of the authority which may be needed

against some to whom we seem to be walking after the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For though we may be living in the flesh, we are not fighting after the way of the flesh <sup>4</sup> (For the arms with which we are fighting are not those of the flesh, but are strong before God for the destruction of high places); <sup>5</sup> Putting an end to reasonings, and every high thing which is lifted up against the knowledge of God, and causing every thought to come under the authority of Christ; <sup>6</sup> Being ready to give punishment to whatever is against his authority, after you have made it clear that you are completely under his control. <sup>7</sup> Give attention to the things which are before you. If any man seems to himself to be Christ's, let him keep in mind that we are as much Christ's as he is. <sup>8</sup> For though I might take pride in our authority (which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for your destruction), it will not be a cause of shame to me: <sup>9</sup> That I may not seem to have the desire of causing you fear by my letters. <sup>10</sup> For his letters, they say, have weight and are strong; but in body he is feeble, and his way of talking has little force. <sup>11</sup> Let those who say this keep in mind that, what we are in word by letters when we are away, so will we be in act when we are present. <sup>12</sup> For we will not make comparison of ourselves with some of those who say good things about themselves: but these, measuring themselves by themselves, and making comparison of themselves with themselves, are not wise. <sup>13</sup> We will not give glory to ourselves in over-great measure, but after the measure of the rule which God has given us, a measure which comes even to you. <sup>14</sup> For we have no need to make ourselves seem more than we are, as if our authority did not come as far as to you: for we came even as far as you with the good news of Christ: <sup>15</sup> Not taking credit to ourselves for what is not our business, that is, for the work of others; but having hope that, with the growth of your faith, we may get the credit for an increase which is the effect of our work, <sup>16</sup> So that we may be able to go on and take the good news to countries still farther away than you are, and not take credit for another man's work in making things ready to our hand. <sup>17</sup> But whoever has a desire for glory, let his glory be in the Lord. <sup>18</sup> For the Lord's approval of a man is not dependent on his opinion of himself, but on the Lord's opinion of him.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> Put up with me if I am a little foolish: but, truly, you do put up with me. <sup>2</sup> For I have a very great care for you: because you have been married by me to one husband, and it is my desire to give you completely holy to Christ. <sup>3</sup> But I have a fear, that in some way, as Eve was tricked by the deceit of the snake, your minds may be turned away from their simple and holy love for Christ. <sup>4</sup> For if anyone comes preaching another Jesus from the one whose preachers we are, or if you have got a different spirit, or a different sort of good news from those which came to you, how well you put up with these things. <sup>5</sup> For in my opinion, I am in no way less than the most important of the Apostles. <sup>6</sup> But though I am rough in my way of talking, I am not so in knowledge, as we have made clear to all by our acts among you. <sup>7</sup> Or did I do wrong in making myself low so that you might be lifted up, because I gave you the good news of God without reward? <sup>8</sup> I took money from other churches as



payment for my work, so that I might be your servant; <sup>9</sup> And when I was present with you, and was in need, I let no man be responsible for me; for the brothers, when they came from Macedonia, gave me whatever was needed; and in everything I kept myself from being a trouble to you, and I will go on doing so. <sup>10</sup> As the true word of Christ is in me, I will let no man take from me this my cause of pride in the country of Achaia. <sup>11</sup> Why? because I have no love for you? let God be judge. <sup>12</sup> But what I do, that I will go on doing, so that I may give no chance to those who are looking for one; so that, in the cause of their pride, they may be seen to be the same as we are. <sup>13</sup> For such men are false Apostles, workers of deceit, making themselves seem like Apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And it is no wonder; for even Satan himself is able to take the form of an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no great thing if his servants make themselves seem to be servants of righteousness; whose end will be the reward of their works. <sup>16</sup> I say again, Let me not seem foolish to anyone; but if I do, put up with me as such, so that I may take a little glory to myself. <sup>17</sup> What I am now saying is not by the order of the Lord, but as a foolish person, taking credit to myself, as it seems. <sup>18</sup> Seeing that there are those who take credit to themselves after the flesh, I will do the same. <sup>19</sup> For you put up with the foolish gladly, being wise yourselves. <sup>20</sup> You put up with a man if he makes servants of you, if he makes profit out of you, if he makes you prisoners, if he puts himself in a high place, if he gives you blows on the face. <sup>21</sup> I say this by way of shaming ourselves, as if we had been feeble. But if anyone puts himself forward (I am talking like a foolish person), I will do the same. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they of Israel? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? (I am talking foolishly) I am more so; I have had more experience of hard work, of prisons, of blows more than measure, of death. <sup>24</sup> Five times the Jews gave me forty blows but one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was whipped with rods, once I was stoned, three times the ship I was in came to destruction at sea, a night and a day I have been in the water; <sup>26</sup> In frequent travels, in dangers on rivers, in dangers from outlaws, in dangers from my countrymen, in dangers from the Gentiles, in dangers in the town, in dangers in the waste land, in dangers at sea, in dangers among false brothers; <sup>27</sup> In hard work and weariness, in frequent watchings, going without food and drink, cold and in need of clothing. <sup>28</sup> In addition to all the other things, there is that which comes on me every day, the care of all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is feeble and I am not feeble? who is in danger of falling, and I am not angry? <sup>30</sup> If I have to take credit to myself, I will do so in the things in which I am feeble. <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise for ever, is witness that the things which I say are true. <sup>32</sup> In Damascus, the ruler under Aretas the king kept watch over the town of the people of Damascus, in order to take me: <sup>33</sup> And being let down in a basket from the wall through a window, I got free from his hands.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> As it is necessary for me to take glory to myself, though it is not a good thing, I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I have knowledge of a man in Christ, fourteen years back (if he was in the body,

or out of the body, I am not able to say, but God only), who was taken up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup> And I have knowledge of such a man (if he was in the body, or out of the body, I am not able to say, but God only), <sup>4</sup> How he was taken up into Paradise, and words came to his ears which may not be said, and which man is not able to say. <sup>5</sup> On account of such a one I will have glory: for myself I will take no glory, but only in my feeble body. <sup>6</sup> For if I had a desire to take credit to myself, it would not be foolish, for I would be saying what is true: but I will not, for fear that I might seem to any man more than he sees me to be, or has word from me that I am. <sup>7</sup> And because the revelations were so very great, in order that I might not be overmuch lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, one sent from Satan to give me pain. <sup>8</sup> And about this thing I made request to the Lord three times that it might be taken away from me. <sup>9</sup> And he said to me, My grace is enough for you, for my power is made complete in what is feeble. Most gladly, then, will I take pride in my feeble body, so that the power of Christ may be on me. <sup>10</sup> So I take pleasure in being feeble, in unkind words, in needs, in cruel attacks, in troubles, on account of Christ: for when I am feeble, then am I strong. <sup>11</sup> I have been forced by you to become foolish, though it was right for my praise to have come from you: for in no way was I less than the chief of the Apostles, though I am nothing. <sup>12</sup> Truly the signs of an Apostle were done among you in quiet strength, with wonders and acts of power. <sup>13</sup> For what is there in which you were made less than the other churches, but in the one thing that I was not a trouble to you? Let me have forgiveness for this wrong. <sup>14</sup> This is now the third time that I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a trouble to you: my desire is for you, not for your property: for it is not the children's business to make store for their fathers, but the fathers for the children. <sup>15</sup> And I will gladly give all I have for your souls. If I have the more love for you, am I to be loved the less? <sup>16</sup> But let it be so, that I was not a trouble to you myself; but (someone may say) being false, I took you with deceit. <sup>17</sup> Did I make a profit out of you by any of those whom I sent to you? <sup>18</sup> I gave orders to Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus make any profit out of you? were we not guided by the same Spirit, in the same ways? <sup>19</sup> It may seem to you that all this time we have been attempting to put ourselves in the right; but we are saying these things before God in Christ. For all things, dear brothers, are for your profit. <sup>20</sup> For I have a fear that, when I come, you may not be answering to my desire, and that I may not be answering to yours; that there may be fighting, hate, angry feeling, divisions, evil talk about others, secrets, thoughts of pride, outbursts against authority; <sup>21</sup> And that when I come again, my God may put me to shame among you, and I may have grief for those who have done wrong before and have had no regret for their unclean ways, and for the evil desires of the flesh to which they have given way.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> This is the third time that I am coming to you. From the mouth of two or three witnesses will every word be made certain. <sup>2</sup> I said before, and still say it before I come, as being present for the second time, though I am still away from you, to those who have done wrong before, and to all

the others, that if I come again I will not have pity; <sup>3</sup> Seeing that you are looking for a sign of Christ giving out his word in me; who is not feeble in relation to you, but is strong in you: <sup>4</sup> For he was feeble in that he was put to death on the cross, but he is living by the power of God. And we are feeble in him, but we will be living with him through the power of God in relation to you. <sup>5</sup> Make a test of yourselves, if you are in the faith; make certain of yourselves. Or are you not conscious in yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you, if you are truly Christ's? <sup>6</sup> But it is my hope that you will have no doubt that we are truly Christ's. <sup>7</sup> Now our prayer to God is that you may do no evil; not in order that it may be put to our credit, but so that you may do what is right, whatever we may seem. <sup>8</sup> Because we are able to do nothing against what is true, but only for it. <sup>9</sup> For we are glad when we are feeble and you are strong: and this is our prayer, even that you may be made complete. <sup>10</sup> For this cause I am writing these things while I am away, so that there may be need for me, when I am present, to make use of sharp measures, by the authority which the Lord has given me for building up and not for destruction. <sup>11</sup> Let this be my last word, brothers; be glad; be complete; be comforted; be of the same mind; be at peace with one another: and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Give one another a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints send their love to you. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the harmony of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

## Paul's Letter to the Galatians

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an Apostle (not from men, and not through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who made him come back from the dead), <sup>2</sup> And all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> Who gave himself for our sins, so that he might make us free from this present evil world, after the purpose of our God and Father: <sup>5</sup> To whom be the glory for ever and ever. So be it. <sup>6</sup> I am surprised that you are being so quickly turned away from him whose word came to you in the grace of Christ, to good news of a different sort; <sup>7</sup> Which is not another sort: only there are some who give you trouble, desiring to make changes in the good news of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we, or an angel from heaven, were to be a preacher to you of good news other than that which we have given you, let there be a curse on him. <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man is a preacher to you of any good news other than that which has been given to you, let there be a curse on him. <sup>10</sup> Am I now using arguments to men, or God? or is it my desire to give men pleasure? if I was still pleasing men, I would not be a servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup> Because I say to you, my brothers, that the good news of which I was the preacher is not man's. <sup>12</sup> For I did not get it from man, and I was not given teaching in it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For news has come to you of my way of life in the past in the Jews' religion, how I was cruel without measure to the church of God, and did great damage to it: <sup>14</sup> And I went farther in the Jews' religion than a number of my generation among my countrymen, having a more burning interest in the beliefs handed down from my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when it was the good pleasure of God, by whom I was marked out even from my mother's body, through his grace, <sup>16</sup> To give the revelation of his Son in me, so that I might give the news of him to the Gentiles; then I did not take the opinion of flesh and blood, <sup>17</sup> And I went not up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me; but I went away into Arabia, and again I came back to Damascus. <sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Cephas, and was there with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But of the other Apostles I saw only James, the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup> Now God is witness that the things which I am writing to you are true. <sup>21</sup> Then I came to the parts of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> And the churches of Judaea which were in Christ still had no knowledge of my face or person: <sup>23</sup> Only it came to their ears that he who at one time was cruel to us is now preaching the faith which before had been attacked by him; <sup>24</sup> And they gave glory to God in me.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Then after the space of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus with me. <sup>2</sup> And I went up by revelation; and I put before them the good news which I was preaching among the Gentiles, but privately before those who were of good name, so that the work which I was or had been doing might not be without effect. <sup>3</sup> But not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was made to undergo

circumcision: <sup>4</sup> And that because of the false brothers let in secretly, who came searching out our free condition which we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might make servants of us; <sup>5</sup> To whom we gave way not even for an hour; so that the true words of the good news might still be with you. <sup>6</sup> But from those who seemed to be important (whatever they were has no weight with me: God does not take man's person into account): those who seemed to be important gave nothing new to me; <sup>7</sup> But, quite the opposite, when they saw that I had been made responsible for preaching the good news to those without circumcision, even as Peter had been for those of the circumcision <sup>8</sup> (Because he who was working in Peter as the Apostle of the circumcision was working no less in me among the Gentiles); <sup>9</sup> When they saw the grace which was given to me, James and Cephas and John, who had the name of being pillars, gave to me and Barnabas their right hands as friends so that we might go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcision; <sup>10</sup> Only it was their desire that we would give thought to the poor; which very thing I had much in mind to do. <sup>11</sup> But when Cephas came to Antioch, I made a protest against him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he did take food with the Gentiles: but when they came, he went back and made himself separate, fearing those who were of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews went after him, so that even Barnabas was overcome by their false ways. <sup>14</sup> But when I saw that they were not living uprightly in agreement with the true words of the good news, I said to Cephas before them all, If you, being a Jew, are living like the Gentiles, and not like the Jews, how will you make the Gentiles do the same as the Jews? <sup>15</sup> We being Jews by birth, and not sinners of the Gentiles, <sup>16</sup> Being conscious that a man does not get righteousness by the works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we had faith in Christ Jesus, so that we might get righteousness by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law will no flesh get righteousness. <sup>17</sup> But if, while we were desiring to get righteousness through Christ, we ourselves were seen to be sinners, is Christ a servant of sin? In no way! <sup>18</sup> For if I put up again those things which I gave to destruction, I am seen to be a wrongdoer. <sup>19</sup> For I, through the law, have become dead to the law, so that I might be living to God. <sup>20</sup> I have been put to death on the cross with Christ; still I am living; no longer I, but Christ is living in me; and that life which I now am living in the flesh I am living by faith, the faith of the Son of God, who in love for me, gave himself up for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not make the grace of God of no effect: because if righteousness is through the law, then Christ was put to death for nothing.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> O foolish Galatians, by what strange powers have you been tricked, to whom it was made clear that Jesus Christ was put to death on the cross? <sup>2</sup> Give me an answer to this one question, Did the Spirit come to you through the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? having made a start in the Spirit, will you now be made complete in the flesh? <sup>4</sup> Did you undergo such a number of things to no purpose? if it is in fact to no purpose. <sup>5</sup> He who gives you the Spirit,

and does works of power among you, is it by the works of law, or by the hearing of faith? <sup>6</sup> Even as Abraham had faith in God, and it was put to his account as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Be certain, then, that those who are of faith, the same are sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the holy Writings, seeing before the event that God would give the Gentiles righteousness by faith, gave the good news before to Abraham, saying, In you will all the nations have a blessing. <sup>9</sup> So then those who are of faith have a part in the blessing of Abraham who was full of faith. <sup>10</sup> For all who are of the works of the law are under a curse: because it is said in the Writings, A curse is on everyone who does not keep on doing all the things which are ordered in the book of the law. <sup>11</sup> Now that no man gets righteousness by the law in the eyes of God, is clear; because, The upright will be living by faith. <sup>12</sup> And the law is not of faith; but, He who does them will have life by them. <sup>13</sup> Christ has made us free from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us: because it is said in the Writings, A curse on everyone who is put to death by hanging on a tree: <sup>14</sup> So that on the Gentiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus; in order that we through faith might have the Spirit which God had undertaken to give. <sup>15</sup> Brothers, as men would say, even a man's agreement, when it has been made certain, may not be put on one side, or have additions made to it. <sup>16</sup> Now to Abraham were the undertakings given, and to his seed. He says not, And to seeds, as of a great number; but as of one, he says, And to your seed, which is Christ. <sup>17</sup> Now this I say: The law, which came four hundred and thirty years after, does not put an end to the agreement made before by God, so as to make the undertaking without effect. <sup>18</sup> Because if the heritage is by the law, it is no longer dependent on the word of God; but God gave it to Abraham by his word. <sup>19</sup> What then is the law? It was an addition made because of sin, till the coming of the seed to whom the undertaking had been given; and it was ordered through angels by the hand of a go-between. <sup>20</sup> Now a go-between is not a go-between of one; but God is one. <sup>21</sup> Is the law then against the words of God? in no way; because if there had been a law which was able to give life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. <sup>22</sup> However, the holy Writings have put all things under sin, so that that for which God gave the undertaking, based on faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who have such faith. <sup>23</sup> But before faith came, we were kept in prison under the law, waiting for the revelation of the faith which was to come. <sup>24</sup> So the law has been a servant to take us to Christ, so that we might have righteousness by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a servant. <sup>26</sup> Because you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For all those of you who were given baptism into Christ did put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no Jew or Greek, servant or free, male or female: because you are all one in Jesus Christ. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and yours is the heritage by the right of God's undertaking given to Abraham.

#### 4

<sup>1</sup> But I say that as long as the son is a child, he is in no way different from a servant, though he is lord of all; <sup>2</sup> But is under keepers and managers till the time fixed by the father. <sup>3</sup> So we, when we were young, were kept

under the first rules of the world; <sup>4</sup> But when the time had come, God sent out his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, <sup>5</sup> That he might make them free who were under the law, and that we might be given the place of sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent out the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, saying, Abba, Father. <sup>7</sup> So that you are no longer a servant, but a son; and if a son, then the heritage of God is yours. <sup>8</sup> But at that time, having no knowledge of God, you were servants to those who by right are no gods: <sup>9</sup> But now that you have come to have knowledge of God, or more truly, God has knowledge of you, how is it that you go back again to the poor and feeble first things, desiring to be servants to them again? <sup>10</sup> You keep days, and months, and fixed times, and years. <sup>11</sup> I am in fear of you, that I may have been working for you to no purpose. <sup>12</sup> My desire for you, brothers, is that you may be as I am, because I am as you are. You have done me no wrong; <sup>13</sup> But you have knowledge that with a feeble body I was preaching the good news to you the first time; <sup>14</sup> And you did not have a poor opinion of me because of the trouble in my flesh, or put shame on it; but you took me to your hearts as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Where then is that happy condition of yours? because I give you witness, that, if possible, you would have taken out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup> So then am I no longer your friend, because I give you true words? <sup>17</sup> Their interest in you is not good; but their desire is that you may be shut out, so that you may go after them. <sup>18</sup> But it is good to have an interest in a good cause at all times, and not only when I am present with you. <sup>19</sup> My children, of whom I am again in birth-pains till Christ is formed in you, <sup>20</sup> Truly my desire is to be present with you now, using a changed voice; for I am troubled about you. <sup>21</sup> Say, you whose desire it is to be under the law, do you not give ear to the law? <sup>22</sup> Because it is in the Writings, that Abraham had two sons, one by the servant-woman, and one by the free woman. <sup>23</sup> Now the son by the servant-woman has his birth after the flesh; but the son by the free woman has his birth through the undertaking of God. <sup>24</sup> Which things have a secret sense; because these women are the two agreements; one from the mountain of Sinai, giving birth to servants, which is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now this Hagar is the mountain Sinai in Arabia, and is the image of the Jerusalem which now is: which is a servant with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem on high is free, which is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is in the Writings, You who have never given birth, be glad; give cries of joy, you who have had no birth-pains; for the children of her who has been given up by her husband are more than those of the woman who has a husband. <sup>28</sup> Now we, brothers, as Isaac was, are the children of the undertaking of God. <sup>29</sup> But as in those days he who had birth after the flesh was cruel to him who had birth after the Spirit, even so it is now. <sup>30</sup> What then do the Writings say? Send away the servant-woman and her son; for the son of the servant-woman will not have a part in the heritage with the son of the free woman. <sup>31</sup> So, brothers, we are not children of the servant-woman, but of the free woman.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> Christ has truly made us free: then keep your free condition and let no man put a yoke on you again. <sup>2</sup> See, I Paul say to you, that

if you undergo circumcision, Christ will be of no use to you. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I give witness again to every man who undergoes circumcision, that he will have to keep all the law. <sup>4</sup> You are cut off from Christ, you who would have righteousness by the law; you are turned away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For we through the Spirit by faith are waiting for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> Because in Christ Jesus, having circumcision or not having circumcision are equally of no profit; but only faith working through love. <sup>7</sup> You were going on well; who was the cause of your not giving ear to what is true? <sup>8</sup> This ready belief did not come from him who had made you his. <sup>9</sup> A little leaven makes a change in all the mass. <sup>10</sup> I am certain about you in the Lord, that you will be of no other mind; but he who is troubling you will have his punishment, whoever he is. <sup>11</sup> But I, brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still attacked? then has the shame of the cross been taken away. <sup>12</sup> My desire is that they who give you trouble might even be cut off themselves. <sup>13</sup> Because you, brothers, were marked out to be free; only do not make use of your free condition to give the flesh its chance, but through love be servants one to another. <sup>14</sup> For all the law is made complete in one word, even in this, Have love for your neighbour as for yourself. <sup>15</sup> But if you are given to fighting with one another, take care that you are not the cause of destruction one to another. <sup>16</sup> But I say, Go on in the Spirit, and you will not come under the rule of the evil desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; because these are opposite the one to the other; so that you may not do the things which you have a mind to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are clear, which are these: evil desire, unclean things, wrong use of the senses, <sup>20</sup> Worship of images, use of strange powers, hates, fighting, desire for what another has, angry feelings, attempts to get the better of others, divisions, false teachings, <sup>21</sup> Envy, uncontrolled drinking and feasting, and such things: of which I give you word clearly, even as I did in the past, that they who do such things will have no part in the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, a quiet mind, kind acts, well-doing, faith, <sup>23</sup> Gentle behaviour, control over desires: against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who are Christ's have put to death on the cross the flesh with its passions and its evil desires. <sup>25</sup> If we are living by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us be guided. <sup>26</sup> Let us not be full of self-glory, making one another angry, having envy of one another.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, if a man is taken in any wrongdoing, you who are of the Spirit will put such a one right in a spirit of love; keeping watch on yourself, for fear that you yourself may be tested. <sup>2</sup> Take on yourselves one another's troubles, and so keep the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if a man has an idea that he is something when he is nothing, he is tricked by himself. <sup>4</sup> But let every man make test of his work, and then will his cause for glory be in himself only, and not in his neighbour. <sup>5</sup> Because every man is responsible for his part of the work. <sup>6</sup> But let him who gets teaching in the word give a part in all good things to his teacher. <sup>7</sup> Be not tricked; God is not made sport of: for whatever seed a man puts in, that will he



get back as grain. <sup>8</sup> Because he who puts in the seed of the flesh will of the flesh get the reward of death; but he who puts in the seed of the Spirit will of the Spirit get the reward of eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not get tired of well-doing; for at the right time we will get in the grain, if we do not give way to weariness. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have the chance, let us do good to all men, and specially to those who are of the family of the faith. <sup>11</sup> See the size of the handwriting which I myself have made use of in writing to you. <sup>12</sup> Those who have the desire to seem important in the flesh, put force on you to undergo circumcision; only that they may not be attacked because of the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Because even those who undergo circumcision do not themselves keep the law; but they would have you undergo circumcision, so that they may have glory in your flesh. <sup>14</sup> But far be it from me to have glory in anything, but only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which this world has come to an end on the cross for me, and I for it. <sup>15</sup> For having circumcision is nothing, and not having circumcision is nothing, but only a new order of existence. <sup>16</sup> And on all who are guided by this rule be peace and mercy, and on the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup> From this time on let no man be a trouble to me; because my body is marked with the marks of Jesus. <sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. So be it.

## Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the purpose of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus, and those who have faith in Christ Jesus: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us every blessing of the Spirit in the heavens in Christ: <sup>4</sup> Even as he made selection of us in him from the first, so that we might be holy and free from all evil before him in love: <sup>5</sup> As we were designed before by him for the position of sons to himself, through Jesus Christ, in the good pleasure of his purpose, <sup>6</sup> To the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely gave to us in the Loved One: <sup>7</sup> In whom we have salvation through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, through the wealth of his grace, <sup>8</sup> Which he gave us in full measure in all wisdom and care; <sup>9</sup> Having made clear to us the secret of his purpose, in agreement with the design which he had in mind, to put into his hands <sup>10</sup> The ordering of the times when they are complete, so that all things might come to a head in Christ, the things in heaven and the things on the earth; in him, I say, <sup>11</sup> In whom we have a heritage, being marked out from the first in his purpose who does all things in agreement with his designs; <sup>12</sup> So that his glory might have praise through us who first had hope in Christ: <sup>13</sup> In whom you, having been given the true word, the good news of your salvation, and through your faith in him, were given the sign of the Holy Spirit of hope, <sup>14</sup> Which is the first-fruit of our heritage, till God gets back that which is his, to the praise of his glory. <sup>15</sup> For this cause I, having had news of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and which you make clear to all the saints, <sup>16</sup> Give praise without end for you, keeping you in mind in my prayers; <sup>17</sup> That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; <sup>18</sup> And that having the eyes of your heart full of light, you may have knowledge of what is the hope of his purpose, what is the wealth of the glory of his heritage in the saints, <sup>19</sup> And how unlimited is his power to us who have faith, as is seen in the working of the strength of his power, <sup>20</sup> By which he made Christ come back from the dead, and gave him a place at his right hand in heaven, <sup>21</sup> Far over all rule and authority and power and every name which is named, not only in the present order, but in that which is to come: <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet, and has made him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> Which is his body, the full measure of him in whom all things are made complete.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> And to you did he give life, when you were dead through your wrongdoing and sins, <sup>2</sup> In which you were living in the past, after the ways of this present world, doing the pleasure of the lord of the power of the air, the spirit who is now working in those who go against the purpose of God; <sup>3</sup> Among whom we all at one time were living in the pleasures of our flesh, giving way to the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and the punishment of God was waiting for us even as for the rest.

<sup>4</sup> But God, being full of mercy, through the great love which he had for us, <sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead through our sins, gave us life together with Christ (by grace you have salvation), <sup>6</sup> So that we came back from death with him, and are seated with him in the heavens, in Christ Jesus; <sup>7</sup> That in the time to come he might make clear the full wealth of his grace in his mercy to us in Christ Jesus: <sup>8</sup> Because by grace you have salvation through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is given by God: <sup>9</sup> Not by works, so that no man may take glory to himself. <sup>10</sup> For by his act we were given existence in Christ Jesus to do those good works which God before made ready for us so that we might do them. <sup>11</sup> For this reason keep it in mind that in the past you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are looked on as being outside the circumcision by those who have circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands; <sup>12</sup> That you were at that time without Christ, being cut off from any part in Israel's rights as a nation, having no part in God's agreement, having no hope, and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who at one time were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who has made the two into one, and by whom the middle wall of division has been broken down, <sup>15</sup> Having in his flesh put an end to that which made the division between us, even the law with its rules and orders, so that he might make in himself, of the two, one new man, so making peace; <sup>16</sup> And that the two might come into agreement with God in one body through the cross, so putting an end to that division. <sup>17</sup> And he came preaching peace to you who were far off, and to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> Because through him the two of us are able to come near in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer as those who have no part or place in the kingdom of God, but you are numbered among the saints, and of the family of God, <sup>20</sup> Resting on the base of the Apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief keystone, <sup>21</sup> In whom all the building, rightly joined together, comes to be a holy house of God in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> In whom you, with the rest, are united together as a living-place of God in the Spirit.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles, <sup>2</sup> If that ordering of the grace of God has come to your knowledge, which was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> How by revelation the secret was made clear to me, as I said before in a short letter, <sup>4</sup> By the reading of which you will be clear about my knowledge of the secret of Christ; <sup>5</sup> Which in other generations was not given to the sons of men, but the revelation of it has now been made to his holy Apostles and prophets in the Spirit; <sup>6</sup> Which is that the Gentiles have a part in the heritage, and in the same body, and in the same hope in Christ through the good news, <sup>7</sup> Of which I was made a preacher, through that grace of God which was given to me in the measure of the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, was this grace given, so that I might make clear to the Gentiles the good news of the unending wealth of Christ: <sup>9</sup> And make all men see what is the ordering of the secret which from the first has been kept in God who made all things; <sup>10</sup> So that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavens might be made clear through the church the wide-shining wisdom of God, <sup>11</sup> Which is seen in his eternal purpose

in Christ Jesus our Lord: <sup>12</sup> By whom we come near to God without fear through faith in him. <sup>13</sup> For this reason it is my prayer that you may not become feeble because of my troubles for you, which are your glory. <sup>14</sup> For this cause I go down on my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> From whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> That in the wealth of his glory he would make you strong with power through his Spirit in your hearts; <sup>17</sup> So that Christ may have his place in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and based in love, <sup>18</sup> May have strength to see with all the saints how wide and long and high and deep it is, <sup>19</sup> And to have knowledge of the love of Christ which is outside all knowledge, so that you may be made complete as God himself is complete. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do in full measure more than all our desires or thoughts, through the power which is working in us, <sup>21</sup> To him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. So be it.

#### 4

<sup>1</sup> I then, the prisoner in the Lord, make this request from my heart, that you will see that your behaviour is a credit to the position which God's purpose has given you, <sup>2</sup> With all gentle and quiet behaviour, taking whatever comes, putting up with one another in love; <sup>3</sup> Taking care to keep the harmony of the Spirit in the yoke of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, even as you have been marked out by God in the one hope of his purpose for you; <sup>5</sup> One Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> One God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. <sup>7</sup> But to every one of us has grace been given in the measure of the giving of Christ. <sup>8</sup> For this reason he says, He went up on high, taking his prisoners with him, and gave freely to men. <sup>9</sup> (Now this, He went up, what is it but that he first went down into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who went down is the same who went up far over all the heavens so that he might make all things complete.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave some as Apostles, and some, prophets; and some, preachers of the good news; and some to give care and teaching; <sup>12</sup> For the training of the saints as servants in the church, for the building up of the body of Christ: <sup>13</sup> Till we all come to the harmony of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to full growth, to the full measure of Christ: <sup>14</sup> So that we may be no longer children, sent this way and that, turned about by every wind of teaching, by the twisting and tricks of men, by the deceits of error; <sup>15</sup> But saying true words in love, may come to full growth in him, who is the head, even Christ; <sup>16</sup> Through whom all the body, being rightly formed and united together, by the full working of every part, is increased to the building up of itself in love. <sup>17</sup> This I say, then, and give witness in the Lord, that you are to go no longer in the way of the Gentiles whose minds are turned to that which has no profit, <sup>18</sup> Whose thoughts are dark, to whom the life of God is strange because they are without knowledge, and their hearts have been made hard; <sup>19</sup> Who having no more power of feeling, have given themselves up to evil passions, to do all unclean things with overmuch desire. <sup>20</sup> For this was not the teaching of Christ which was given to you; <sup>21</sup> If in fact you gave ear to him, and were given teaching in him, even as what is true is made clear in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> That you

are to put away, in relation to your earlier way of life, the old man, which has become evil by love of deceit; <sup>23</sup> And be made new in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> And put on the new man, to which God has given life, in righteousness and a true and holy way of living. <sup>25</sup> And so, putting away false words, let everyone say what is true to his neighbour: for we are parts one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry without doing wrong; let not the sun go down on your wrath; <sup>27</sup> And do not give way to the Evil One. <sup>28</sup> Let him who was a thief be so no longer, but let him do good work with his hands, so that he may have something to give to him who is in need. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouth, but only what is good for giving necessary teaching, and for grace to those who give ear. <sup>30</sup> And do not give grief to the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were marked for the day of salvation. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitter, sharp and angry feeling, and noise, and evil words, be put away from you, with all unkind acts; <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, full of pity, having forgiveness for one another, even as God in Christ had forgiveness for you.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> Let it then be your desire to be like God, as well-loved children; <sup>2</sup> And be living in love, even as Christ had love for you, and gave himself up for us, an offering to God for a perfume of a sweet smell. <sup>3</sup> But evil acts of the flesh and all unclean things, or desire for others' property, let it not even be named among you, as is right for saints; <sup>4</sup> And let there be no low behaviour, or foolish talk, or words said in sport, which are not right, but in place of them the giving of praise. <sup>5</sup> Being certain of this, that no man who gives way to the passions of the flesh, no unclean person, or one who has desire for the property of others, or who gives worship to images, has any heritage in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Do not be turned from the right way by foolish words; for because of these things the punishment of God comes on those who do not put themselves under him. <sup>7</sup> Have no part with such men; <sup>8</sup> For you at one time were dark, but now are light in the Lord: let your behaviour be that of children of light <sup>9</sup> (Because the fruit of the light is in all righteousness and in everything which is good and true), <sup>10</sup> Testing by experience what is well-pleasing to the Lord; <sup>11</sup> And have no company with the works of the dark, which give no fruit, but make their true quality clear; <sup>12</sup> For the things which are done by them in secret it is shame even to put into words. <sup>13</sup> But all things, when their true quality is seen, are made clear by the light: because everything which is made clear is light. <sup>14</sup> For this reason he says, Be awake, you who are sleeping, and come up from among the dead, and Christ will be your light. <sup>15</sup> Take care then how you are living, not as unwise, but as wise; <sup>16</sup> Making good use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> For this reason, then, do not be foolish, but be conscious of the Lord's pleasure. <sup>18</sup> And do not take overmuch wine by which one may be overcome, but be full of the Spirit; <sup>19</sup> Joining with one another in holy songs of praise and of the Spirit, using your voice in songs and making melody in your heart to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> Giving praise at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God, even the Father; <sup>21</sup> Letting yourselves be ruled by one another in the fear of Christ. <sup>22</sup> Wives, be under the authority of your husbands, as of the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For

the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of the body. <sup>24</sup> And as the church is under Christ's authority, so let wives be under the rule of their husbands in all things. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, have love for your wives, even as Christ had love for the church, and gave himself for it; <sup>26</sup> So that he might make it holy, having made it clean with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> And might take it for himself, a church full of glory, not having one mark or fold or any such thing; but that it might be holy and complete. <sup>28</sup> Even so it is right for husbands to have love for their wives as for their bodies. He who has love for his wife has love for himself: <sup>29</sup> For no man ever had hate for his flesh; but he gives it food and takes care of it, even as Christ does for the church; <sup>30</sup> Because we are parts of his body. <sup>31</sup> For this cause will a man go away from his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. <sup>32</sup> This is a great secret: but my words are about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> But do you, everyone, have love for his wife, even as for himself; and let the wife see that she has respect for her husband.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> Children, do what is ordered by your fathers and mothers in the Lord: for this is right. <sup>2</sup> Give honour to your father and mother (which is the first rule having a reward), <sup>3</sup> So that all may be well for you, and your life may be long on the earth. <sup>4</sup> And, you fathers, do not make your children angry: but give them training in the teaching and fear of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Servants, do what is ordered by those who are your natural masters, having respect and fear for them, with all your heart, as to Christ; <sup>6</sup> Not only under your master's eye, as pleasers of men; but as servants of Christ, doing the pleasure of God from the heart; <sup>7</sup> Doing your work readily, as to the Lord, and not to men: <sup>8</sup> In the knowledge that for every good thing anyone does, he will have his reward from the Lord, If he is a servant or if he is free. <sup>9</sup> And, you masters, do the same things to them, not making use of violent words: in the knowledge that their Master and yours is in heaven, and he has no respect for a man's position. <sup>10</sup> Lastly, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Take up God's instruments of war, so that you may be able to keep your position against all the deceits of the Evil One. <sup>12</sup> For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against authorities and powers, against the world-rulers of this dark night, against the spirits of evil in the heavens. <sup>13</sup> For this reason take up all the arms of God, so that you may be able to be strong in the evil day, and, having done all, to keep your place. <sup>14</sup> Take your place, then, having your body clothed with the true word, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup> Be ready with the good news of peace as shoes on your feet; <sup>16</sup> And most of all, using faith as a cover to keep off all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. <sup>17</sup> And take salvation for your head-dress and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: <sup>18</sup> With prayers and deep desires, making requests at all times in the Spirit, and keeping watch, with strong purpose, in prayer for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> And for me, that words may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make clear without fear the secret of the good news, <sup>20</sup> For which I am a representative in chains, and that I may say

without fear the things which it is right for me to say. <sup>21</sup> But so that you may have knowledge of my business, and how I am, Tychicus, the well-loved brother and tested servant in the Lord, will give you news of all things: <sup>22</sup> Whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, so that you may have knowledge of our position, and that he may give comfort to your hearts. <sup>23</sup> Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all those who have true love for our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Paul's Letter to the Philippians

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, with the Bishops and Deacons of the church: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I give praise to my God at every memory of you, <sup>4</sup> And in all my prayers for you all, making my request with joy, <sup>5</sup> Because of your help in giving the good news from the first day till now; <sup>6</sup> For I am certain of this very thing, that he by whom the good work was started in you will make it complete till the day of Jesus Christ: <sup>7</sup> So it is right for me to take thought for you all in this way, because I have you in my heart; for in my chains, and in my arguments before the judges in support of the good news, making clear that it is true, you all have your part with me in grace. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how my love goes out to you all in the loving mercies of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And my prayer is that you may be increased more and more in knowledge and experience; <sup>10</sup> So that you may give your approval to the best things; that you may be true and without wrongdoing till the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> Being full of the fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. <sup>12</sup> Now it is my purpose to make clear to you, brothers, that the cause of the good news has been helped by my experiences; <sup>13</sup> So that it became clear through all the Praetorium, and to all the rest, that I was a prisoner on account of Christ; <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers in the Lord, taking heart because of my chains, are all the stronger to give the word of God without fear. <sup>15</sup> Though some are preaching Christ out of envy and competition, others do it out of a good heart: <sup>16</sup> These do it from love, conscious that I am responsible for the cause of the good news: <sup>17</sup> But those are preaching Christ in a spirit of competition, not from their hearts, but with the purpose of giving me pain in my prison. <sup>18</sup> What then? only that in every way, falsely or truly, the preaching of Christ goes on; and in this I am glad, and will be glad. <sup>19</sup> For I am conscious that this will be for my salvation, through your prayer and the giving out of the stored wealth of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, <sup>20</sup> In the measure of my strong hope and belief that in nothing will I be put to shame, but that without fear, as at all times, so now will Christ have glory in my body, by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me life is Christ and death is profit. <sup>22</sup> But if I go on living in the flesh — if this is the fruit of my work — then I do not see what decision to make. <sup>23</sup> I am in a hard position between the two, having a desire to go away and be with Christ, which is very much better: <sup>24</sup> Still, to go on in the flesh is more necessary because of you. <sup>25</sup> And being certain of this, I am conscious that I will go on, yes, and go on with you all, for your growth and joy in the faith; <sup>26</sup> So that your pride in me may be increased in Christ Jesus through my being present with you again. <sup>27</sup> Only let your behaviour do credit to the good news of Christ, so that if I come and see you or if I am away from you, I may have news of you that you are strong in one spirit, working together with one soul for the faith of the good news; <sup>28</sup> Having no fear of those who are against you; which is a clear sign of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that



from God; <sup>29</sup> Because to you it has been given in the cause of Christ not only to have faith in him, but to undergo pain on his account: <sup>30</sup> Fighting the same fight which you saw in me, and now have word of in me.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> If then there is any comfort in Christ, any help given by love, any uniting of hearts in the Spirit, any loving mercies and pity, <sup>2</sup> Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in harmony and of one mind; <sup>3</sup> Doing nothing through envy or through pride, but with low thoughts of self let everyone take others to be better than himself; <sup>4</sup> Not looking everyone to his private good, but keeping in mind the things of others. <sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> To whom, though himself in the form of God, it did not seem that to take for oneself was to be like God; <sup>7</sup> But he made himself as nothing, taking the form of a servant, being made like men; <sup>8</sup> And being seen in form as a man, he took the lowest place, and let himself be put to death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> For this reason God has put him in the highest place and has given to him the name which is greater than every name; <sup>10</sup> So that at the name of Jesus every knee may be bent, of those in heaven and those on earth and those in the underworld, <sup>11</sup> And that every tongue may give witness that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup> So then, my loved ones, as you have at all times done what I say, not only when I am present, but now much more when I am not with you, give yourselves to working out your salvation with fear in your hearts; <sup>13</sup> For it is God who is the cause of your desires and of your acts, for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without protests and arguments; <sup>15</sup> So that you may be holy and gentle, children of God without sin in a twisted and foolish generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> Offering the word of life; so that I may have glory in you in the day of Christ, because my running was not for nothing and my work was not without effect. <sup>17</sup> And even if I am offered like a drink offering, giving myself for the cause and work of your faith, I am glad and have joy with you all: <sup>18</sup> And in the same way do you be glad and have a part in my joy. <sup>19</sup> But I am hoping in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you before long, so that I may be comforted when I have news of you. <sup>20</sup> For I have no man of like mind who will truly have care for you. <sup>21</sup> For they all go after what is theirs, not after the things of Christ. <sup>22</sup> But his quality is clear to you; how, as a child is to its father, so he was a help to me in the work of the good news. <sup>23</sup> Him then I am hoping to send as quickly as possible, when I am able to see how things will go for me: <sup>24</sup> But I have faith in the Lord that I myself will come before long. <sup>25</sup> But it seemed to me necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, who has taken part with me in the work and in the fight, and your servant, sent by you for help in my need; <sup>26</sup> Because his heart was with you all, and he was greatly troubled because you had news that he was ill: <sup>27</sup> For in fact he was ill almost to death: but God had mercy on him; and not only on him but on me, so that I might not have grief on grief. <sup>28</sup> I have sent him, then, the more gladly, so that when you see him again, you may be happy and I may have the less sorrow. <sup>29</sup> So take him to your hearts in the Lord with all joy, and give honour to such as he is: <sup>30</sup> Because for the

work of Christ he was near to death, putting his life in danger to make your care for me complete.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> For the rest, my brothers, be glad in the Lord. Writing the same things to you is no trouble to me, and for you it is safe. <sup>2</sup> Be on the watch against dogs, against the workers of evil, against those of the circumcision: <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who give worship to God and have glory in Jesus Christ, and have no faith in the flesh: <sup>4</sup> Even though I myself might have faith in the flesh: if any other man has reason to have faith in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> Being given circumcision on the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in relation to the law, a Pharisee: <sup>6</sup> In bitter hate I was cruel to the church; I kept all the righteousness of the law to the last detail. <sup>7</sup> But those things which were profit to me, I gave up for Christ. <sup>8</sup> Yes truly, and I am ready to give up all things for the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, which is more than all: for whom I have undergone the loss of all things, and to me they are less than nothing, so that I may have Christ as my reward, <sup>9</sup> And be seen in him, not having my righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: <sup>10</sup> That I may have knowledge of him, and of the power of his coming back from the dead, and a part with him in his pains, becoming like him in his death; <sup>11</sup> If in any way I may have the reward of life from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not as if I had even now got the reward or been made complete: but I go on in the hope that I may come to the knowledge of that for which I was made the servant of Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, it is clear to me that I have not come to that knowledge; but one thing I do, letting go those things which are past, and stretching out to the things which are before, <sup>14</sup> I go forward to the mark, even the reward of the high purpose of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Then let us all, who have come to full growth, be of this mind: and if in anything you are of a different mind, even this will God make clear to you: <sup>16</sup> Only, as far as we have got, let us be guided by the same rule. <sup>17</sup> Brothers, take me as your example, and take note of those who are walking after the example we have given. <sup>18</sup> For there are those, of whom I have given you word before, and do so now with sorrow, who are haters of the cross of Christ; <sup>19</sup> Whose end is destruction, whose god is the stomach, and whose glory is in their shame, whose minds are fixed on the things of the earth. <sup>20</sup> For our country is in heaven; from where the Saviour for whom we are waiting will come, even the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>21</sup> By whom this poor body of ours will be changed into the image of the body of his glory, in the measure of the working by which he is able to put all things under himself.

### 4

<sup>1</sup> So my brothers, well loved and very dear to me, my joy and crown, be strong in the Lord, my loved ones. <sup>2</sup> I make request to Euodias and Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And I make request to you, true helper in my work, to see to the needs of those women who took part with me in the good news, with Clement and the rest of my brother-workers whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Be glad in the Lord at all

times: again I say, Be glad. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentle behaviour be clear to all men. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Have no cares; but in everything with prayer and praise put your requests before God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which is deeper than all knowledge, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For the rest, my brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things have honour, whatever things are upright, whatever things are holy, whatever things are beautiful, whatever things are of value, if there is any virtue and if there is any praise, give thought to these things. <sup>9</sup> The things which came to you by my teaching and preaching, and which you saw in me, these things do, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> But I am very glad in the Lord that your care for me has come to life again; though you did in fact take thought for me, but you were not able to give effect to it. <sup>11</sup> But I will not say anything about my needs, for I am able, wherever I am, to be dependent on myself. <sup>12</sup> It is the same to me if I am looked down on or honoured; everywhere and in all things I have the secret of how to be full and how to go without food; how to have wealth and how to be in need. <sup>13</sup> I am able to do all things through him who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup> But you did well to have care for me in my need. <sup>15</sup> And you have knowledge, Philippians, that when the good news first came to you, when I went away from Macedonia, no church took part with me in the business of giving to the saints, but you only; <sup>16</sup> Because even in Thessalonica you sent once and again to me in my need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am looking for an offering, but for fruit which may be put to your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have all things and more than enough: I am made full, having had from Epaphroditus the things which came from you, a perfume of a sweet smell, an offering well pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will give you all you have need of from the wealth of his glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> Now to God our Father be glory for ever and ever. So be it. <sup>21</sup> Give words of love to every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send you their love. <sup>22</sup> All the saints send their love to you, specially those who are of Caesar's house. <sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

## Paul's Letter to the Colossians

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, by the purpose of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and true brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup> We give praise to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, making prayer for you at all times, <sup>4</sup> After hearing of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> Through the hope which is in store for you in heaven; knowledge of which was given to you before in the true word of the good news, <sup>6</sup> Which has come to you; and which in all the world is giving fruit and increase, as it has done in you from the day when it came to your ears and you had true knowledge of the grace of God; <sup>7</sup> As it was given to you by Epaphras, our well-loved helper, who is a true servant of Christ for us, <sup>8</sup> And who, himself, made clear to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason, we, from the day when we had word of it, keep on in prayer for you, that you may be full of the knowledge of his purpose, with all wisdom and experience of the Spirit, <sup>10</sup> Living uprightly in the approval of the Lord, giving fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> Full of strength in the measure of the great power of his glory, so that you may undergo all troubles with joy; <sup>12</sup> Giving praise to the Father who has given us a part in the heritage of the saints in light; <sup>13</sup> Who has made us free from the power of evil and given us a place in the kingdom of the Son of his love; <sup>14</sup> In whom we have our salvation, the forgiveness of sins: <sup>15</sup> Who is the image of the unseen God coming into existence before all living things; <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were made, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, authorities, lords, rulers, and powers; all things were made by him and for him; <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things have being. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church: the starting point of all things, the first to come again from the dead; so that in all things he might have the chief place. <sup>19</sup> For God in full measure was pleased to be in him; <sup>20</sup> Through him uniting all things with himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, uniting all things which are on earth or in heaven. <sup>21</sup> And you, who in the past were cut off and at war with God in your minds through evil works, he has now made one <sup>22</sup> In the body of his flesh through death, so that you might be holy and without sin and free from all evil before him: <sup>23</sup> If you keep yourselves safely based in the faith, not moved from the hope of the good news which came to you, and which was given to every living being under heaven; of which I, Paul, was made a servant. <sup>24</sup> Now I have joy in my pain because of you, and in my flesh I undergo whatever is still needed to make the sorrows of Christ complete, for the salvation of his body, the church; <sup>25</sup> Of which I became a servant by the purpose of God which was given to me for you, to give effect to the word of God, <sup>26</sup> The secret which has been kept from all times and generations, but has now been made clear to his saints, <sup>27</sup> To whom God was pleased to give knowledge of the wealth of the glory of this secret among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: <sup>28</sup> Whom we are preaching;

guiding and teaching every man in all wisdom, so that every man may be complete in Christ;<sup>29</sup> And for this purpose I am working, using all my strength by the help of his power which is working in me strongly.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> For it is my desire to give you news of the great fight I am making for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not seen my face in the flesh; <sup>2</sup> So that their hearts may be comforted, and that being joined together in love, they may come to the full wealth of the certain knowledge of the secret of God, even Christ, <sup>3</sup> In whom are all the secret stores of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this so that you may not be turned away by any deceit of words. <sup>5</sup> For though I am not present in the flesh, still I am with you in the spirit, seeing with joy your order, and your unchanging faith in Christ. <sup>6</sup> As, then, you took Christ Jesus the Lord, so go on in him, <sup>7</sup> Rooted and based together in him, strong in the faith which the teaching gave you, giving praise to God at all times. <sup>8</sup> Take care that no one takes you away by force, through man's wisdom and deceit, going after the beliefs of men and the theories of the world, and not after Christ: <sup>9</sup> For in him all the wealth of God's being has a living form, <sup>10</sup> And you are complete in him, who is the head of all rule and authority: <sup>11</sup> In whom you had a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> Having been put to death with him in baptism, by which you came to life again with him, through faith in the working of God, who made him come back from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, being dead through your sins and the evil condition of your flesh, to you, I say, he gave life together with him, and forgiveness of all our sins; <sup>14</sup> Having put an end to the handwriting of the law which was against us, taking it out of the way by nailing it to his cross; <sup>15</sup> Having made himself free from the rule of authorities and powers, he put them openly to shame, glorying over them in it. <sup>16</sup> For this reason let no man be your judge in any question of food or drink or feast days or new moons or Sabbaths: <sup>17</sup> For these are an image of the things which are to come; but the body is Christ's. <sup>18</sup> Let no man take your reward from you by consciously making little of himself and giving worship to angels; having his thoughts fixed on the things which he has seen, being foolishly lifted up in his natural mind, <sup>19</sup> And not joined to the Head, from whom all the body, being given strength and kept together through its joins and bands, has its growth with the increase of God. <sup>20</sup> If you were made free, by your death with Christ, from the rules of the world, why do you put yourselves under the authority of orders <sup>21</sup> Which say there may be no touching, tasting, or taking in your hands, <sup>22</sup> (Rules which are all to come to an end with their use) after the orders and teaching of men? <sup>23</sup> These things seem to have a sort of wisdom in self-ordered worship and making little of oneself, and being cruel to the body, not honouring it by giving it its natural use.

## 3

<sup>1</sup> If then you have a new life with Christ, give your attention to the things of heaven, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Keep your mind on the higher things, not on the things of earth. <sup>3</sup> For your

life on earth is done, and you have a secret life with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> At the coming of Christ who is our life, you will be seen with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Then put to death your bodies which are of the earth; wrong use of the flesh, unclean things, passion, evil desires and envy, which is the worship of strange gods; <sup>6</sup> Because of which the wrath of God comes on those who go against his orders; <sup>7</sup> Among whom you were living in the past, when you did such things. <sup>8</sup> But now it is right for you to put away all these things; wrath, passion, bad feeling, curses, unclean talk; <sup>9</sup> Do not make false statements to one another; because you have put away the old man with all his doings, <sup>10</sup> And have put on the new man, which has become new in knowledge after the image of his maker; <sup>11</sup> Where there is no Greek or Jew, no one with circumcision or without circumcision, no division between nations, no servant or free man: but Christ is all and in all. <sup>12</sup> As saints of God, then, holy and dearly loved, let your behaviour be marked by pity and mercy, kind feeling, a low opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, and a power of undergoing all things; <sup>13</sup> Being gentle to one another and having forgiveness for one another, if anyone has done wrong to his brother, even as the Lord had forgiveness for you: <sup>14</sup> And more than all, have love; the only way in which you may be completely joined together. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ be ruling in your hearts, as it was the purpose of God for you to be one body; and give praise to God at all times. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ be in you in all wealth of wisdom; teaching and helping one another with songs of praise and holy words, making melody to God with grace in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or in act, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving praise to God the Father through him. <sup>18</sup> Wives, be under the authority of your husbands, as is right in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, have love for your wives, and be not bitter against them. <sup>20</sup> Children, do the orders of your fathers and mothers in all things, for this is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not be hard on your children, so that their spirit may not be broken. <sup>22</sup> Servants, in all things do the orders of your natural masters; not only when their eyes are on you, as pleasers of men, but with all your heart, fearing the Lord: <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, do it readily, as to the Lord and not to men; <sup>24</sup> Being certain that the Lord will give you the reward of the heritage: for you are the servants of the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> For the wrongdoer will have punishment for the wrong he has done, without respect for any man's position.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> Masters, give your servants what is right and equal, conscious that you have a Master in heaven. <sup>2</sup> Give yourselves to prayer at all times, keeping watch with praise; <sup>3</sup> And making prayer for us, that God may give us an open door for the preaching of the word, the secret of Christ, for which I am now in chains; <sup>4</sup> So that I may make it clear, as it is right for me to do. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in your behaviour to those who are outside, making good use of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your talk be with grace, mixed with salt, so that you may be able to give an answer to everyone. <sup>7</sup> Tychicus will give you news of all my business: he is a dear brother and true servant and helper in the word; <sup>8</sup> And I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may have news of how we are, and so that he may give your

hearts comfort; <sup>9</sup> And with him I have sent Onesimus, the true and well-loved brother, who is one of you. They will give you word of everything which is taking place here. <sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, my brother-prisoner, sends his love to you, and Mark, a relation of Barnabas (about whom you have been given orders: if he comes to you, be kind to him), <sup>11</sup> And Jesus, whose other name is Justus; these are of the circumcision: they are my only brother-workers for the kingdom of God, who have been a comfort to me. <sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his love, ever taking thought for you in his prayers, that you may be complete and fully certain of all the purpose of God. <sup>13</sup> For I give witness of him that he has undergone much trouble for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke, our well-loved medical friend, and Demas, send you their love. <sup>15</sup> Give my love to the brothers in Laodicea and to Nymphas and the church in their house. <sup>16</sup> And when this letter has been made public among you, let the same be done in the church of Laodicea; and see that you have the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup> Say to Archippus, See that you do the work which the Lord has given you to do. <sup>18</sup> I, Paul, give you this word of love in my handwriting. Keep in memory that I am a prisoner. Grace be with you.

## Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup> We give praise to God at all times for you, keeping you in memory in our prayers; <sup>3</sup> Having ever in mind your work of faith and acts of love and the strength of your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father; <sup>4</sup> Being conscious, my brothers, dear to God, that you have been marked out by God's purpose; <sup>5</sup> Because our good news came to you, not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Spirit, so that you were completely certain of it; even as you saw what our behaviour to you was like from our love to you. <sup>6</sup> And you took us and the Lord as your example, after the word had come to you in much trouble, with joy in the Holy Spirit; <sup>7</sup> So that you became an example to all those who have faith in Christ in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only was the word of the Lord sounding out from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God is made clear; so that we have no need to say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves give the news of how we came among you; and how you were turned from images to God, to the worship of a true and living God, <sup>10</sup> Waiting for his Son from heaven, who came back from the dead, even Jesus, our Saviour from the wrath to come.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> For you yourselves, brothers, are conscious that our coming among you was not without effect: <sup>2</sup> But after we had first undergone much pain and been cruelly attacked as you saw, at Philippi, by the help of God we gave you the good news without fear, though everything was against us. <sup>3</sup> For our witness does not come from error or from an unclean heart or from deceit: <sup>4</sup> But even as the good news was given to us by the approval of God, so we give it out; not as pleasing men, but God by whom our hearts are tested. <sup>5</sup> For it is common knowledge among you that we never made use of smooth-sounding false words, and God is witness that at no time were we secretly desiring profit for ourselves, <sup>6</sup> Or looking for glory from men, from you or from others, when we might have made ourselves a care to you as Apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we were gentle among you, like a woman caring for her little ones: <sup>8</sup> Even so, being full of loving desire for you, we took delight in giving you not only God's good news, but even our lives, because you were dear to us. <sup>9</sup> For you have the memory, my brothers, of our trouble and care; how, working night and day, so that we might not be a trouble to any of you, we gave you the good news of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, with God, how holy and upright and free from all evil was our way of life among you who have faith; <sup>11</sup> Even as you saw how, like a father with his children, we were teaching and comforting you all, and giving witness, <sup>12</sup> So that your lives might be pleasing to God, who has given you a part in his kingdom and his glory. <sup>13</sup> And for this cause we still give praise to God, that, when the word came to your ears through us, you took it, not as the word of man, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which has living power in you who have faith. <sup>14</sup> For you, my brothers, took as your examples the churches



of God which are in Judaea in Christ Jesus; because you underwent the same things from your countrymen as they did from the Jews; <sup>15</sup> Who put to death the Lord Jesus and the prophets, violently driving us out; who are displeasing to God and against all men; <sup>16</sup> Who, to make the measure of their sins complete, kept us from giving the word of salvation to the Gentiles; but the wrath of God is about to come on them in the fullest degree. <sup>17</sup> But we, my brothers, being away from you for a short time, in body but not in heart, had all the more desire to see your face; <sup>18</sup> For which reason we made attempts to come to you, even I, Paul, once and again; but Satan kept us from coming. <sup>19</sup> For what is our hope or joy or crown of glory? Are not even you, before our Lord Jesus, at his coming? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and our joy.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> At last our desire to have news of you was so strong that, while we ourselves were waiting at Athens, <sup>2</sup> We sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in the good news of Christ, to give you strength and comfort in your faith; <sup>3</sup> So that no man might be moved by these troubles; because you see that these things are part of God's purpose for us. <sup>4</sup> And when we were with you, we said to you that trouble was before us; and so it came about, as you see. <sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I was no longer able to keep quiet, I sent to get news of your faith, fearing that you might be tested by the Evil One and that our work might come to nothing. <sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has given us good news of your faith and love, and that you have happy memories of us, desiring greatly to see us, even as we do to see you; <sup>7</sup> For this cause, brothers, in all our trouble and grief we were comforted about you because of your faith; <sup>8</sup> For it is life to us if you keep your faith in the Lord unchanged. <sup>9</sup> For how great is the praise which we give to God for you, and how great the joy with which we are glad because of you before our God; <sup>10</sup> Night and day requesting God again and again that we may see your face and make your faith complete. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus make a way for us to come to you; <sup>12</sup> And the Lord give you increase of love in fullest measure to one another and to all men, even as our love to you; <sup>13</sup> So that your hearts may be strong and free from all sin before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### 4

<sup>1</sup> And last of all, the prayer which we make to you from our heart and in the name of the Lord Jesus, is this: that as we made clear to you what sort of behaviour is pleasing to God, as in fact you are doing now, so you will go on in these ways, but more and more. <sup>2</sup> Because you have in mind the orders we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For the purpose of God for you is this: that you may be holy, and may keep yourselves from the desires of the flesh; <sup>4</sup> So that every one of you may keep his body holy and in honour; <sup>5</sup> Not in the passion of evil desires, like the Gentiles, who have no knowledge of God; <sup>6</sup> And that no man may make attempts to get the better of his brother in business: for the Lord is the judge in all these things, as we said to you before and gave witness. <sup>7</sup> Because it is God's purpose that our way of life may be not unclean but holy. <sup>8</sup> Whoever,

then, goes against this word, goes against not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. <sup>9</sup> But about loving the brothers, there is no need for me to say anything to you in this letter: for you have the teaching of God that love for one another is right and necessary; <sup>10</sup> And, truly, you are lovers of all the brothers in Macedonia; but it is our desire that your love may be increased still more; <sup>11</sup> And that you may take pride in being quiet and doing your business, working with your hands as we gave you orders; <sup>12</sup> That you may be respected by those who are outside, and may have need of nothing. <sup>13</sup> But it is our desire, brothers, that you may be certain about those who are sleeping; so that you may have no need for sorrow, as others have who are without hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we have faith that Jesus underwent death and came back again, even so those who are sleeping will come again with him by God's power. <sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are still living at the coming of the Lord, will not go before those who are sleeping. <sup>16</sup> Because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a word of authority, with the voice of the chief angel, with the sound of a horn: and the dead in Christ will come to life first; <sup>17</sup> Then we who are still living will be taken up together with them into the clouds to see the Lord in the air: and so will we be forever with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> So then, give comfort to one another with these words.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> But about the times and their order, my brothers, there is no need for me to say anything to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves have the knowledge that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> When they say, There is peace and no danger, then sudden destruction will come on them, as birth-pains on a woman with child; and they will not be able to get away from it. <sup>4</sup> But you, my brothers, are not in the dark, for that day to overtake you like a thief: <sup>5</sup> For you are all sons of light and of the day: we are not of the night or of the dark. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not take our rest as the others do, but let us be self-controlled and awake. <sup>7</sup> For those who are sleeping do so in the night; and those who are the worse for drink are so in the night; <sup>8</sup> But let us, who are of the day, be serious, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and on our heads, the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God's purpose for us is not wrath, but salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> Who was put to death for us, so that, awake or sleeping, we may have a part in his life. <sup>11</sup> So then, go on comforting and building up one another, as you have been doing. <sup>12</sup> But we make this request to you, my brothers: give attention to those who are working among you, who are over you in the Lord to keep order among you; <sup>13</sup> And have a high opinion of them in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And our desire is that you will keep control over those whose lives are not well ordered, giving comfort to the feeble-hearted, supporting those with little strength, and putting up with much from all. <sup>15</sup> Let no one give evil for evil; but ever go after what is good, for one another and for all. <sup>16</sup> Have joy at all times. <sup>17</sup> Keep on with your prayers. <sup>18</sup> In everything give praise: for this is the purpose of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not put out the light of the Spirit; <sup>20</sup> Do not make little of the words of the prophets; <sup>21</sup> Let all things be tested; keep to what is good;

<sup>22</sup> Keep from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> And may the God of peace himself make you holy in every way; and may your spirit and soul and body be free from all sin at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> God, by whom you have been marked out in his purpose, is unchanging and will make it complete. <sup>25</sup> Brothers, keep us in mind in your prayers. <sup>26</sup> Give all the brothers a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup> I give orders in the name of the Lord that all the brothers are to be present at the reading of this letter. <sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> It is right for us to give praise to God at all times for you, brothers, because of the great increase of your faith, and the wealth of your love for one another; <sup>4</sup> So that we ourselves take pride in you in the churches of God for your untroubled mind and your faith in all the troubles and sorrows which you are going through; <sup>5</sup> Which is a clear sign of the decision which God in his righteousness has made; to give you a part in his kingdom, for which you have undergone this pain; <sup>6</sup> For it is an act of righteousness on God's part to give trouble as their reward to those who are troubling you, <sup>7</sup> And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus comes from heaven with the angels of his power in flames of fire, <sup>8</sup> To give punishment to those who have no knowledge of God, and to those who do not give ear to the good news of our Lord Jesus: <sup>9</sup> Whose reward will be eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his strength, <sup>10</sup> At his coming, when he will have glory in his saints, and will be a cause of wonder in all those who had faith (because our witness among you had effect) in that day. <sup>11</sup> For this reason, you are ever in our prayers, that you may seem to our God such as may have a part in his purpose and that by his power he will make all his good purpose, and the work of faith, complete; <sup>12</sup> So that glory may be given to the name of our Lord Jesus through you, and you may have glory in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Now as to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our meeting with him, it is our desire, my brothers, <sup>2</sup> That you may not be moved in mind or troubled by a spirit, or by a word, or by a letter as from us, with the suggestion that the day of the Lord is even now come; <sup>3</sup> Give no belief to false words: because there will first be a falling away from the faith, and the revelation of the man of sin, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> Who puts himself against all authority, lifting himself up over all which is named God or is given worship; so that he takes his seat in the Temple of God, putting himself forward as God. <sup>5</sup> Have you no memory of what I said when I was with you, giving you word of these things? <sup>6</sup> And now it is clear to you what is keeping back his revelation till the time comes for him to be seen. <sup>7</sup> For the secret of evil is even now at work: but there is one who is keeping back the evil till he is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then will come the revelation of that evil one, whom the Lord Jesus will put to death with the breath of his mouth, and give to destruction by the revelation of his coming; <sup>9</sup> Even the one whose coming is marked by the working of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, <sup>10</sup> And with every deceit of wrongdoing among those whose fate is destruction; because they were quite without that love of the true faith by which they might have salvation. <sup>11</sup> And for this cause, God will give them up to the power of deceit and they will put their faith in what is false: <sup>12</sup> So

that they all may be judged, who had no faith in what is true, but took pleasure in evil. <sup>13</sup> But it is right for us to give praise to God at all times for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because it was the purpose of God from the first that you might have salvation, being made holy by the Spirit and by faith in what is true: <sup>14</sup> And in this purpose he gave you a part through the good news of which we were the preachers, even that you might have part in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers, be strong in purpose, and keep the teaching which has been given to you by word or by letter from us. <sup>16</sup> Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who had love for us and has given us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup> Give you comfort and strength in every good work and word.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> For the rest, my brothers, let there be prayer for us that the word of the Lord may go forward with increasing glory, even as it does with you; <sup>2</sup> And that we may be made free from foolish and evil men; for not all have faith. <sup>3</sup> But the Lord is true, who will give you strength and keep you safe from evil. <sup>4</sup> And we have faith in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things about which we give you orders. <sup>5</sup> And may your hearts be guided by the Lord into the love of God and quiet waiting for Christ. <sup>6</sup> Now we give you orders, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from all those whose behaviour is not well ordered and in harmony with the teaching which they had from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves are used to taking us as your example, because our life among you was ruled by order, <sup>8</sup> And we did not take food from any man for nothing, but were working hard night and day not to be a trouble to any of you: <sup>9</sup> Not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an example to you, so that you might do the same. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you we gave you orders, saying, If any man does no work, let him not have food. <sup>11</sup> For it has come to our ears that there are some among you whose behaviour is uncontrolled, who do no work at all, but are over-interested in the business of others. <sup>12</sup> Now to such we give orders and make request in the Lord Jesus, that, working quietly, they get their living. <sup>13</sup> And you, my brothers, do not get tired of well-doing. <sup>14</sup> And if any man does not give attention to what we have said in this letter, take note of that man, and keep away from him, so that he may be shamed. <sup>15</sup> Have no feeling of hate for him, but take him in hand seriously as a brother. <sup>16</sup> Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. May the Lord be with you all. <sup>17</sup> These words of love to you at the end are in my writing, Paul's writing, and this is the mark of every letter from me. <sup>18</sup> May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

## Paul's First Letter to Timothy

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, by the order of God our Saviour and Christ Jesus our hope; <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> It was my desire, when I went on into Macedonia, that you might make a stop at Ephesus, to give orders to certain men not to put forward a different teaching, <sup>4</sup> Or to give attention to stories and long lists of generations, from which come questionings and doubts, in place of God's ordered way of life which is in faith; <sup>5</sup> But the effect of the order is love coming from a clean heart, and a knowledge of what is right, and true faith: <sup>6</sup> From which some have been turned away, giving themselves to foolish talking; <sup>7</sup> Desiring to be teachers of the law, though they have no knowledge of what they say or of the statements which they make so certainly. <sup>8</sup> We are conscious that the law is good, if a man makes a right use of it, <sup>9</sup> With the knowledge that the law is made, not for the upright man, but for those who have no respect for law and order, for evil men and sinners, for the unholy and those who have no religion, for those who put their fathers or mothers to death, for takers of life, <sup>10</sup> For those who go after loose women, for those with unnatural desires, for those who take men prisoners, who make false statements and false oaths, and those who do any other things against the right teaching, <sup>11</sup> Which may be seen in the good news of the glory of the great God, which was given into my care. <sup>12</sup> I give praise to him who gave me power, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he took me to be true, making me his servant, <sup>13</sup> Though I had said violent words against God, and done cruel acts, causing great trouble: but I was given mercy, because I did it without knowledge, not having faith; <sup>14</sup> And the grace of our Lord was very great, with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> It is a true saying, in which all may put their faith, that Christ Jesus came into the world to give salvation to sinners, of whom I am the chief: <sup>16</sup> But for this reason I was given mercy, so that in me, the chief of sinners, Jesus Christ might make clear all his mercy, as an example to those who in the future would have faith in him to eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, ever-living, unseen, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. So be it. <sup>18</sup> This order I give to you, Timothy my son, in harmony with the words of the prophets about you, so that by them you may be strong, fighting the good fight, <sup>19</sup> Keeping faith, and being conscious of well-doing; for some, by not doing these things, have gone wrong in relation to the faith: <sup>20</sup> Such are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have given up to Satan, so that they may say no more evil words against God.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> My desire is, first of all, that you will make requests and prayers and give praise for all men; <sup>2</sup> For kings and all those in authority; so that we may have a calm and quiet life in all fear of God and serious behaviour. <sup>3</sup> This is good and pleasing in the eyes of God our Saviour; <sup>4</sup> Whose desire is that all men may have salvation and come to the knowledge of what

is true. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one peacemaker between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> Who gave himself as an offering for all; witness of which was to be given at the right time; <sup>7</sup> And of this I became a preacher and an Apostle (what I say is true, not false,) and a teacher of the Gentiles in the true faith. <sup>8</sup> It is my desire, then, that in every place men may give themselves to prayer, lifting up holy hands, without wrath or argument. <sup>9</sup> And that women may be dressed in simple clothing, with a quiet and serious air; not with twisted hair and gold or jewels or robes of great price; <sup>10</sup> But clothed with good works, as is right for women who are living in the fear of God. <sup>11</sup> Let a woman quietly take the place of a learner and be under authority. <sup>12</sup> In my opinion it is right for a woman not to be a teacher, or to have rule over a man, but to be quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was first formed, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> And Adam was not taken by deceit, but the woman, being tricked, became a wrongdoer. <sup>15</sup> But if they go on in faith and love and holy self-control, she will be kept safe at the time of childbirth.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> This is a true saying, A man desiring the position of a Bishop has a desire for a good work. <sup>2</sup> The Bishop, then, is to be a man of good name, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, serious-minded, having respect for order, opening his house freely to guests, a ready teacher; <sup>3</sup> Not quickly moved to wrath or blows, but gentle; no fighter, no lover of money; <sup>4</sup> Ruling his house well, having his children under control with all serious behaviour; <sup>5</sup> (For if a man has not the art of ruling his house, how will he take care of the church of God?) <sup>6</sup> Not one newly taken into the church, for fear that, through his high opinion of himself, he may come into the same sin as the Evil One. <sup>7</sup> And he is to have a good name among those outside the church, so that nothing may be said against him and he may not be taken by the designs of the Evil One. <sup>8</sup> Deacons, in the same way, are to be serious in their behaviour, not false in word, not given to taking much wine or greatly desiring the wealth of this world; <sup>9</sup> Keeping the secret of the faith in a heart free from sin. <sup>10</sup> And let these first be put to the test; then let them become Deacons if there is nothing against them. <sup>11</sup> Women are to be serious in behaviour, saying no evil of others, controlling themselves, true in all things. <sup>12</sup> Let Deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their houses well. <sup>13</sup> For those who have done good work as Deacons get for themselves a good position and become free from fear in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> I am writing these things to you, though I am hoping to come to you before long; <sup>15</sup> But if I am long in coming, this will make clear to you what behaviour is right for men in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of what is true. <sup>16</sup> And without argument, great is the secret of religion: He who was seen in the flesh, who was given God's approval in the spirit, was seen by the angels, of whom the good news was given among the nations, in whom the world had faith, who was taken up in glory.

### 4

<sup>1</sup> But the Spirit says clearly that in later times some will be turned

away from the faith, giving their minds to spirits of deceit, and the teachings of evil spirits, <sup>2</sup> Through the false ways of men whose words are untrue, whose hearts are burned as with a heated iron; <sup>3</sup> Who keep men from being married and from taking food which God made to be taken with praise by those who have faith and true knowledge. <sup>4</sup> Because everything which God has made is good, and nothing is evil, if it is taken with praise: <sup>5</sup> For it is made holy by the word of God and by prayer. <sup>6</sup> If you keep these things before the minds of the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, trained in the words of the faith and of the right teaching which has been your guide: <sup>7</sup> But have nothing to do with unclean and foolish stories. Give yourself training in religion: <sup>8</sup> For the training of the body is of profit for a little, but religion is of profit in every way, giving hope for the life which now is, and for that which is to come. <sup>9</sup> This is a true saying, in which all may put their faith. <sup>10</sup> And this is the purpose of all our work and our fighting, because our hope is in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and specially of those who have faith. <sup>11</sup> Let these be your orders and your teaching. <sup>12</sup> Let no one make little of you because you are young, but be an example to the church in word, in behaviour, in love, in faith, in holy living. <sup>13</sup> Till I come, give attention to the reading of the holy Writings, to comforting the saints, and to teaching. <sup>14</sup> Make use of that grace in you, which was given to you by the word of the prophets, when the rulers of the church put their hands on you. <sup>15</sup> Have a care for these things; give yourself to them with all your heart, so that all may see how you go forward. <sup>16</sup> Give attention to yourself and your teaching. Go on in these things; for in doing so you will get salvation for yourself and for those who give hearing to you.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> Do not say sharp words to one who has authority in the church, but let your talk be as to a father, and to the younger men as to brothers: <sup>2</sup> To the older women as to mothers, to the younger as to sisters, with a clean heart. <sup>3</sup> Give honour to widows who are truly widows. <sup>4</sup> But if any widow has children or children's children, let these see that it is right to take care of their family and their fathers and mothers: for this is pleasing in the eyes of God. <sup>5</sup> Now she who is truly a widow and without family puts her hope in God, giving herself to prayer day and night. <sup>6</sup> But she who gives herself to pleasure is dead while she is living. <sup>7</sup> Give orders to this effect, so that no evil may be said of anyone. <sup>8</sup> If anyone has no care for his family and those in his house, he is false to the faith, and is worse than one who has no faith. <sup>9</sup> Let no woman be numbered among the widows who is under sixty years old, and only if she has been the wife of one man, <sup>10</sup> And if witness is given of her good works; if she has had the care of children, if she has been kind to travellers, washing the feet of the saints, helping those who are in trouble, giving herself to good works. <sup>11</sup> But to the younger widows say No: for when their love is turned away from Christ, they have a desire to be married; <sup>12</sup> And they are judged because they have been false to their first faith; <sup>13</sup> And they get into the way of doing no work, going about from house to house; and not only doing no work, but talking foolishly, being over-interested in the business of others, saying things which they have no right to say.



<sup>14</sup> So it is my desire that the younger widows may be married and have children, controlling their families, and giving the Evil One no chance to say anything against them, <sup>15</sup> For even now some are turned away to Satan. <sup>16</sup> If any woman of the faith has relations who are widows, let her give them help, so that the care of them does not come on the church, and so it may give help to those who are truly widowed. <sup>17</sup> Let rulers whose rule is good be honoured twice over, specially those whose work is preaching and teaching. <sup>18</sup> For the Writings say, It is not right to keep the ox from taking the grain when he is crushing it. And, The worker has a right to his reward. <sup>19</sup> Do not take as true any statement made against one in authority, but only if two or three give witness to it. <sup>20</sup> Say sharp words to sinners when all are present, so that the rest may be in fear. <sup>21</sup> I give you orders before God and Christ Jesus and the angels of God's selection, to keep these orders without giving thought to one side more than another. <sup>22</sup> Do not put hands on any man without thought, and have no part in other men's sins: keep yourself clean. <sup>23</sup> Do not take only water as your drink, but take a little wine for the good of your stomach, and because you are frequently ill. <sup>24</sup> The sins of some men are clearly seen, going before them to be judged; but with others, their sins go after them. <sup>25</sup> In the same way, there are good works which are clearly seen; and those which are not so, may not be kept secret.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> Let all who are servants under the yoke give all honour to their masters, so that no evil may be said against the name of God and his teaching. <sup>2</sup> And let those whose masters are of the faith have respect for them because they are brothers, working for them the more readily, because those who take part in the good work are of the faith and are dear. Give orders and teaching about these things. <sup>3</sup> If any man gives different teaching, not in agreement with the true words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the teaching which is in agreement with true religion, <sup>4</sup> He has an over-high opinion of himself; being without knowledge, having only an unhealthy love of questionings and wars of words, from which come envy, fighting, cruel words, evil thoughts, <sup>5</sup> Bitter talk of men who, being evil in mind and dead to what is true, take the faith to be a way of making profit. <sup>6</sup> But true faith, with peace of mind, is of great profit: <sup>7</sup> For we came into the world with nothing, and we are not able to take anything out; <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and a roof over us, let that be enough. <sup>9</sup> But those who have a desire for wealth are falling into danger, and are taken as in a net by a number of foolish and damaging desires, through which men are overtaken by death and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all evil: and some whose hearts were fixed on it have been turned away from the faith, and been wounded with unnumbered sorrows. <sup>11</sup> But you, O man of God, keep yourself from these things, and go after righteousness, religion, faith, love, a quiet mind, gentle behaviour. <sup>12</sup> Be fighting the good fight of the faith; take for yourself the life eternal, for which you were marked out, and of which you gave witness in the eyes of all. <sup>13</sup> I give you orders before God, the giver of life, and Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate gave witness to the faith, <sup>14</sup> To keep the word untouched by evil, clear

from all shame, till the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>15</sup> Which at the right time he will make clear, who is the eternal and only Ruler, King of kings, and Lord of lords; <sup>16</sup> Who only has life for ever, living in light to which no man may come near; whom no man has seen or is able to see: to whom be honour and power for ever. So be it. <sup>17</sup> Give orders to those who have money and goods in this life, not to be lifted up in their minds, or to put their hope in the uncertain chances of wealth, but in God who gives us in full measure all things for our use; <sup>18</sup> And to do good, having wealth in good works, being quick to give, taking part with one another; <sup>19</sup> Making ready for themselves a safe place for the time to come, so that the true life may be theirs. <sup>20</sup> O Timothy, take good care of that which is given to you, turning away from the wrong and foolish talk and arguments of that knowledge which is falsely so named; <sup>21</sup> Through which some, who gave their minds to it, have been turned away from the faith. Grace be with you.

## Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the purpose of God, in the hope of the life which is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my well-loved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> I give praise to God, whose servant I have been, with a heart free from sin, from the time of my fathers, because in my prayers at all times the thought of you is with me, night and day <sup>4</sup> Desiring to see you, keeping in my memory your weeping, so that I may be full of joy; <sup>5</sup> Having in mind your true faith, which first was in your mother's mother Lois, and in your mother Eunice, and, I am certain, is now in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I say to you, Let that grace of God which is in you, given to you by my hands, have living power. <sup>7</sup> For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of self-control. <sup>8</sup> Have no feeling of shame, then, for the witness of our Lord or for me, his prisoner: but undergo all things for the good news in the measure of the power of God; <sup>9</sup> Who gave us salvation, marking us out for his purpose, not on account of our works, but in the measure of his purpose and his grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, <sup>10</sup> But has now been made clear by the revelation of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who put an end to death and made life unending come to light through the good news, <sup>11</sup> Of which I was made a preacher and an Apostle and a teacher; <sup>12</sup> And for which I undergo these things: but I have no feeling of shame. For I have knowledge of him in whom I have faith, and I am certain that he is able to keep that which I have given into his care till that day. <sup>13</sup> Keep the form of those true words which you had from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> That good thing which was given to you keep safe, through the Holy Spirit which is in us. <sup>15</sup> You have had news that all those in Asia went away from me; among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes: <sup>16</sup> May the Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus because he frequently gave me help, and had no feeling of shame because I was in chains; <sup>17</sup> But when he was in Rome, he went in search of me everywhere, and came to me <sup>18</sup> (May he have the Lord's mercy in that day); and of all he did for me at Ephesus you have full knowledge.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> So then, my child, be strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things which I have said to you before a number of witnesses, give to those of the faith, so that they may be teachers of others. <sup>3</sup> Be ready to do without the comforts of life, as one of the army of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> A fighting man, when he is with the army, keeps himself free from the business of this life so that he may be pleasing to him who has taken him into his army. <sup>5</sup> And if a man takes part in a competition he does not get the crown if he has not kept the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is right for the worker in the fields to be the first to take of the fruit. <sup>7</sup> Give thought to what I say; for the Lord will give you wisdom in all things. <sup>8</sup> Keep in mind Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, who came back from the dead, as my good news gives witness:

<sup>9</sup> In which I put up with the hardest conditions, even prison chains, like one who has done a crime; but the word of God is not in chains. <sup>10</sup> But I undergo all things for the saints, so that they may have salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> This is a true saying: If we undergo death with him, then will we be living with him: <sup>12</sup> If we go on to the end, then we will be ruling with him: if we say we have no knowledge of him, then he will say he has no knowledge of us: <sup>13</sup> If we are without faith, still he keeps faith, for he will never be untrue to himself. <sup>14</sup> Put these things before them, giving them orders in the name of the Lord to keep themselves from fighting about words, which is of no profit, only causing error in their hearers. <sup>15</sup> Let it be your care to get the approval of God, as a workman who has no cause for shame, giving the true word in the right way. <sup>16</sup> But take no part in wrong and foolish talk, for those who do so will go farther into evil, <sup>17</sup> And their words will be like poisoned wounds in the flesh: such are Hymenaeus and Philetus; <sup>18</sup> Men whose ideas are all false, who say that the coming back from the dead has even now taken place, overturning the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> But God's strong base is unchanging, having this sign, The Lord has knowledge of those who are his: and, Let everyone by whom the name of the Lord is named be turned away from evil. <sup>20</sup> Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but others of wood and earth, and some which are honoured and some without honour. <sup>21</sup> If a man makes himself clean from these, he will be a vessel for honour, made holy, ready for the master's use, ready for every good work. <sup>22</sup> But keep yourself from those desires of the flesh which are strong when the body is young, and go after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those whose prayers go up to the Lord from a clean heart. <sup>23</sup> And put away foolish and uncontrolled questionings, seeing that they are a cause of trouble. <sup>24</sup> For it is not right for the Lord's servant to make trouble, but he is to be gentle to all, ready in teaching, putting up with wrong, <sup>25</sup> Gently guiding those who go against the teaching; if by chance God may give them a change of heart and true knowledge, <sup>26</sup> And so they may get themselves free from the net of the Evil One, being made the prisoners of the Lord's servant, for the purpose of God.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> But be certain of this, that in the last days times of trouble will come. <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, uplifted in pride, given to bitter words, going against the authority of their fathers, never giving praise, having no religion, <sup>3</sup> Without natural love, bitter haters, saying evil of others, violent and uncontrolled, hating all good, <sup>4</sup> False to their friends, acting without thought, lifted up in mind, loving pleasure more than God; <sup>5</sup> Having a form of religion, but turning their backs on the power of it: go not with these. <sup>6</sup> For these are they who go secretly into houses, making prisoners of foolish women, weighted down with sin, turned from the way by their evil desires, <sup>7</sup> Ever learning, and never coming to the knowledge of what is true. <sup>8</sup> And as James and Jambres went against Moses, so do these go against what is true: men of evil minds, who, tested by faith, are seen to be false. <sup>9</sup> But they will go no farther: for their foolish behaviour will be clear to all men, as theirs was

in the end. <sup>10</sup> But you took as your example my teaching, behaviour, purpose, and faith; my long waiting, my love, my quiet undergoing of trouble; <sup>11</sup> My punishments and pain; the things which came to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; the cruel attacks made on me: and the Lord made me free from them all. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and all whose purpose is to be living in the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus, will be cruelly attacked. <sup>13</sup> Evil and false men will become worse and worse, using deceit and themselves overcome by deceit. <sup>14</sup> But see that you keep to the teaching you have been given and the things of which you are certain, conscious of who has been your teacher; <sup>15</sup> And that from the time when you were a child, you have had knowledge of the holy Writings, which are able to make you wise to salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> Every holy Writing which comes from God is of profit for teaching, for training, for guiding, for education in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> So that the man of God may be complete, trained and made ready for every good work.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> I give you orders, before God and Christ Jesus, who will be the judge of the living and the dead, and by his revelation and his kingdom; <sup>2</sup> Be preaching the word at all times, in every place; make protests, say sharp words, give comfort, with long waiting and teaching; <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not take the true teaching; but, moved by their desires, they will get for themselves a great number of teachers for the pleasure of hearing them; <sup>4</sup> And shutting their ears to what is true, will be turned away to belief in foolish stories. <sup>5</sup> But be self-controlled in all things, do without comfort, go on preaching the good news, completing the work which has been given you to do. <sup>6</sup> For I am even now being offered, and my end is near. <sup>7</sup> I have made a good fight, I have come to the end of my journey, I have kept the faith: <sup>8</sup> From now on, the crown of righteousness is made ready for me, which the Lord, the upright judge, Will give to me at that day: and not only to me, but to all those who have had love for his revelation. <sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me before long: <sup>10</sup> For Demas has gone away from me, for love of this present life, and has gone to Thessalonica: Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and take him with you; for he is of use to me in the work. <sup>12</sup> Tychicus I sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> The coat which I did not take from Troas and which is with Carpus, get when you come, and the books, specially the papers. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the copper-worker did me much wrong: the Lord will give him the reward of his works: <sup>15</sup> But be on the watch for him, for he was violent in his attacks on our teaching. <sup>16</sup> At my first meeting with my judges, no one took my part, but all went away from me. May it not be put to their account. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord was by my side and gave me strength; so that through me the news might be given out in full measure, and all the Gentiles might give ear: and I was taken out of the mouth of the lion. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will keep me safe from every evil work and will give me salvation in his kingdom in heaven: to whom be glory for ever and ever. So be it. <sup>19</sup> Give my love to Prisca and Aquila and those of the house of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus was stopping at Corinth; but Trophimus, when I last saw him was at Miletus, ill. <sup>21</sup> Do your best to come before the winter. Eubulus sends you his love, and

Pudens and Linus and Claudia, and all the brothers. <sup>22</sup> The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

## Paul's Letter to Titus

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, in agreement with the faith of the saints of God and the full knowledge of what is true in harmony with religion, <sup>2</sup> In the hope of eternal life, which was made certain before eternal time, by the word of God who is ever true; <sup>3</sup> Who, in his time, made clear his word in the good news, of which, by the order of God our Saviour, I became a preacher; <sup>4</sup> To Titus, my true child in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour. <sup>5</sup> I did not take you with me when I went away from Crete, so that you might do what was necessary to put things in order there, placing men in authority over the churches in every town, as I said to you; <sup>6</sup> Men having a good record, husbands of one wife, whose children are of the faith, children of whom it may not be said that they are given to loose living or are uncontrolled. <sup>7</sup> For it is necessary for a Bishop to be a man of virtue, as God's servant; not pushing himself forward, not quickly moved to wrath or blows, not desiring profit for himself; <sup>8</sup> But opening his house freely to guests; a lover of what is good, serious-minded, upright, holy, self-controlled; <sup>9</sup> Keeping to the true word of the teaching, so that he may be able to give comfort by right teaching and overcome the arguments of the doubters. <sup>10</sup> For there are men who are not ruled by law; foolish talkers, false teachers, specially those of the circumcision, <sup>11</sup> By whom some families have been completely overturned; who take money for teaching things which are not right; these will have to be stopped. <sup>12</sup> One of their prophets has said, The men of Crete are ever false, evil beasts, lovers of food, hating work. <sup>13</sup> This witness is true. So say sharp words to them so that they may come to the right faith, <sup>14</sup> Giving no attention to the fictions of the Jews and the rules of men who have no true knowledge. <sup>15</sup> To the clean in heart all things are clean: but to those who are unclean and without faith nothing is clean; they become unclean in mind and in thought. <sup>16</sup> They say that they have knowledge of God, while by their acts they are turning their backs on him; they are hated by all, hard-hearted, and judged to be without value for any good work.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> But let your words be in agreement with true and right teaching: <sup>2</sup> That old men are to be simple in their tastes, serious, wise, true in faith, in love, and of a quiet mind. <sup>3</sup> That old women are to be self-respecting in behaviour, not saying evil of others, not given to taking much wine, teachers of that which is good, <sup>4</sup> Training the younger women to have love for their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup> To be wise in mind, clean in heart, kind; working in their houses, living under the authority of their husbands; so that no evil may be said of the word of God. <sup>6</sup> To the young men give orders to be wise and serious-minded: <sup>7</sup> In all things see that you are an example of good works; holy in your teaching, serious in behaviour, <sup>8</sup> Saying true and right words, against which no protest may be made, so that he who is not on our side may be put to shame, unable to say any evil of us. <sup>9</sup> Servants are to be under the authority of their

masters, pleasing them in all things, without argument; <sup>10</sup> Not taking what is not theirs, but giving clear signs of their good faith, in all things doing credit to the teaching of God our Saviour. <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has come, giving salvation to all men, <sup>12</sup> Training us so that, turning away from evil and the desires of this world, we may be living wisely and uprightly in the knowledge of God in this present life; <sup>13</sup> Looking for the glad hope, the revelation of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> Who gave himself for us, so that he might make us free from all wrongdoing, and make for himself a people clean in heart and on fire with good works. <sup>15</sup> On all these points give teaching and help, and make clear what is right with all authority. Let all men give you honour.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Make clear to them that they are to put themselves under rulers and authorities, to do what they are ordered, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> To say no evil of any man, not to be fighters, to give way to others, to be gentle in behaviour to all men. <sup>3</sup> For in the past we were foolish, hard in heart, turned from the true way, servants of evil desires and pleasures, living in bad feeling and envy, hated and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the mercy of God our Saviour, and his love to man was seen, <sup>5</sup> Not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but in the measure of his mercy, he gave us salvation, through the washing of the new birth and the giving of new life in the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> Which he gave us freely through Jesus Christ our Saviour; <sup>7</sup> So that, having been given righteousness through grace, we might have a part in the heritage, the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> This is a true saying; and it is my desire that you may give certain witness about these things, so that those who have had faith in God may give attention to good works. These things are good and of profit to men; <sup>9</sup> But have nothing to do with foolish questionings, and lists of generations, and fights and arguments about the law; for they are of no profit and foolish. <sup>10</sup> A man whose opinions are not those of the church, after a first and second protest, is to be kept out of your society; <sup>11</sup> Clearly he is in error and a sinner, being self-judged. <sup>12</sup> When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis: for it is my purpose to be there for the winter. <sup>13</sup> Send Zenas, the man of law, and Apollos on their journey with all care, so that they may be in need of nothing. <sup>14</sup> And let our people go on with good works for necessary purposes, so that they may not be without fruit. <sup>15</sup> All who are with me send you their love. Give our love to our friends in the faith. Grace be with you all.



## Paul's Letter to Philemon

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our dear helper in the faith, <sup>2</sup> And to Apphia, our sister, and to Archippus, our brother in God's army, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give praise to God at all times and make prayer for you, <sup>5</sup> Hearing of the love and the faith which you have to the Lord Jesus and to all the saints; <sup>6</sup> That the faith which you have in common with them may be working with power, in the knowledge of every good thing in you, for Christ. <sup>7</sup> For I had great joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been made strong again through you, brother. <sup>8</sup> And so, though I might, in the name of Christ, give you orders to do what is right, <sup>9</sup> Still, because of love, in place of an order, I make a request to you, I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner of Christ Jesus: <sup>10</sup> My request is for my child Onesimus, the child of my chains, <sup>11</sup> Who in the past was of no profit to you, but now is of profit to you and to me: <sup>12</sup> Whom I have sent back to you, him who is my very heart: <sup>13</sup> Though my desire was to keep him with me, to be my servant in the chains of the good news, in your place: <sup>14</sup> But without your approval I would do nothing; so that your good works might not be forced, but done freely from your heart. <sup>15</sup> For it is possible that for this reason he was parted from you for a time, so that you might have him for ever; <sup>16</sup> No longer as a servant, but more than a servant, a brother, very dear to me specially, but much more to you, in the flesh as well as in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> If then you take me to be your friend and brother, take him in as myself. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or is in debt to you for anything, put it to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, writing this myself, say, I will make payment to you: and I do not say to you that you are in debt to me even for your life. <sup>20</sup> So brother, let me have joy of you in the Lord: give new life to my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Being certain that you will do my desire, I am writing to you, in the knowledge that you will do even more than I say. <sup>22</sup> And make a room ready for me; for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be given to you. <sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my brother-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you his love; <sup>24</sup> And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my brother-workers. <sup>25</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. So be it.

## The Letter to the Hebrews

<sup>1</sup> In times past the word of God came to our fathers through the prophets, in different parts and in different ways; <sup>2</sup> But now, at the end of these days, it has come to us through his Son, to whom he has given all things for a heritage, and through whom he made the order of the generations; <sup>3</sup> Who, being the outshining of his glory, the true image of his substance, supporting all things by the word of his power, having given himself as an offering making clean from sins, took his seat at the right hand of God in heaven; <sup>4</sup> Having become by so much better than the angels, as the name which is his heritage is more noble than theirs. <sup>5</sup> To which of the angels did God say at any time, You are my Son, this day I have given you being? or, I will be his Father, and he will be my Son? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he is sending his only Son into the world, he says, Let all the angels of God give him worship. <sup>7</sup> And of the angels he says, Who makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire: <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, Your seat of power, O God, is for ever and ever; and the rod of your kingdom is a rod of righteousness. <sup>9</sup> You have been a lover of righteousness and a hater of evil; and so God, your God, has put the oil of joy on your head more than on the heads of those who are with you. <sup>10</sup> You, Lord, at the first did put the earth on its base, and the heavens are the works of your hands: <sup>11</sup> They will come to their end; but you are for ever; they will become old as a robe; <sup>12</sup> They will be rolled up like a cloth, even like a robe, and they will be changed: but you are the same and your years will have no end. <sup>13</sup> But of which of the angels has he said at any time, Take your seat at my right hand till I put all those who are against you under your feet? <sup>14</sup> Are they not all helping spirits, who are sent out as servants to those whose heritage will be salvation?

## 2

<sup>1</sup> For this reason there is the more need for us to give attention to the things which have come to our ears, for fear that by chance we might be slipping away. <sup>2</sup> Because if the word which came through the angels was fixed, and in the past every evil act against God's orders was given its full punishment; <sup>3</sup> What will come on us, if we do not give our minds to such a great salvation? a salvation of which our fathers first had knowledge through the words of the Lord, and which was made certain to us by those to whom his words came; <sup>4</sup> And God was a witness with them, by signs and wonders, and by more than natural powers, and by his distribution of the Holy Spirit at his pleasure. <sup>5</sup> For he did not make the angels rulers over the world to come, of which I am writing. <sup>6</sup> But a certain writer has given his witness, saying, What is man, that you keep him in mind? what is the son of man, that you take him into account? <sup>7</sup> You made him a little lower than the angels; you gave him a crown of glory and honour, and made him ruler over all the works of your hands: <sup>8</sup> You put all things under his feet. For in making man the ruler over all things, God did not put anything outside his authority; though we do not see everything under him now. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who was made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, crowned with glory

and honour, because he let himself be put to death so that by the grace of God he might undergo death for all men. <sup>10</sup> Because it was right for him, for whom and through whom all things have being, in guiding his sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation complete through pain. <sup>11</sup> For he who makes holy and those who are made holy are all of one family; and for this reason it is no shame for him to give them the name of brothers, <sup>12</sup> Saying, I will give the knowledge of your name to my brothers, I will make a song of praise to you before the church. <sup>13</sup> And again he says, I will put my faith in him. And again, See, I am here, and the children which God has given to me. <sup>14</sup> And because the children are flesh and blood, he took a body himself and became like them; so that by his death he might put an end to him who had the power of death, that is to say, the Evil One; <sup>15</sup> And let those who all their lives were in chains because of their fear of death, go free. <sup>16</sup> For, truly, he does not take on the life of angels, but that of the seed of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Because of this it was necessary for him to be made like his brothers in every way, so that he might be a high priest full of mercy and keeping faith in everything to do with God, making offerings for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For having been put to the test himself, he is able to give help to others when they are tested.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> For this reason, holy brothers, marked out to have a part in heaven, give thought to Jesus the representative and high priest of our faith; <sup>2</sup> Who kept faith with God who gave him his place, even as Moses did in all his house. <sup>3</sup> And it was right for this man to have more honour than Moses, even as the builder of a house has more honour than the house. <sup>4</sup> For every house has a builder; but the builder of all things is God. <sup>5</sup> And Moses certainly kept faith as a servant, in all his house, and as a witness of those things which were to be said later; <sup>6</sup> But Christ as a son, over his house; whose house are we, if we keep our hearts fixed in the glad and certain hope till the end. <sup>7</sup> And so, as the Holy Spirit says, Today if you let his voice come to your ears, <sup>8</sup> Be not hard of heart, as when you made me angry, on the day of testing in the waste land, <sup>9</sup> When your fathers put me to the test, and saw my works for forty years. <sup>10</sup> So that I was angry with this generation, and I said, Their hearts are in error at all times, and they have no knowledge of my ways; <sup>11</sup> And being angry I made an oath, saying, They may not come into my rest. <sup>12</sup> My brothers, take care that there is not by chance in any one of you an evil heart without belief, turning away from the living God: <sup>13</sup> But give comfort to one another every day as long as it is still Today; so that no one among you may be made hard by the deceit of sin: <sup>14</sup> For if we keep the substance of the faith which we had at the start, even till the end, we have a part with Christ; <sup>15</sup> As it is said, Today if you will let his voice come to your ears, be not hard of heart, as when you made him angry. <sup>16</sup> Who made him angry when his voice came to them? was it not all those who came out of Egypt with Moses? <sup>17</sup> And with whom was he angry for forty years? was it not with those who did evil, who came to their deaths in the waste land? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did he make an oath that they might not come into his rest? was

it not to those who went against his orders? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they were not able to go in because they had no belief.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> Let us then, though we still have God's word that we may come into his rest, go in fear that some of you may be unable to do so. <sup>2</sup> And, truly, the good news came to us, even as it did to them; but the hearing of the word did them no good, because they were not united in faith with the true hearers. <sup>3</sup> For those of us who have belief come into his rest; even as he has said, As I said in my oath when I was angry, They may not come into my rest: though the works were done from the time of the making of the world. <sup>4</sup> For in one place he has said of the seventh day, And God had rest from all his works on the seventh day; <sup>5</sup> And in the same place he says again, They will not come into my rest. <sup>6</sup> So that as it is clear that some have to go in, and that the first hearers of the good news were not able to go in because they went against God's orders, <sup>7</sup> After a long time, again naming a certain day, he says in David, Today (as he had said before), Today if you will let his voice come to your ears, be not hard of heart, <sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have said anything about another day. <sup>9</sup> So that there is still a Sabbath-keeping for the people of God. <sup>10</sup> For the man who comes into his rest has had rest from his works, as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Because of this, let us have a strong desire to come into that rest, and let no one go after the example of those who went against God's orders. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and full of power, and is sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting through and making a division even of the soul and the spirit, the bones and the muscles, and quick to see the thoughts and purposes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And there is nothing made which is not completely clear to him; there is nothing covered, but all things are open to the eyes of him with whom we have to do. <sup>14</sup> Having then a great high priest, who has made his way through the heavens, even Jesus the Son of God, let us be strong in our faith. <sup>15</sup> For we have not a high priest who is not able to be touched by the feelings of our feeble flesh; but we have one who has been tested in all points as we ourselves are tested, but without sin. <sup>16</sup> Then let us come near to the seat of grace without fear, so that mercy may be given to us, and we may get grace for our help in time of need.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> Every high priest who is taken from among men is given his position to take care of the interests of men in those things which have to do with God, so that he may make offerings for sins. <sup>2</sup> He is able to have feeling for those who have no knowledge and for those who are wandering from the true way, because he himself is feeble; <sup>3</sup> And being feeble, he has to make sin-offerings for himself as well as for the people. <sup>4</sup> And no man who is not given authority by God, as Aaron was, takes this honour for himself. <sup>5</sup> In the same way Christ did not take for himself the glory of being made a high priest, but was given it by him who said, You are my Son, this day I have given you being: <sup>6</sup> As he says in another place, You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. <sup>7</sup> Who in the days of his flesh, having sent up prayers and requests with strong crying and weeping to him who was able to give him salvation from death, had his

prayer answered because of his fear of God. <sup>8</sup> And though he was a Son, through the pain which he underwent, the knowledge came to him of what it was to be under God's orders; <sup>9</sup> And when he had been made complete, he became the giver of eternal salvation to all those who are under his orders; <sup>10</sup> Being named by God a high priest of the order of Melchizedek. <sup>11</sup> Of whom we have much to say which it is hard to make clear, because you are slow of hearing. <sup>12</sup> And though by this time it would be right for you to be teachers, you still have need of someone to give you teaching about the first simple rules of God's revelation; you have become like babies who have need of milk, and not of solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who takes milk is without experience of the word of righteousness: he is a child. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for men of full growth, even for those whose senses are trained by use to see what is good and what is evil.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> For this reason let us go on from the first things about Christ to full growth; not building again that on which it is based, that is, the turning of the heart from dead works, and faith in God, <sup>2</sup> The teaching of baptisms, and of the putting on of hands, and of the future life of the dead, and of the judging on the last day. <sup>3</sup> Now we will do this, if God lets us. <sup>4</sup> As for those who at one time saw the light, tasting the good things from heaven, and having their part in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> With knowledge of the good word of God, and of the powers of the coming time, <sup>6</sup> And then let themselves be turned away, it is not possible for their hearts to be made new a second time; because they themselves put the Son of God on the cross again, openly shaming him. <sup>7</sup> For a land, drinking in the frequent rain and producing good plants for those for whom it is worked, has a blessing from God: <sup>8</sup> But if it sends up thorns and evil plants, it is of no use and is ready to be cursed; its only end is to be burned. <sup>9</sup> But, my loved ones, though we say this, we are certain that you have better things in you, things which go with salvation; <sup>10</sup> For God is true, and will not put away from him the memory of your work and of your love for his name, in the help which you gave and still give to the saints. <sup>11</sup> And it is our desire that you may all keep the same high purpose in certain hope to the end: <sup>12</sup> So that you may not be slow in heart, but may take as your example those to whom God has given their heritage, because of their faith and their long waiting. <sup>13</sup> For when God made his oath to Abraham, because there was no greater oath, he made it by himself, <sup>14</sup> Saying, Be certain that I will give you my blessing, and make your numbers very great. <sup>15</sup> And so, when he had been waiting calmly for a long time, God's word to him was put into effect. <sup>16</sup> For men at all times make their oaths by what is greater; and any argument is ended by the decision of the oath. <sup>17</sup> So that when it was God's desire to make it specially clear to those who by his word were to have the heritage, that his purpose was fixed, he made it more certain with an oath; <sup>18</sup> So that we, who have gone in flight from danger to the hope which has been put before us, may have a strong comfort in two unchanging things, in which it is not possible for God to be false; <sup>19</sup> And this hope is like a strong band for our souls, fixed and

certain, and going in to that which is inside the veil; <sup>20</sup> Where Jesus has gone before us, as a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

## 7

<sup>1</sup> For this Melchizedek, the king of Salem, a priest of the Most High God, who gave Abraham his blessing, meeting him when he came back after putting the kings to death, <sup>2</sup> And to whom Abraham gave a tenth part of everything which he had, being first named King of righteousness, and then in addition, King of Salem, that is to say, King of peace; <sup>3</sup> Being without father or mother, or family, having no birth or end to his life, being made like the Son of God, is a priest for ever. <sup>4</sup> Now see how great this man was, to whom our father Abraham gave a tenth part of what he had got in the fight. <sup>5</sup> And it is true that by the law, those of the sons of Levi who have the position of priests may take a tenth part of the people's goods; that is to say, they take it from their brothers though these are the sons of Abraham. <sup>6</sup> But this man, who was not of their family, took the tenth from Abraham, and gave a blessing to him to whom God had given his undertaking. <sup>7</sup> But there is no doubt that the less gets his blessing from the greater. <sup>8</sup> Now at the present time, men over whom death has power take the tenth; but then it was taken by one of whom it is witnessed that he is living. <sup>9</sup> And we may say that in Abraham, even Levi, who has a right to take the tenth part, gave it; <sup>10</sup> Because he was still in his father's body when Melchizedek came to him. <sup>11</sup> Now if it was possible for things to be made complete through the priests of the house of Levi (for the law was given to the people in connection with them), what need was there for another priest who was of the order of Melchizedek and not of the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup> Because if the priests are changed, it is necessary to make a change in the law. <sup>13</sup> For he of whom these things are said comes of another tribe, of which no man has ever made offerings at the altar. <sup>14</sup> Because it is clear that our Lord comes out of Judah, and Moses said nothing about priests from that tribe. <sup>15</sup> And this is even more clear if a second priest has come up who is like Melchizedek, <sup>16</sup> That is to say, not made by a law based on the flesh, but by the power of a life without end: <sup>17</sup> For it has been witnessed of him, You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. <sup>18</sup> So the law which went before is put on one side, because it was feeble and without profit. <sup>19</sup> (Because the law made nothing complete), and in its place there is a better hope, through which we come near to God. <sup>20</sup> And as this is not without the taking of an oath <sup>21</sup> (For those were made priests without an oath, but this one was made a priest with an oath by him who says of him, The Lord gave his oath, which he will not take back, that you are a priest for ever); <sup>22</sup> By so much is it a better agreement which we have through Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And it is true that there have been a great number of those priests, because death does not let them go on for ever; <sup>24</sup> But this priest, because his life goes on for ever, is unchanging. <sup>25</sup> So that he is fully able to be the saviour of all who come to God through him, because he is ever living to make prayer to God for them. <sup>26</sup> It was right for us to have such a high priest, one who is holy and without evil, doing no wrong, having no part with sinners, and made higher than the heavens: <sup>27</sup> Who has no need to make offerings for sins every day, like those high priests, first for himself, and

then for the people; because he did this once and for ever when he made an offering of himself. <sup>28</sup> The law makes high priests of men who are feeble; but the word of the oath, which was made after the law, gives that position to a Son, in whom all good is for ever complete.

## 8

<sup>1</sup> Now of the things we are saying this is the chief point: We have such a high priest, who has taken his place at the right hand of God's high seat of glory in heaven, <sup>2</sup> As a servant of the holy things and of the true Tent, which was put up by God, not by man. <sup>3</sup> Now every high priest is given authority to take to God the things which are given and to make offerings; so that it is necessary for this man, like them, to have something for an offering. <sup>4</sup> If he had been on earth he would not have been a priest at all, because there are other priests who make the offerings ordered by the law; <sup>5</sup> Being servants of that which is a copy and an image of the things in heaven, as Moses, when he was about to make the Tent, had special orders from God: for, See, he said, that you make everything like the design which you saw in the mountain. <sup>6</sup> But now his position as priest is higher. because through him God has made a better agreement with man, based on the giving of better things. <sup>7</sup> For if that first agreement had been as good as possible, there would have been no place for a second. <sup>8</sup> For, protesting against them, he says, See, the days are coming when I will make a new agreement with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; <sup>9</sup> Not like the agreement which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand, to be their guide out of the land of Egypt; for they did not keep the agreement with me, and I gave them up, says the Lord. <sup>10</sup> For this is the agreement which I will make with the people of Israel after those days: I will put my laws into their minds, writing them in their hearts: and I will be their God, and they will be my people: <sup>11</sup> And there will be no need for every man to be teaching his brother, or his neighbour, saying, This is the knowledge of the Lord: for they will all have knowledge of me, great and small. <sup>12</sup> And I will have mercy on their evil-doing, and I will not keep their sins in mind. <sup>13</sup> When he says, A new agreement, he has made the first agreement old. But anything which is getting old and past use will not be seen much longer.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> Now the first agreement had its rules of worship, and a holy order. <sup>2</sup> For the first Tent was made ready, having in it the vessels for the lights and the table and the ordering of the bread; and this is named the holy place. <sup>3</sup> And inside the second veil was the place which is named the Holy of holies; <sup>4</sup> Having a vessel of gold in it for burning perfumes, and the ark of the agreement, which was covered with gold and which had in it a pot made of gold for the manna, and Aaron's rod which put out buds, and the stones with the writing of the agreement; <sup>5</sup> And over it were the winged ones of glory with their wings covering the mercy-seat; about which it is not possible now to say anything in detail. <sup>6</sup> Now while these things were in existence, the priests went into the first Tent at all times, for prayer and the making of offerings. <sup>7</sup> But only the high priest went

into the second, once a year, not without making an offering of blood for himself and for the errors of the people: <sup>8</sup> The Holy Spirit witnessing by this that the way into the holy place had not at that time been made open, while the first Tent was still in being; <sup>9</sup> And this is an image of the present time; when the offerings which are given are not able to make the heart of the worshipper completely clean, <sup>10</sup> Because they are only rules of the flesh, of meats and drinks and washings, which have their place till the time comes when things will be put right. <sup>11</sup> But now Christ has come as the high priest of the good things of the future, through this greater and better Tent, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this world, <sup>12</sup> And has gone once and for ever into the holy place, having got eternal salvation, not through the blood of goats and young oxen, but through his blood. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and oxen, and the dust from the burning of a young cow, being put on the unclean, make the flesh clean: <sup>14</sup> How much more will the blood of Christ, who, being without sin, made an offering of himself to God through the Holy Spirit, make your hearts clean from dead works to be servants of the living God? <sup>15</sup> And for this cause it is through him that a new agreement has come into being, so that after the errors under the first agreement had been taken away by his death, the word of God might have effect for those who were marked out for an eternal heritage. <sup>16</sup> Because where there is a testament, there has to be the death of the man who made it. <sup>17</sup> For a testament has effect after death; for what power has it while the man who made it is living? <sup>18</sup> So that even the first agreement was not made without blood. <sup>19</sup> For when Moses had given all the rules of the law to the people, he took the blood of goats and young oxen, with water and red wool and hyssop, and put it on the book itself and on all the people, <sup>20</sup> Saying, This blood is the sign of the agreement which God has made with you. <sup>21</sup> And the blood was put on the Tent and all the holy vessels in the same way. <sup>22</sup> And by the law almost all things are made clean with blood, and without blood there is no forgiveness. <sup>23</sup> For this cause it was necessary to make the copies of the things in heaven clean with these offerings; but the things themselves are made clean with better offerings than these. <sup>24</sup> For Christ did not go into a holy place which had been made by men's hands as the copy of the true one; but he went into heaven itself, and now takes his place before the face of God for us. <sup>25</sup> And he did not have to make an offering of himself again and again, as the high priest goes into the holy place every year with blood which is not his; <sup>26</sup> For then he would have undergone a number of deaths from the time of the making of the world: but now he has come to us at the end of the old order, to put away sin by the offering of himself. <sup>27</sup> And because by God's law death comes to men once, and after that they are judged; <sup>28</sup> So Christ, having at his first coming taken on himself the sins of men, will be seen a second time, without sin, by those who are waiting for him, for their salvation.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> For the law, being only a poor copy of the future good things, and not the true image of those things, is never able to make the people who come to the altar every year with the same offerings completely clean. <sup>2</sup> For if this had been possible, would there not have been an end of those



offerings, because the worshippers would have been made completely clean and would have been no longer conscious of sins? <sup>3</sup> But year by year there is a memory of sins in those offerings. <sup>4</sup> Because it is not possible for the blood of oxen and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup> So that when he comes into the world, he says, You had no desire for offerings, but you made a body ready for me; <sup>6</sup> You had no joy in burned offerings or in offerings for sin. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, See, I have come to do your pleasure, O God (as it is said of me in the roll of the book). <sup>8</sup> After saying, You had no desire for offerings, for burned offerings or offerings for sin (which are made by the law) and you had no pleasure in them, <sup>9</sup> Then he said, See, I have come to do your pleasure. He took away the old order, so that he might put the new order in its place. <sup>10</sup> By that pleasure we have been made holy, by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for ever. <sup>11</sup> And every priest takes his place at the altar day by day, doing what is necessary, and making again and again the same offerings which are never able to take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Jesus had made one offering for sins for ever, he took his place at the right hand of God; <sup>13</sup> And has been waiting there from that time, till all who are against him are made a foot-rest for his feet. <sup>14</sup> Because by one offering he has made complete for ever those who are made holy. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit is a witness for us: for after he had said, <sup>16</sup> This is the agreement which I will make with them after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws in their hearts, writing them in their minds; he said, <sup>17</sup> And I will keep no more memory of their sins and of their evil-doings. <sup>18</sup> Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no more offering for sin. <sup>19</sup> So then, my brothers, being able to go into the holy place without fear, because of the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> By the new and living way which he made open for us through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; <sup>21</sup> And having a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> Let us go in with true hearts, in certain faith, having our hearts made free from the sense of sin and our bodies washed with clean water: <sup>23</sup> Let us keep the witness of our hope strong and unshaking, for he is true who has given his word: <sup>24</sup> And let us be moving one another at all times to love and good works; <sup>25</sup> Not giving up our meetings, as is the way of some, but keeping one another strong in faith; and all the more because you see the day coming near. <sup>26</sup> For if we do evil on purpose after we have had the knowledge of what is true, there is no more offering for sins, <sup>27</sup> But only a great fear of being judged, and of the fire of wrath which will be the destruction of the haters of God. <sup>28</sup> A man who has gone against the law of Moses is put to death without pity on the word of two or three witnesses: <sup>29</sup> But will not the man by whom the Son of God has been crushed under foot, and the blood of the agreement with which he was washed clean has been taken as an unholy thing, and who has had no respect for the Spirit of grace, be judged bad enough for a very much worse punishment? <sup>30</sup> For we have had experience of him who says, Punishment is mine, I will give reward. And again, The Lord will be judge of his people. <sup>31</sup> We may well go in fear of falling into the hands of the living God. <sup>32</sup> But give thought to the days after you had seen the light, when you went through a great war of troubles; <sup>33</sup> In part, in being attacked by angry words and cruel acts, before the eyes of everyone, and in part, in being united with those who were attacked in this way. <sup>34</sup> For

you had pity on those who were in prison, and had joy in the loss of your property, in the knowledge that you still had a better property and one which you would keep for ever. <sup>35</sup> So do not give up your hope which will be greatly rewarded. <sup>36</sup> For, having done what was right in God's eyes, you have need of waiting before his word has effect for you. <sup>37</sup> In a very little time he who is coming will come; he will not be slow. <sup>38</sup> But the upright man will be living by his faith; and if he goes back, my soul will have no pleasure in him. <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who go back to destruction; but of those who have faith even to the salvation of the soul.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the sign that the things not seen are true. <sup>2</sup> For by it our fathers had God's approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith it is clear to us that the order of events was fixed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made from things which only seem to be. <sup>4</sup> By faith Abel made a better offering to God than Cain, and he had witness through it of his righteousness, God giving his approval of his offering; and his voice still comes to us through it though he is dead. <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken up to heaven so that he did not see death; he was seen no longer, for God took him away: for before he was taken, witness had been given that he was well-pleasing to God: <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is not possible to be well-pleasing to him, for it is necessary for anyone who comes to God to have the belief that God is, and that he is a rewarder of all those who make a serious search for him. <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being moved by the fear of God, made ready an ark for the salvation of his family, because God had given him news of things which were not seen at the time; and through it the world was judged by him, and he got for his heritage the righteousness which is by faith. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham did as God said when he was ordered to go out into a place which was to be given to him as a heritage, and went out without knowledge of where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he was a wanderer in the land of the agreement, as in a strange land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, who had a part with him in the same heritage: <sup>10</sup> For he was looking for the strong town, whose builder and maker is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith Sarah herself had power to give birth, when she was very old, because she had faith in him who gave his word; <sup>12</sup> So that from one man, who was near to death, came children in number as the stars in heaven, or as the sand by the seaside, which may not be numbered. <sup>13</sup> All these came to their end in faith, not having had the heritage; but having seen it with delight far away, they gave witness that they were wanderers and not of the earth. <sup>14</sup> For those who say such things make it clear that they are searching for a country for themselves. <sup>15</sup> And truly if they had kept in mind the country from which they went out, they would have had chances of turning back. <sup>16</sup> But now their desire is for a better country, that is to say, for one in heaven; and so it is no shame to God to be named their God; for he has made ready a town for them. <sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham made an offering of Isaac, when he was tested: and he with whom the agreement had been made gave up as an offering the only son of his body, <sup>18</sup> Of whom it had been said, From Isaac will your seed take their name: <sup>19</sup> Judging that God was able to give life even to the dead; and because of this he did get him

back as if from death. <sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac, blessing Jacob and Esau, gave news of things to come. <sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob gave a blessing to the two sons of Joseph, when he was near to death; and gave God worship, supported by his stick. <sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when his end was near, said that the children of Israel would go out of Egypt; and gave orders about his bones. <sup>23</sup> By faith Moses was kept secretly by his father and mother for three months after his birth, because they saw that he was a fair child; and they had no fear of the king's orders. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he became a man, had no desire to be named the son of Pharaoh's daughter; <sup>25</sup> Feeling that it was better to undergo pain with the people of God, than for a short time to have a taste of the pleasures of sin; <sup>26</sup> Judging a part in the shame of Christ to be better than all the wealth of Egypt; for he was looking forward to his reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he went out of Egypt, not being turned from his purpose by fear of the wrath of the king; for he kept on his way, as seeing him who is unseen. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover, and put the sign of the blood on the houses, so that the angel of destruction might not put their oldest sons to death. <sup>29</sup> By faith they went through the Red Sea as if it had been dry land, though the Egyptians were overcome by the water when they made an attempt to do the same. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho came down, after they had been circled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab, the loose woman, was not put to death with those who had gone against God's orders, because she had taken into her house in peace those sent to see the land. <sup>32</sup> What more am I to say? For there would not be time to give the stories of Gideon, Barak, Samson, and Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets: <sup>33</sup> Who through faith overcame kingdoms, did righteousness, got their reward, kept the mouths of lions shut, <sup>34</sup> Put out the power of fire, got safely away from the edge of the sword, were made strong when they had been feeble, became full of power in war, and put to flight the armies of the nations. <sup>35</sup> Women had their dead given back to them living; others let themselves be cruelly attacked, having no desire to go free, so that they might have a better life to come; <sup>36</sup> And others were tested by being laughed at or by blows, and even with chains and prisons: <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were cut up with knives, they were tested, they were put to death with the sword, they went about in sheepskins and in goatskins; being poor and in pain and cruelly attacked, <sup>38</sup> Wandering in waste places and in mountains and in holes in the rocks; for whom the world was not good enough. <sup>39</sup> And not one of these got the good things of the agreement, though they all had a good record through faith, <sup>40</sup> Because God had kept some better thing for us, so that it was not possible for them to become complete without us.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> For this reason, as we are circled by so great a cloud of witnesses, putting off every weight, and the sin into which we come so readily, let us keep on running in the way which is marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> Having our eyes fixed on Jesus, the guide and end of our faith, who went through the pains of the cross, not caring for the shame, because of the joy which was before him, and who has now taken his place at the right hand of God's seat of power. <sup>3</sup> Give thought to him who has undergone so much of the

hate of sinners against himself, so that you may not be tired and feeble of purpose. <sup>4</sup> Till now you have not given your blood in your fight against sin: <sup>5</sup> And you have not kept in mind the word which says to you as to sons, My son, do not make little of the Lord's punishment, and do not give up hope when you are judged by him; <sup>6</sup> For the Lord sends punishment on his loved ones; everyone whom he takes as his son has experience of his rod. <sup>7</sup> It is for your training that you undergo these things; God is acting to you as a father does to his sons; for what son does not have punishment from his father? <sup>8</sup> But if you have not that punishment of which we all have our part, then you are not true sons, but children of shame. <sup>9</sup> And again, if the fathers of our flesh gave us punishment and had our respect, how much more will we be under the authority of the Father of spirits, and have life? <sup>10</sup> For they truly gave us punishment for a short time, as it seemed good to them; but he does it for our profit, so that we may become holy as he is. <sup>11</sup> At the time all punishment seems to be pain and not joy: but after, those who have been trained by it get from it the peace-giving fruit of righteousness. <sup>12</sup> For this cause let the hands which are hanging down be lifted up, and let the feeble knees be made strong, <sup>13</sup> And make straight roads for your feet, so that the feeble may not be turned out of the way, but may be made strong. <sup>14</sup> Let your desire be for peace with all men, and to be made holy, without which no man may see the Lord; <sup>15</sup> Looking with care to see that no man among you in his behaviour comes short of the grace of God; for fear that some bitter root may come up to be a trouble to you, and that some of you may be made unclean by it; <sup>16</sup> And that there may not be any evil liver, or any man without respect for God, like Esau, who let his birthright go for a plate of food. <sup>17</sup> For you have knowledge that even long after, when he was desiring the blessing for his heritage, he was turned away, though he made his request frequently and with weeping; because the past might not be changed. <sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain which may be touched, and is burning with fire, and to a black cloud, and a dark smoke, and a violent wind, <sup>19</sup> And to the sound of a horn, and the voice of words, the hearers of which made request that not a word more might be said to them: <sup>20</sup> For the order which said, If the mountain is touched even by a beast, the beast is to be stoned, seemed hard to them; <sup>21</sup> And the vision was so overpowering that even Moses said, I am shaking and full of fear. <sup>22</sup> But you have come to the mountain of Zion, to the place of the living God, to the Jerusalem which is in heaven, and to an army of angels which may not be numbered, <sup>23</sup> To the great meeting and church of the first of those who are named in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of good men made complete, <sup>24</sup> And to Jesus by whom the new agreement has been made between God and man, and to the sign of the blood which says better things than Abel's blood. <sup>25</sup> See that you give ear to his voice which comes to you. For if those whose ears were shut to the voice which came to them on earth did not go free from punishment, what chance have we of going free if we give no attention to him whose voice comes from heaven? <sup>26</sup> Whose voice was the cause of the shaking of the earth; but now he has made an oath, saying, There will be still one more shaking, not only of the earth, but of heaven. <sup>27</sup> And the words, Still one more, make it clear that there will be a taking away of those things

which are shaking, as of things which are made, so that there may be only those things of which no shaking is possible. <sup>28</sup> If then, we have a kingdom which will never be moved, let us have grace, so that we may give God such worship as is pleasing to him with fear and respect: <sup>29</sup> For our God is an all-burning fire.

## 13

<sup>1</sup> Go on loving your brothers in the faith. <sup>2</sup> Take care to keep open house: because in this way some have had angels as their guests, without being conscious of it. <sup>3</sup> Keep in mind those who are in chains, as if you were chained with them, and those who are in trouble, as being yourselves in the body. <sup>4</sup> Let married life be honoured among all of you and not made unclean; for men untrue in married life will be judged by God. <sup>5</sup> Be free from the love of money and pleased with the things which you have; for he himself has said, I will be with you at all times. <sup>6</sup> So that we say with a good heart, The Lord is my helper; I will have no fear: what is man able to do to me? <sup>7</sup> Keep in mind those who were over you, and who gave you the word of God; seeing the outcome of their way of life, let your faith be like theirs. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>9</sup> Do not be turned away by different strange teachings, because it is good for your hearts to be made strong by grace, and not by meats, which were of no profit to those who took so much trouble over them. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those priests who are servants in the Tent may not take food. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of the beasts whose blood is taken into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin are burned outside the circle of the tents. <sup>12</sup> For this reason Jesus was put to death outside the walls, so that he might make the people holy by his blood. <sup>13</sup> Let us then go out to him outside the circle of the tents, taking his shame on ourselves. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no fixed resting-place, but our search is for the one which is to come. <sup>15</sup> Let us then make offerings of praise to God at all times through him, that is to say, the fruit of lips giving witness to his name. <sup>16</sup> But go on doing good and giving to others, because God is well-pleased with such offerings. <sup>17</sup> Give ear to those who are rulers over you, and do as they say: for they keep watch over your souls, ready to give an account of them; let them be able to do this with joy and not with grief, because that would be of no profit to you. <sup>18</sup> Make prayers for us, for we are certain that our hearts are free from the sense of sin, desiring the right way of life in all things. <sup>19</sup> I make this request more strongly, in the hope of coming back to you more quickly. <sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace, who made that great keeper of his flock, even our Lord Jesus, come back from the dead through the blood of the eternal agreement, <sup>21</sup> Make you full of every good work and ready to do all his desires, working in us whatever is pleasing in his eyes through Jesus Christ; and may the glory be given to him for ever and ever. So be it. <sup>22</sup> But, brothers, take kindly the words which I have said for your profit; for I have not sent you a long letter. <sup>23</sup> Our brother Timothy has been let out of prison; and if he comes here in a short time, he and I will come to you together. <sup>24</sup> Give words of love from me to those who are rulers over you, and to all the saints. Those who are in Italy send you their love. <sup>25</sup> May grace be with you all.

## The Letter from James

<sup>1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, sends words of love to the twelve tribes of the Jews living in all parts of the earth. <sup>2</sup> Let it be all joy to you, my brothers, when you undergo tests of every sort; <sup>3</sup> Because you have the knowledge that the testing of your faith gives you the power of going on in hope; <sup>4</sup> But let this power have its full effect, so that you may be made complete, needing nothing. <sup>5</sup> But if any man among you is without wisdom, let him make his request to God, who gives freely to all without an unkind word, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> Let him make his request in faith, doubting nothing; for he who has doubt in his heart is like the waves of the sea, which are troubled by the driving of the wind. <sup>7</sup> Let it not seem to such a man that he will get anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> For there is a division in his mind, and he is uncertain in all his ways. <sup>9</sup> But let the brother of low position be glad that he is lifted up; <sup>10</sup> But the man of wealth, that he is made low; because like the flower of the grass he will come to his end. <sup>11</sup> For when the sun comes up with its burning heat, the grass gets dry and the grace of its form is gone with the falling flower; so the man of wealth comes to nothing in his ways. <sup>12</sup> There is a blessing on the man who undergoes testing; because, if he has God's approval, he will be given the crown of life, which the Lord has said he will give to those who have love for him. <sup>13</sup> Let no man say when he is tested, I am tested by God; for it is not possible for God to be tested by evil, and he himself puts no man to such a test: <sup>14</sup> But every man is tested when he is turned out of the right way by the attraction of his desire. <sup>15</sup> Then when its time comes, desire gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is of full growth, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be turned from the right way, dear brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good and true thing is given to us from heaven, coming from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change or any shade made by turning. <sup>18</sup> Of his purpose he gave us being, by his true word, so that we might be, in a sense, the first-fruits of all the things which he had made. <sup>19</sup> You have knowledge of this, dear brothers. But let every man be quick in hearing, slow in words, slow to get angry; <sup>20</sup> For the righteousness of God does not come about by the wrath of man. <sup>21</sup> For this reason, putting away all dirty behaviour and the overweight of evil, take into your souls without pride the word which, being planted there, is able to give you salvation. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not only hearers of it, blinding yourselves with false ideas. <sup>23</sup> Because if any man is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his natural face in a glass; <sup>24</sup> For after looking at himself he goes away, and in a short time he has no memory of what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But he who goes on looking into the true law which makes him free, being not a hearer without memory but a doer putting it into effect, this man will have a blessing on his acts. <sup>26</sup> If a man seems to have religion and has no control over his tongue but lets himself be tricked by what is false, this man's religion is of no value. <sup>27</sup> The religion which is holy and free from evil in the eyes of our God and Father is this: to take

care of children who have no fathers and of widows who are in trouble, and to keep oneself untouched by the world.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> My brothers, if you have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory, do not take a man's position into account. <sup>2</sup> For if a man comes into your Synagogue in fair clothing and with a gold ring, and a poor man comes in with dirty clothing, <sup>3</sup> And you do honour to the man in fair clothing and say, Come here and take this good place; and you say to the poor man, Take up your position there, or be seated at my feet; <sup>4</sup> Is there not a division in your minds? have you not become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Give ear, my dear brothers; are not those who are poor in the things of this world marked out by God to have faith as their wealth, and for their heritage the kingdom which he has said he will give to those who have love for him? <sup>6</sup> But you have put the poor man to shame. Are not the men of wealth rulers over you? do they not take you by force before their judges? <sup>7</sup> Do they not say evil of the holy name which was given to you? <sup>8</sup> But if you keep the greatest law of all, as it is given in the holy Writings, Have love for your neighbour as for yourself, you do well: <sup>9</sup> But if you take a man's position into account, you do evil, and are judged as evil-doers by the law. <sup>10</sup> For anyone who keeps all the law, but makes a slip in one point, is judged to have gone against it all. <sup>11</sup> For he who said, Do not be untrue in married life, is the same who said, Put no man to death. Now if you are not untrue in married life, but you put a man to death, the law is broken. <sup>12</sup> Let your words and your acts be those of men who are to be judged by the law which makes free. <sup>13</sup> For the man who has had no mercy will be judged without mercy, but mercy takes pride in overcoming judging. <sup>14</sup> What use is it, my brothers, for a man to say that he has faith, if he does nothing? will such a faith give him salvation? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or a sister is without clothing and in need of the day's food, <sup>16</sup> And one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warm and full of food; but you do not give them the things of which their bodies have need, what profit is there in this? <sup>17</sup> Even so faith without works is dead. <sup>18</sup> But a man may say, You have faith and I have works; let me see your faith without your works, and I will make my faith clear to you by my works. <sup>19</sup> You have the belief that God is one, and you do well: the evil spirits have the same belief, shaking with fear. <sup>20</sup> Do you not see, O foolish man, that faith without works is of no use? <sup>21</sup> Was not the righteousness of Abraham our father judged by his works, when he made an offering of Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith was helping his works and was made complete by them; <sup>23</sup> And the holy Writings were put into effect which said, And Abraham had faith in God and it was put to his account as righteousness; and he was named the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a man's righteousness is judged by his works and not by his faith only. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way, was not the righteousness of Rahab, the loose woman, judged by her works, when she took into her house those who were sent and let them go out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead even so faith without works is dead.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Do not all be teachers, my brothers, because we teachers will be judged more hardly than others. <sup>2</sup> For we all go wrong in a number of things. If a man never makes a slip in his talk, then he is a complete man and able to keep all his body in control. <sup>3</sup> Now if we put bits of iron into horses' mouths so that they may be guided by us, we have complete control of their bodies. <sup>4</sup> And again ships, though they are so great and are moved by violent winds, are turned by a very small guiding-blade, at the impulse of the man who is using it. <sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a small part of the body, but it takes credit for great things. How much wood may be lighted by a very little fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire; it is the power of evil placed in our bodies, making all the body unclean, putting the wheel of life on fire, and getting its fire from hell. <sup>7</sup> For every sort of beast and bird and every living thing on earth and in the sea has been controlled by man and is under his authority; <sup>8</sup> But the tongue may not be controlled by man; it is an unresting evil, it is full of the poison of death. <sup>9</sup> With it we give praise to our Lord and Father; and with it we put a curse on men who are made in God's image. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth comes blessing and cursing. My brothers, it is not right for these things to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does the fountain send from the same outlet sweet and bitter water? <sup>12</sup> Is a fig-tree able to give us olives, my brothers, or do we get figs from a vine, or sweet water from the salt sea? <sup>13</sup> Who has wisdom and good sense among you? let him make his works clear by a life of gentle wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy in your heart and the desire to get the better of others, have no pride in this, talking falsely against what is true. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom is not from heaven, but is of the earth and the flesh and the Evil One. <sup>16</sup> For where envy is, and the desire to get the better of others, there is no order, but every sort of evil-doing. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom which is from heaven is first holy, then gentle, readily giving way in argument, full of peace and mercy and good works, not doubting, not seeming other than it is. <sup>18</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is planted in peace for those who make peace.

### 4

<sup>1</sup> What is the cause of wars and fighting among you? is it not in your desires which are at war in your bodies? <sup>2</sup> You are burning with desire, and have not your desire, so you put men to death; you are full of envy, and you are not able to get your desire, so you are fighting and making war; you have not your desire, because you do not make request for it. <sup>3</sup> You make your request but you do not get it, because your request has been wrongly made, desiring the thing only so that you may make use of it for your pleasure. <sup>4</sup> O you who are false to God, do you not see that the friends of this world are not God's friends? Every man desiring to be a friend of this world makes himself a hater of God. <sup>5</sup> Or does it seem to you that it is for nothing that the holy Writings say, The spirit which God put into our hearts has a strong desire for us? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. So that the Writings say, God is against the men of pride, but he gives grace to those who make themselves low before him. <sup>7</sup> For this cause be ruled by God; but make war on the Evil One and he will be put to flight before you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Make your hands clean, you evil-doers; put away deceit from your hearts, you false



in mind. <sup>9</sup> Be troubled, with sorrow and weeping; let your laughing be turned to sorrow and your joy to grief. <sup>10</sup> Make yourselves low in the eyes of the Lord and you will be lifted up by him. <sup>11</sup> Do not say evil against one another, my brothers. He who says evil against his brother or makes himself his brother's judge, says evil against the law and is judging the law: and in judging the law you become, not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is only one judge and law-giver, even he who has the power of salvation and of destruction; but who are you to be your neighbour's judge? <sup>13</sup> How foolish it is to say, Today or tomorrow we will go into this town, and be there for a year and do business there and get wealth: <sup>14</sup> When you are not certain what will take place tomorrow. What is your life? It is a mist, which is seen for a little time and then is gone. <sup>15</sup> But the right thing to say would be, If it is the Lord's pleasure and if we are still living, we will do this and that. <sup>16</sup> But now you go on glorying in your pride: and all such glorying is evil. <sup>17</sup> The man who has knowledge of how to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> Come now, you men of wealth, give yourselves to weeping and crying because of the bitter troubles which are coming to you. <sup>2</sup> Your wealth is unclean and insects have made holes in your clothing. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and your silver are wasted and their waste will be a witness against you, burning into your flesh. You have put by your store in the last days. <sup>4</sup> See, the money which you falsely kept back from the workers cutting the grass in your field, is crying out against you; and the cries of those who took in your grain have come to the ears of the Lord of armies. <sup>5</sup> You have been living delicately on earth and have taken your pleasure; you have made your hearts fat for a day of destruction. <sup>6</sup> You have given your decision against the upright man and have put him to death. He puts up no fight against you. <sup>7</sup> Go on waiting calmly, my brothers, till the coming of the Lord, like the farmer waiting for the good fruit of the earth till the early and late rains have come. <sup>8</sup> Be as calm in your waiting; let your hearts be strong: because the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Say no hard things against one another, brothers, so that you will not be judged; see, the judge is waiting at the doors. <sup>10</sup> Take as an example of pain nobly undergone and of strength in trouble, the prophets who gave to men the words of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> We say that those men who have gone through pain are happy: you have the story of Job and the troubles through which he went and have seen that the Lord was full of pity and mercy in the end. <sup>12</sup> But most of all, my brothers, do not take oaths, not by the heaven, or by the earth, or by any other thing: but let your Yes be Yes, and your No be No: so that you may not be judged. <sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? let him say prayers. Is anyone glad? let him make a song of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you ill? let him send for the rulers of the church; and let them say prayers over him, putting oil on him in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And by the prayer of faith the man who is ill will be made well, and he will be lifted up by the Lord, and for any sin which he has done he will have forgiveness. <sup>16</sup> So then, make a statement of your sins to one another, and say prayers for one another so that you may be made well. The prayer of a good man is full of power in its working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a

man of flesh and blood as we are, and he made a strong prayer that there might be no rain; and there was no rain on the earth for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> And he made another prayer, and the heaven sent down rain and the earth gave her fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers, if one of you has gone out of the way of the true faith and another has made him see his error, <sup>20</sup> Be certain that he through whom a sinner has been turned from the error of his way, keeps a soul from death and is the cause of forgiveness for sins without number.

## Peter's First Letter

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to the saints who are living in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> Who, through the purpose of God, have been made holy by the Spirit, disciples of Jesus, made clean by his blood: May you have grace and peace in full measure. <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who through his great mercy has given us a new birth and a living hope by the coming again of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> And a heritage fair, holy and for ever new, waiting in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> Who, by the power of God are kept, through faith, for that salvation, which will be seen at the last day. <sup>6</sup> You have cause for great joy in this, though it may have been necessary for you to be troubled for a little time, being tested in all sorts of ways, <sup>7</sup> So that the true metal of your faith, being of much greater value than gold (which, though it comes to an end, is tested by fire), may come to light in praise and glory and honour, at the revelation of Jesus Christ: <sup>8</sup> To whom your love is given, though you have not seen him; and the faith which you have in him, though you do not see him now, gives you joy greater than words and full of glory: <sup>9</sup> For so you have the true end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. <sup>10</sup> For the prophets who gave the news of the grace which would come to you, made search with all care for knowledge of this salvation; <sup>11</sup> Attempting to see what sort of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them was pointing to, when it gave witness to the pains which Christ would undergo and the glories which would come after them. <sup>12</sup> And it was made clear to those prophets that they were God's servants not for themselves but for you, to give you word of the things which have now come to your ears from the preachers of the good news through the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven; things which even angels have a desire to see. <sup>13</sup> So make your minds ready, and keep on the watch, hoping with all your power for the grace which is to come to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> Like children ruled by God, do not go back to the old desires of the time when you were without knowledge: <sup>15</sup> But be holy in every detail of your lives, as he, whose servants you are, is holy; <sup>16</sup> Because it has been said in the Writings, You are to be holy, for I am holy. <sup>17</sup> And if you give the name of Father to him who, judging every man by his acts, has no respect for a man's position, then go in fear while you are on this earth: <sup>18</sup> Being conscious that you have been made free from that foolish way of life which was your heritage from your fathers, not through a payment of things like silver or gold which come to destruction, <sup>19</sup> But through holy blood, like that of a clean and unmarked lamb, even the blood of Christ: <sup>20</sup> Who was marked out by God before the making of the world, but was caused to be seen in these last times for you, <sup>21</sup> Who through him have faith in God who took him up again from the dead into glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God. <sup>22</sup> And as you have made your souls clean, being ruled by what is true, and loving one another without deceit, see that your love is warm and from the heart: <sup>23</sup> Because you have had a new birth, not from the seed of man, but from eternal seed, through the word

of a living and unchanging God. <sup>24</sup> For it is said, All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of the grass. The grass becomes dry and the flower dead: <sup>25</sup> But the word of the Lord is eternal. And this is the word of the good news which was given to you.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> So putting away all wrongdoing, and all tricks and deceits and envies and evil talk, <sup>2</sup> Be full of desire for the true milk of the word, as babies at their mothers' breasts, so that you may go on to salvation; <sup>3</sup> If you have had a taste of the grace of the Lord: <sup>4</sup> To whom you come, as to a living stone, not honoured by men, but of great and special value to God; <sup>5</sup> You, as living stones, are being made into a house of the spirit, a holy order of priests, making those offerings of the spirit which are pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Because it is said in the Writings, See, I am placing a keystone in Zion, of great and special value; and the man who has faith in him will not be put to shame. <sup>7</sup> And the value is for you who have faith; but it is said for those without faith, The very stone which the builders put on one side, was made the chief stone of the building; <sup>8</sup> And, A stone of falling, a rock of trouble; the word is the cause of their fall, because they go against it, and this was the purpose of God. <sup>9</sup> But you are a special people, a holy nation, priests and kings, a people given up completely to God, so that you may make clear the virtues of him who took you out of the dark into the light of heaven. <sup>10</sup> In the past you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; then there was no mercy for you, but now mercy has been given to you. <sup>11</sup> My loved ones, I make this request with all my heart, that, as those for whom this world is a strange country, you will keep yourselves from the desires of the flesh which make war against the soul; <sup>12</sup> Being of good behaviour among the Gentiles; so that though they say now that you are evil-doers, they may see your good works and give glory to God when he comes to be their judge. <sup>13</sup> Keep all the laws of men because of the Lord; those of the king, who is over all, <sup>14</sup> And those of the rulers who are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers and for the praise of those who do well. <sup>15</sup> Because it is God's pleasure that foolish and narrow-minded men may be put to shame by your good behaviour: <sup>16</sup> As those who are free, not using your free position as a cover for wrongdoing, but living as the servants of God; <sup>17</sup> Have respect for all, loving the brothers, fearing God, honouring the king. <sup>18</sup> Servants, take orders from your masters with all respect; not only if they are good and gentle, but even if they are bad-humoured. <sup>19</sup> For it is a sign of grace if a man, desiring to do right in the eyes of God, undergoes pain as punishment for something which he has not done. <sup>20</sup> What credit is it if, when you have done evil, you take your punishment quietly? but if you are given punishment for doing right, and take it quietly, this is pleasing to God. <sup>21</sup> This is God's purpose for you: because Jesus himself underwent punishment for you, giving you an example, so that you might go in his footsteps: <sup>22</sup> Who did no evil, and there was no deceit in his mouth: <sup>23</sup> To sharp words he gave no sharp answer; when he was undergoing pain, no angry word came from his lips; but he put himself into the hands of the judge of righteousness: <sup>24</sup> He took our sins on himself, giving his body to be nailed on the tree, so that

we, being dead to sin, might have a new life in righteousness, and by his wounds we have been made well. <sup>25</sup> Because, like sheep, you had gone out of the way; but now you have come back to him who keeps watch over your souls.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> Wives, be ruled by your husbands; so that even if some of them give no attention to the word, their hearts may be changed by the behaviour of their wives, <sup>2</sup> When they see your holy behaviour in the fear of God. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your ornaments be those of the body such as dressing of the hair, or putting on of jewels of gold or fair clothing; <sup>4</sup> But let them be those of the unseen man of the heart, the ever-shining ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great price in the eyes of God. <sup>5</sup> And these were the ornaments of the holy women of the past, whose hope was in God, being ruled by their husbands: <sup>6</sup> As Sarah was ruled by Abraham, naming him lord; whose children you are if you do well, and are not put in fear by any danger. <sup>7</sup> And you husbands, give thought to your way of life with your wives, giving honour to the woman who is the feebler vessel, but who has an equal part in the heritage of the grace of life; so that you may not be kept from prayer. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, see that you are all in agreement; feeling for one another, loving one another like brothers, full of pity, without pride: <sup>9</sup> Not giving back evil for evil, or curse for curse, but in place of cursing, blessing; because this is the purpose of God for you that you may have a heritage of blessing. <sup>10</sup> For it is said, Let the man who has a love of life, desiring to see good days, keep his tongue from evil and his lips from words of deceit: <sup>11</sup> And let him be turned from evil and do good; searching for peace and going after it with all his heart. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the upright, and his ears are open to their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. <sup>13</sup> Who will do you any damage if you keep your minds fixed on what is good? <sup>14</sup> But you are happy if you undergo pain because of righteousness; have no part in their fear and do not be troubled; <sup>15</sup> But give honour to Christ in your hearts as your Lord; and be ready at any time when you are questioned about the hope which is in you, to give an answer in the fear of the Lord and without pride; <sup>16</sup> Being conscious that you have done no wrong; so that those who say evil things about your good way of life as Christians may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> Because if it is God's purpose for you to undergo pain, it is better to do so for well-doing than for evil-doing. <sup>18</sup> Because Christ once went through pain for sins, the upright one taking the place of sinners, so that through him we might come back to God; being put to death in the flesh, but given life in the Spirit; <sup>19</sup> By whom he went to the spirits in prison, preaching to those <sup>20</sup> Who, in the days of Noah, went against God's orders; but God in his mercy kept back the punishment, while Noah got ready the ark, in which a small number, that is to say eight persons, got salvation through water: <sup>21</sup> And baptism, of which this is an image, now gives you salvation, not by washing clean the flesh, but by making you free from the sense of sin before God, through the coming again of Jesus Christ from the dead; <sup>22</sup> Who has gone into heaven, and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been put under his rule.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> So that as Jesus was put to death in the flesh, do you yourselves be of the same mind; for the death of the flesh puts an end to sin; <sup>2</sup> So that you may give the rest of your lives in the flesh, not to the desires of men, but to the purpose of God. <sup>3</sup> Because for long enough, in times past, we have been living after the way of the Gentiles, given up to the desires of the flesh, to drinking and feasting and loose behaviour and unclean worship of images; <sup>4</sup> And they are wondering that you no longer go with them in this violent wasting of life, and are saying evil things of you: <sup>5</sup> But they will have to give an account of themselves to him who is ready to be the judge of the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this was the reason why the good news of Jesus was given even to the dead, so that they might be judged as men in the flesh, but might be living before God in the spirit. <sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is near: so be serious in your behaviour and keep on the watch with prayer; <sup>8</sup> And most of all be warm in your love for one another; because in love there is forgiveness for sins without number: <sup>9</sup> Keep open house for all with a glad heart; <sup>10</sup> Making distribution among one another of whatever has been given to you, like true servants of the unmeasured grace of God; <sup>11</sup> If anyone has anything to say, let it be as the words of God; if anyone has the desire to be the servant of others, let him do it in the strength which is given by God; so that in all things God may have the glory through Jesus Christ, whose are the glory and the power for ever. <sup>12</sup> Dear brothers, do not be surprised, as if it was something strange, if your faith is tested as by fire: <sup>13</sup> But be glad that you are given a part in the pains of Christ; so that at the revelation of his glory you may have great joy. <sup>14</sup> If men say evil things of you because of the name of Christ, happy are you; for the Spirit of glory and of God is resting on you. <sup>15</sup> Let no one among you undergo punishment as a taker of life, or as a thief, or as an evil-doer, or as one who is over-interested in other men's business; <sup>16</sup> But if he undergoes punishment as a Christian, that is no shame to him; let him give glory to God in this name. <sup>17</sup> For the time has come for the judging, starting with the church of God; but if it makes a start with us, what will be the end of those who are not under the rule of God? <sup>18</sup> And if it is hard for even the good man to get salvation, what chance has the man without religion or the sinner? <sup>19</sup> For this reason let those who by the purpose of God undergo punishment, keep on in well-doing and put their souls into the safe hands of their Maker.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> I who am myself one of the rulers of the church, and a witness of the death of Christ, having my part in the coming glory, send this serious request to the chief men among you: <sup>2</sup> Keep watch over the flock of God which is in your care, using your authority, not as forced to do so, but gladly; and not for unclean profit but with a ready mind; <sup>3</sup> Not as lords over God's heritage, but making yourselves examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And at the coming of the chief Keeper of the sheep, you will be given the eternal crown of glory. <sup>5</sup> And in the same way, let the younger men be ruled by the older ones. Let all of you put away pride and make yourselves ready to be servants: for God is a hater of pride, but he gives grace to those who make themselves low. <sup>6</sup> For this cause make

yourselves low under the strong hand of God, so that when the time comes you may be lifted up; <sup>7</sup> Putting all your troubles on him, for he takes care of you. <sup>8</sup> Be serious and keep watch; the Evil One, who is against you, goes about like a lion with open mouth in search of food; <sup>9</sup> Do not give way to him but be strong in your faith, in the knowledge that your brothers who are in the world undergo the same troubles. <sup>10</sup> And after you have undergone pain for a little time, the God of all grace who has given you a part in his eternal glory through Christ Jesus, will himself give you strength and support, and make you complete in every good thing; <sup>11</sup> His is the power for ever. So be it. <sup>12</sup> I have sent you this short letter by Silvanus, a true brother, in my opinion; comforting you and witnessing that this is the true grace of God; keep to it. <sup>13</sup> She who is in Babylon, who has a part with you in the purpose of God, sends you her love; and so does my son Mark. <sup>14</sup> Give one another the kiss of love. Peace be to you all in Christ.

## Peter's Second Letter

<sup>1</sup> Simon Peter, a servant and Apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who with us have a part in the same holy faith in the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> May grace and peace ever be increasing in you, in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; <sup>3</sup> Because by his power he has given us everything necessary for life and righteousness, through the knowledge of him who has been our guide by his glory and virtue; <sup>4</sup> And through this he has given us the hope of great rewards highly to be valued; so that by them we might have our part in God's being, and be made free from the destruction which is in the world through the desires of the flesh. <sup>5</sup> So, for this very cause, take every care; joining virtue to faith, and knowledge to virtue, <sup>6</sup> And self-control to knowledge, and a quiet mind to self-control, and fear of God to a quiet mind, <sup>7</sup> And love of the brothers to fear of God, and to love of the brothers, love itself. <sup>8</sup> For if you have these things in good measure, they will make you fertile and full of fruit in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For the man who has not these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having no memory of how he was made clean from his old sins. <sup>10</sup> For this reason, my brothers, take all the more care to make your selection and approval certain; for if you do these things you will never have a fall: <sup>11</sup> For so the way will be open to you into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> For this reason I will be ready at all times to keep your memory of these things awake, though you have the knowledge of them now and are well based in your present faith. <sup>13</sup> And it seems right to me, as long as I am in this tent of flesh, to keep your minds awake by working on your memory; <sup>14</sup> For I am conscious that in a short time I will have to put off this tent of flesh, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. <sup>15</sup> And I will take every care so that you may have a clear memory of these things after my death. <sup>16</sup> For when we gave you news of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our teaching was not based on stories put together by art, but we were eye-witnesses of his glory. <sup>17</sup> For God the Father gave him honour and glory, when such a voice came to him out of the great glory, saying, This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased. <sup>18</sup> And this voice came from heaven even to our ears, when we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And so the words of the prophets are made more certain; and it is well for you to give attention to them as to a light shining in a dark place, till the dawn comes and the morning star is seen in your hearts; <sup>20</sup> Being conscious in the first place that no man by himself may give a special sense to the words of the prophets. <sup>21</sup> For these words did not ever come through the impulse of men: but the prophets had them from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

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<sup>1</sup> But there were false prophets among the people, as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly put forward wrong teachings for your destruction, even turning away from the Lord who gave himself for them; whose destruction will come quickly, and they themselves



will be the cause of it. <sup>2</sup> And a great number will go with them in their evil ways, through whom the true way will have a bad name. <sup>3</sup> And in their desire for profit they will come to you with words of deceit, like traders doing business in souls: whose punishment has been ready for a long time and their destruction is watching for them. <sup>4</sup> For if God did not have pity for the angels who did evil, but sent them down into hell, to be kept in chains of eternal night till they were judged; <sup>5</sup> And did not have mercy on the world which then was, but only kept safe Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when he let loose the waters over the world of the evil-doers; <sup>6</sup> And sent destruction on Sodom and Gomorrah, burning them up with fire as an example to those whose way of life might in the future be displeasing to him; <sup>7</sup> And kept safe Lot, the upright man, who was deeply troubled by the unclean life of the evil-doers <sup>8</sup> (Because the soul of that upright man living among them was pained from day to day by seeing and hearing their crimes): <sup>9</sup> The Lord is able to keep the upright safe in the time of testing, and to keep evil-doers under punishment till the day of judging; <sup>10</sup> But specially those who go after the unclean desires of the flesh, and make sport of authority. Ready to take chances, uncontrolled, they have no fear of saying evil of those in high places: <sup>11</sup> Though the angels, who are greater in strength and power, do not make use of violent language against them before the Lord. <sup>12</sup> But these men, like beasts without reason, whose natural use is to be taken and put to death, crying out against things of which they have no knowledge, will undergo that same destruction which they are designing for others; <sup>13</sup> For the evil which overtakes them is the reward of their evil-doing: such men take their pleasure in the delights of the flesh even in the daytime; they are like the marks of a disease, like poisoned wounds among you, feasting together with you in joy; <sup>14</sup> Having eyes full of evil desire, never having enough of sin; turning feeble souls out of the true way; they are children of cursing, whose hearts are well used to bitter envy; <sup>15</sup> Turning out of the true way, they have gone wandering in error, after the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who was pleased to take payment for wrongdoing; <sup>16</sup> But his wrongdoing was pointed out to him: an ass, talking with a man's voice, put a stop to the error of the prophet. <sup>17</sup> These are fountains without water, and mists before a driving storm; for whom the eternal night is kept in store. <sup>18</sup> For with high-sounding false words, making use of the attraction of unclean desires of the flesh, they get into their power those newly made free from those who are living in error; <sup>19</sup> Saying that they will be free, while they themselves are the servants of destruction; because whatever gets the better of a man makes a servant of him. <sup>20</sup> For if, after they have got free from the unclean things of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again taken in the net and overcome, their last condition is worse than their first. <sup>21</sup> For it would have been better for them to have had no knowledge of the way of righteousness, than to go back again from the holy law which was given to them, after having knowledge of it. <sup>22</sup> They are an example of that true saying, The dog has gone back to the food it had put out, and the pig which had been washed to its rolling in the dirty earth.

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<sup>1</sup> My loved ones, this is now my second letter to you, and in this as in the first, I am attempting to keep your true minds awake; <sup>2</sup> So that you may keep in mind the words of the holy prophets in the past, and the law of the Lord and Saviour which was given to you by his Apostles. <sup>3</sup> Having first of all the knowledge that in the last days there will be men who, ruled by their evil desires, will make sport of holy things, <sup>4</sup> Saying, Where is the hope of his coming? From the death of the fathers till now everything has gone on as it was from the making of the world. <sup>5</sup> But in taking this view they put out of their minds the memory that in the old days there was a heaven, and an earth lifted out of the water and circled by water, by the word of God; <sup>6</sup> And that the world which then was came to an end through the overflowing of the waters. <sup>7</sup> But the present heaven and the present earth have been kept for destruction by fire, which is waiting for them on the day of the judging and destruction of evil men. <sup>8</sup> But, my loved ones, keep in mind this one thing, that with the Lord one day is the same as a thousand years, and a thousand years are no more than one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his word, as he seems to some, but he is waiting in mercy for you, not desiring the destruction of any, but that all may be turned from their evil ways. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; and in that day the heavens will be rolled up with a great noise, and the substance of the earth will be changed by violent heat, and the world and everything in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Seeing then that all these things are coming to such an end, what sort of persons is it right for you to be, in all holy behaviour and righteousness, <sup>12</sup> Looking for and truly desiring the coming of the day of God, when the heavens will come to an end through fire, and the substance of the earth will be changed by the great heat? <sup>13</sup> But having faith in his word, we are looking for a new heaven and a new earth, which will be the resting-place of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For this reason, my loved ones, as you are looking for these things, take great care that when he comes you may be in peace before him, free from sin and every evil thing. <sup>15</sup> And be certain that the long waiting of the Lord is for salvation; even as our brother Paul has said in his letters to you, from the wisdom which was given to him; <sup>16</sup> And as he said in all his letters, which had to do with these things; in which are some hard sayings, so that, like the rest of the holy Writings, they are twisted by those who are uncertain and without knowledge, to the destruction of their souls. <sup>17</sup> For this reason, my loved ones, having knowledge of these things before they take place, take care that you are not turned away by the error of the uncontrolled, so falling from your true faith. <sup>18</sup> But be increased in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May he have glory now and for ever. So be it.

## John's First Letter

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the first, which has come to our ears, and which we have seen with our eyes, looking on it and touching it with our hands, about the Word of life <sup>2</sup> (And the life was made clear to us, and we have seen it and are witnessing to it and giving you word of that eternal life which was with the Father and was seen by us); <sup>3</sup> We give you word of all we have seen and everything which has come to our ears, so that you may be united with us; and we are united with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ: <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things to you so that our joy may be made complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the word which came to us from him and which we give to you, that God is light and in him there is nothing dark. <sup>6</sup> If we say we are joined to him, and are walking still in the dark, our words are false and our acts are untrue: <sup>7</sup> But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, we are all united with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son makes us clean from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are false to ourselves and there is nothing true in us. <sup>9</sup> If we say openly that we have done wrong, he is upright and true to his word, giving us forgiveness of sins and making us clean from all evil. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we make him false and his word is not in us.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may be without sin. And if any man is a sinner, we have a friend and helper with the Father, Jesus Christ, the upright one: <sup>2</sup> He is the offering for our sins; and not for ours only, but for all the world. <sup>3</sup> And by this we may be certain that we have knowledge of him, if we keep his laws. <sup>4</sup> The man who says, I have knowledge of him, and does not keep his laws, is false, and there is nothing true in him: <sup>5</sup> But in every man who keeps his word, the love of God is made complete. By this we may be certain that we are in him: <sup>6</sup> He who says that he is living in him, will do as he did. <sup>7</sup> My loved ones, I do not give you a new law, but an old law which you had from the first; this old law is the word which came to your ears. <sup>8</sup> Again, I give you a new law, which is true in him and in you; for the night is near its end and the true light is even now shining out. <sup>9</sup> He who says that he is in the light, and has hate in his heart for his brother, is still in the dark. <sup>10</sup> He who has love for his brother is in the light, and there is no cause of error in him. <sup>11</sup> But he who has hate for his brother is in the dark, walking in the dark with no knowledge of where he is going, unable to see because of the dark. <sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, my children, because you have forgiveness of sins through his name. <sup>13</sup> I am writing to you, fathers, because you have knowledge of him who was from the first. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the Evil One. I have sent a letter to you, children, because you have knowledge of the Father. <sup>14</sup> I have sent a letter to you, fathers, because you have knowledge of him who was from the first. I have sent a letter to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God is in you, and because you have overcome the Evil One. <sup>15</sup> Have no love for the world or for the things which are in the world. If any man has love for the world, the

love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> Because everything in the world, the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world and its desires is coming to an end: but he who does God's pleasure is living for ever. <sup>18</sup> Little children, it is the last hour; and as you were given word that the Antichrist would come, so now a number of Antichrists have come to you; and by this we are certain that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us but they were not of us; if they had been of us they would still be with us: but they went out from us so that it might be made clear that they were not of us. <sup>20</sup> And you have the Spirit from the Holy One and you all have knowledge. <sup>21</sup> I have not sent you this letter because you have no knowledge of what is true, but because you have knowledge, and because that which is false has nothing in common with that which is true. <sup>22</sup> Who is false but he who says that Jesus is not the Christ? He is the Antichrist who has no belief in the Father or the Son. <sup>23</sup> He who has no belief in the Son has not the Father: he who makes clear his belief in the Son has the Father. <sup>24</sup> But as for you, keep in your hearts the things which were made clear to you from the first. If you keep these things in your hearts you will be kept in the Father and the Son. <sup>25</sup> And this is the hope which he gave you, even eternal life. <sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those whose purpose is that you may be turned out of the true way. <sup>27</sup> As for you, the Spirit which he gave you is still in you, and you have no need of any teacher; but as his Spirit gives you teaching about all things, and is true and not false, so keep your hearts in him, through the teaching which he has given you. <sup>28</sup> And now, my children, keep your hearts in him; so that at his revelation, we may have no fear or shame before him at his coming. <sup>29</sup> If you have knowledge that he is upright, it is clear to you that everyone who does righteousness is his offspring.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> See what great love the Father has given us in naming us the children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not see who we are, because it did not see who he was. <sup>2</sup> My loved ones, now we are children of God, and at present it is not clear what we are to be. We are certain that at his revelation we will be like him; for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in him makes himself holy, even as he is holy. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who is a sinner goes against the law, for sin is going against the law. <sup>5</sup> And you have knowledge that he came to take away sin: and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who is in him does no sin; anyone who is a sinner has not seen him and has no knowledge of him. <sup>7</sup> My little children, let no man take you out of the true way: he who does righteousness is upright, even as he is upright; <sup>8</sup> The sinner is a child of the Evil One; for the Evil One has been a sinner from the first. And the Son of God was seen on earth so that he might put an end to the works of the Evil One. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who is a child of God does no sin, because he still has God's seed in him; he is not able to be a sinner, because God is his Father. <sup>10</sup> In this way it is clear who are the children of God and who are the children of the Evil One; anyone who does not do righteousness or who has no love for his brother, is not a child of God. <sup>11</sup> Because this is the word which was given to you from the first, that we are to have love for one another; <sup>12</sup> Not being of the Evil One like Cain, who put his

brother to death. And why did he put him to death? Because his works were evil and his brother's works were good. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world has no love for you. <sup>14</sup> We are conscious that we have come out of death into life because of our love for the brothers. He who has no love is still in death. <sup>15</sup> Anyone who has hate for his brother is a taker of life, and you may be certain that no taker of life has eternal life in him. <sup>16</sup> In this we see what love is, because he gave his life for us; and it is right for us to give our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if a man has this world's goods, and sees that his brother is in need, and keeps his heart shut against his brother, how is it possible for the love of God to be in him? <sup>18</sup> My little children, do not let our love be in word and in tongue, but let it be in act and in good faith. <sup>19</sup> In this way we may be certain that we are true, and may give our heart comfort before him, <sup>20</sup> When our heart says that we have done wrong; because God is greater than our heart, and has knowledge of all things. <sup>21</sup> My loved ones, if our heart does not say that we have done wrong, we have no fear before him; <sup>22</sup> And he gives us all our requests, because we keep his laws and do the things which are pleasing in his eyes. <sup>23</sup> And this is his law, that we have faith in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love for one another, even as he said to us. <sup>24</sup> He who keeps his laws is in God and God is in him. And the Spirit which he gave us is our witness that he is in us.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> My loved ones, do not put your faith in every spirit, but put them to the test, to see if they are from God: because a great number of false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you may have knowledge of the Spirit of God: every spirit which says that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God: <sup>3</sup> And every spirit which does not say this is not from God: this is the spirit of Antichrist, of which you have had word; and it is in the world even now. <sup>4</sup> You are of God, my little children, and you have overcome them because he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are of the world, so their talk is the world's talk, and the world gives ear to them. <sup>6</sup> We are of God: he who has the knowledge of God gives ear to us; he who is not of God does not give ear to us. By this we may see which is the true spirit, and which is the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup> My loved ones, let us have love for one another: because love is of God, and everyone who has love is a child of God and has knowledge of God. <sup>8</sup> He who has no love has no knowledge of God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> And the love of God was made clear to us when he sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. <sup>10</sup> And this is love, not that we had love for God, but that he had love for us, and sent his Son to be an offering for our sins. <sup>11</sup> My loved ones, if God had such love for us, it is right for us to have love for one another. <sup>12</sup> No man has ever seen God: if we have love for one another, God is in us and his love is made complete in us: <sup>13</sup> And his Spirit which he has given us is the witness that we are in him and he is in us. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and give witness that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who says openly that Jesus is the Son of God, has God in him and is in God. <sup>16</sup> And we have seen and had faith in the love which God has for us. God is love, and everyone who has love is in God, and God is in him. <sup>17</sup> In

this way love is made complete in us, so that we may be without fear on the day of judging, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love: true love has no room for fear, because where fear is, there is pain; and he who is not free from fear is not complete in love. <sup>19</sup> We have the power of loving, because he first had love for us. <sup>20</sup> If a man says, I have love for God, and has hate for his brother, his words are false: for how is the man who has no love for his brother whom he has seen, able to have love for God whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup> And this is the word which we have from him, that he who has love for God is to have the same love for his brother.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who has faith that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God: and everyone who has love for the Father has love for his child. <sup>2</sup> In this way, we are certain that we have love for the children of God, when we have love for God and keep his laws. <sup>3</sup> For loving God is keeping his laws: and his laws are not hard. <sup>4</sup> Anything which comes from God is able to overcome the world: and the power by which we have overcome the world is our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is able to overcome the world but the man who has faith that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and by blood, Jesus Christ; not by water only but by water and by blood. <sup>7</sup> And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is true. <sup>8</sup> There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood: and all three are in agreement. <sup>9</sup> If we take the witness of men to be true, the witness of God is greater: because this is the witness which God has given about his Son. <sup>10</sup> He who has faith in the Son of God has the witness in himself: he who has not faith in God makes him false, because he has not faith in the witness which God has given about his Son. <sup>11</sup> And his witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has the life; he who has not the Son of God has not the life. <sup>13</sup> I have put these things in writing for you who have faith in the name of the Son of God, so that you may be certain that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> And we are certain that if we make any request to him which is right in his eyes, he will give ear to us: <sup>15</sup> And if we are certain that he gives ear to all our requests, we are equally certain that we will get our requests. <sup>16</sup> If a man sees his brother doing a sin which is not bad enough for death, let him make a prayer to God, and God will give life to him whose sin was not bad enough for death. There is a sin whose punishment is death: I do not say that he may make such a request then. <sup>17</sup> All evil-doing is sin: but death is not the punishment for every sort of sin. <sup>18</sup> We are certain that one who is a child of God will do no sin, but the Son of God keeps him so that he is not touched by the Evil One. <sup>19</sup> We are certain that we are of God, but all the world is in the power of the Evil One. <sup>20</sup> And we are certain that the Son of God has come, and has given us a clear vision, so that we may see him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> My little children, keep yourselves from false gods.

## John's Second Letter

<sup>1</sup> I, a ruler in the church, send word to the noble sister who is of God's selection, and to her children, for whom I have true love; and not only I, but all who have knowledge of what is true; <sup>2</sup> Because of this true knowledge which is in us, and will be with us for ever: <sup>3</sup> May grace, mercy, and peace be with us from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in all true love. <sup>4</sup> It gave me great joy to see some of your children walking in the true way, even as we were ordered to do by the Father. <sup>5</sup> And now, my sister, I make a request to you, not sending you a new law, but the law which we had from the first, that we have love for one another. <sup>6</sup> And love is the keeping of his laws. This is the law which was given to you from the first, so that you might keep it. <sup>7</sup> Because a number of false teachers have gone out into the world, who do not give witness that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. Such a one is a false teacher and Antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Keep watch over yourselves, so that you do not make our work of no effect, but may get your full reward. <sup>9</sup> Anyone who goes on and does not keep to the teaching of Christ, has not God: he who keeps to the teaching has the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If anyone comes to you not having this teaching, do not take him into your house or give him words of love: <sup>11</sup> For he who gives him words of love has a part in his evil works. <sup>12</sup> Having much to say to you, it is not my purpose to put it all down with paper and ink: but I am hoping to come to you, and to have talk with you face to face, so that your joy may be full. <sup>13</sup> The children of your noble sister, who is of God's selection, send you their love.

## John's Third Letter

<sup>1</sup> I, a ruler in the church, send word to the well loved Gaius, for whom I have true love. <sup>2</sup> My loved one, it is my prayer that you may do well in all things, and be healthy in body, even as your soul does well. <sup>3</sup> For it gave me great joy when some of the brothers came and gave witness that you had the true faith and were walking in the true way. <sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than to have news that my children are walking in the true way. <sup>5</sup> My loved one, you are doing a good work in being kind to those brothers who come from other places; <sup>6</sup> Who have given witness to the church of your love for them: and you will do well to send them on their way well cared for, as is right for servants of God: <sup>7</sup> For they went out for love of the Name, taking nothing from the Gentiles. <sup>8</sup> So it is right for us to take in such men as guests, so that we may take our part in the work of the true faith. <sup>9</sup> I sent a letter to the church, but Diotrephes, whose desire is ever to have the first place among them, will not have us there. <sup>10</sup> So if I come, I will keep in mind the things he does, talking against us with evil words: and as if this was not enough, he does not take the brothers into his house, and those who are ready to take them in, he keeps from doing so, putting them out of the church if they do. <sup>11</sup> My loved one, do not be copying what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God: he who does evil has not seen God. <sup>12</sup> Demetrius has the approval of all men and of what is true: and we give the same witness, and you are certain that our witness is true. <sup>13</sup> I had much to say to you, but it is not my purpose to put it all down with ink and pen: <sup>14</sup> But I am hoping to see you in a short time, and to have talk with you face to face. May you have peace. Your friends here send you their love. Give my love to our friends by name.



## The Letter from Jude

<sup>1</sup> Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and the brother of James, to those of God's selection who have been made holy by God the Father and are kept safe for Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> May mercy and peace and love be increased in you. <sup>3</sup> My loved ones, while my thoughts were full of a letter which I was going to send you about our common salvation, it was necessary for me to send you one requesting you with all my heart to go on fighting strongly for the faith which has been given to the saints once and for ever. <sup>4</sup> For certain men have come among you secretly, marked out before in the holy Writings for this evil fate, men without the fear of God, turning his grace into an unclean thing, and false to our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. <sup>5</sup> Now it is my purpose to put you in mind, though you once had knowledge of all these things, of how the Lord, having taken a people safely out of Egypt, later sent destruction on those who had no faith; <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep to their kingdom but went out from the place which was theirs, he has put in eternal chains and in dark night till the great day of the judging. <sup>7</sup> Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the towns near them, having like these, given themselves up to unclean desires and gone after strange flesh, have been made an example, undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. <sup>8</sup> In the same way these dreamers make the flesh unclean, having no respect for authorities, and say evil of rulers. <sup>9</sup> Now when Michael, one of the chief angels, was fighting against the Evil One for the body of Moses, fearing to make use of violent words against him, he only said, May the Lord be your judge. <sup>10</sup> But these men say evil about such things as they have no knowledge of; and the things of which they have natural knowledge, like beasts without reason, are the cause of their destruction. <sup>11</sup> A curse on them! They have gone in the way of Cain, running uncontrolled into the error of Balaam for reward, and have come to destruction by saying evil against the Lord, like Korah. <sup>12</sup> These men are unseen rocks at your love-feasts, when they take part in them with you, keepers of sheep who without fear take the food of the sheep; clouds without water rushing before the wind, wasted trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots, <sup>13</sup> Violent waves of the sea, streaming with their shame, wandering stars for whom the darkest night is kept in store for ever. <sup>14</sup> The prophet Enoch, who was the seventh after Adam, said of these men, The Lord came with tens of thousands of his saints, <sup>15</sup> To be the judge of all, and to give a decision against all those whose lives are displeasing to him, because of the evil acts which they have done, and because of all the hard things which sinners without fear of God have said against him. <sup>16</sup> These are the men who make trouble, ever desiring change, going after evil pleasures, using high-sounding words, respecting men's position in the hope of reward. <sup>17</sup> But you, my loved ones, keep in memory the words which were said before by the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>18</sup> How they said to you, In the last days there will be men who, guided by their evil desires, will make sport of holy things. <sup>19</sup> These are the men who make divisions, natural men, not having the

Spirit. <sup>20</sup> But you, my loved ones, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, and making prayers in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for life eternal through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And have pity on those who are in doubt; <sup>23</sup> And to some give salvation, pulling them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the clothing which is made unclean by the flesh. <sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to give you a place in his glory, free from all evil, with great joy, <sup>25</sup> To the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, let us give glory and honour and authority and power, before all time and now and for ever. So be it.

## The Revelation to John

<sup>1</sup> The Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave him so that his servants might have knowledge of the things which will quickly take place: and he sent and made it clear by his angel to his servant John; <sup>2</sup> Who gave witness of the word of God, and of the witness of Jesus Christ, even of all the things which he saw. <sup>3</sup> A blessing be on the reader, and on those who give ear to the prophet's words, and keep the things which he has put in the book: for the time is near. <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and was and is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his high seat; <sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, the true witness, the first to come back from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who had love for us and has made us clean from our sins by his blood; <sup>6</sup> And has made us to be a kingdom and priests to his God and Father; to him let glory and power be given for ever and ever. So be it. <sup>7</sup> See, he comes with the clouds, and every eye will see him, and those by whom he was wounded; and all the tribes of the earth will be sorrowing because of him. Yes, so be it. <sup>8</sup> I am the First and the Last, says the Lord God who is and was and is to come, the Ruler of all. <sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother, who have a part with you in the trouble and the kingdom and the quiet strength of Jesus, was in the island which is named Patmos, for the word of God and the witness of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and a great voice at my back, as of a horn, came to my ears, <sup>11</sup> Saying, What you see, put in a book, and send it to the seven churches; to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea. <sup>12</sup> And turning to see the voice which said these words to me, I saw seven gold vessels with lights burning in them; <sup>13</sup> And in the middle of them one like a son of man, clothed with a robe down to his feet, and with a band of gold round his breasts. <sup>14</sup> And his head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> And his feet like polished brass, as if it had been burned in a fire; and his voice was as the sound of great waters. <sup>16</sup> And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword: and his face was like the sun shining in its strength. <sup>17</sup> And when I saw him, I went down on my face at his feet as one dead. And he put his right hand on me, saying, Have no fear; I am the first and the last and the Living one; <sup>18</sup> And I was dead, and see, I am living for ever, and I have the keys of death and of Hell. <sup>19</sup> Put in writing, then, the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will be after these; <sup>20</sup> The secret of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and of the seven gold vessels with burning lights. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven lights are the seven churches.

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<sup>1</sup> To the angel of the church in Ephesus say: These things says he who has the seven stars in his right hand, who is walking in the middle of the seven gold lights: <sup>2</sup> I have knowledge of your doings, and of your hard

work and long waiting, and that you will not put up with evil men, and have put to the test those who say they are Apostles and are not, and have seen that they are false; <sup>3</sup> And you have the power of waiting, and have undergone trouble because of my name, without weariness. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you are turned away from your first love. <sup>5</sup> So keep in mind where you were at first, and be changed in heart and do the first works; or I will come to you, and will take away your light from its place, if your hearts are not changed. <sup>6</sup> But at least you have the credit of hating the works of the Nicolaitans, as I do. <sup>7</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear to what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give of the fruit of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God. <sup>8</sup> And to the angel of the church in Smyrna say: These things says the first and the last, who was dead and is living: <sup>9</sup> I have knowledge of your troubles and how poor you are (but you have true wealth), and the evil words of those who say they are Jews, and are not, but are a Synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup> Have no fear of the things which you will have to undergo: see, the Evil One will send some of you into prison, so that you may be put to the test; and you will have great trouble for ten days. Be true till death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear to what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not come under the power of the second death. <sup>12</sup> And to the angel of the church in Pergamos say: These things says he who has the sharp two-edged sword: <sup>13</sup> I have knowledge that your living-place is where Satan has his seat: and you are true to my name, and were not turned away from your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my true witness, who was put to death among you, where Satan has his place. <sup>14</sup> But I have some things against you, because you have with you those who keep the teaching of Balaam, by whose suggestion Balak made the children of Israel go out of the right way, taking food which was offered to false gods, and going after the desires of the flesh. <sup>15</sup> And you have those who keep the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> See, then, that you have a change of heart; or I will come to you quickly, and will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear to what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give of the secret manna, and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name, of which no one has knowledge but he to whom it is given. <sup>18</sup> And to the angel of the church in Thyatira say: These things says the Son of God, whose eyes are like a flame of fire, and his feet like polished brass: <sup>19</sup> I have knowledge of your works, and your love and faith and help and strength in trouble, and that your last works are more than the first. <sup>20</sup> But I have this against you, that you let the woman Jezebel say she is a prophet and give false teaching, making my servants go after the desires of the flesh and take food offered to false gods. <sup>21</sup> And I gave her time for a change of heart, but she has no mind to give up her unclean ways. <sup>22</sup> See, I will put her into a bed, and those who make themselves unclean with her, into great trouble, if they go on with her works. <sup>23</sup> And I will put her children to death; and all the churches will see that I am he who makes search into the secret thoughts and hearts of men: and I will give to every one of you the reward of your works. <sup>24</sup> But to you I say, to the rest in Thyatira, even to those who have not this teaching, and have no knowledge of the

secrets of Satan, as they say; I put on you no other weight. <sup>25</sup> But what you have, keep safe till I come. <sup>26</sup> He who overcomes, and keeps my works to the end, to him I will give rule over the nations, <sup>27</sup> And he will be ruling them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of the potter they will be broken, even as I have power from my Father: <sup>28</sup> And I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear to what the Spirit says to the churches.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> And to the angel of the church in Sardis say: These things says he who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I have knowledge of your works, that you seem to be living but are dead. <sup>2</sup> Be on the watch, and make strong the rest of the things which are near to death; because as judged by me your works have not come up to God's measure. <sup>3</sup> Keep in mind, then, the teaching which was given to you, and be ruled by it and have a change of heart. If then you do not keep watch, I will come like a thief, and you will have no knowledge of the hour when I will come on you. <sup>4</sup> But you have some names in Sardis who have kept clean their robes; and as a reward they will go in white with me. <sup>5</sup> He who overcomes will be dressed in white, and I will not take his name from the book of life, and I will give witness to his name before my Father, and before his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear to what the Spirit says to the churches. <sup>7</sup> And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia say: These things says he who is holy, he who is true, he who has the key of David, opening the door so that it may be shut by no one, and shutting it so that it may be open to no one. <sup>8</sup> I have knowledge of your works (see, I have put before you an open door which may be shut by no one), and that you have a little strength, and have kept my word, and have been true to my name. <sup>9</sup> See, I will make those of the Synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews, and are not, but say what is false; I will make them come and give worship before your feet, and see my love for you. <sup>10</sup> Because you have kept my word in quiet strength, I will keep you from the hour of testing which is coming on all the world, to put to the test those who are on earth. <sup>11</sup> I come quickly: keep that which you have, so that no one may take your crown. <sup>12</sup> Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the house of my God, and he will go out no more: and I will put on him the name of my God, and the name of the town of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my new name. <sup>13</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear to what the Spirit says to the churches. <sup>14</sup> And to the angel of the church in Laodicea say: These things says the true and certain witness, the head of God's new order: <sup>15</sup> I have knowledge of your works, that you are not cold or warm: it would be better if you were cold or warm. <sup>16</sup> So because you are not one thing or the other, I will have no more to do with you. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I have wealth, and have got together goods and land, and have need of nothing; and you are not conscious of your sad and unhappy condition, that you are poor and blind and without clothing. <sup>18</sup> If you are wise you will get from me gold tested by fire, so that you may have true wealth; and white robes to put on, so that your shame may not be seen; and oil for your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> To all those who are dear to me, I give sharp words and

punishment: then with all your heart have sorrow for your evil ways. <sup>20</sup> See, I am waiting at the door and giving the sign; if my voice comes to any man's ears and he makes the door open, I will come in to him, and will take food with him and he with me. <sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes I will give a place with me on my high seat, even as I overcame, and am seated with my Father on his high seat. <sup>22</sup> He who has ears, let him give ear to what the Spirit says to the churches.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> After these things I saw a door open in heaven, and the first voice came to my ears, like the sound of a horn, saying, Come up here, and I will make clear to you the things which are to come. <sup>2</sup> Straight away I was in the Spirit: and I saw a high seat in heaven, and one was seated on it; <sup>3</sup> And to my eyes he was like a jasper and a sardius stone: and there was an arch of light round the high seat, like an emerald. <sup>4</sup> And round about the high seat were four and twenty seats: and on them I saw four and twenty rulers seated, clothed in white robes; and on their heads crowns of gold. <sup>5</sup> And out of the high seat came flames and voices and thunders. And seven lights of fire were burning before the high seat, which are the seven Spirits of God; <sup>6</sup> And before the high seat there was, as it seemed, a clear sea of glass; and in the middle of the high seat, and round about it, four beasts full of eyes round about. <sup>7</sup> And the first beast was like a lion, and the second like an ox, and the third had a face like a man, and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup> And the four beasts, having every one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about and inside: and without resting day and night, they say, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, Ruler of all, who was and is and is to come. <sup>9</sup> And when the beasts give glory and honour to him who is seated on the high seat, to him who is living for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup> The four and twenty rulers go down on their faces before him who is seated on the high seat, and give worship to him who is living for ever and ever, and take off their crowns before the high seat, saying, <sup>11</sup> It is right, our Lord and our God, for you to have glory and honour and power: because by you were all things made, and by your desire they came into being.

## 5

<sup>1</sup> And I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the high seat, a book with writing inside it and on the back, shut with seven stamps of wax. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a strong angel saying in a loud voice, Who is able to make the book open, and to undo its stamps? <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to get the book open, or to see what was in it. <sup>4</sup> And I was very sad, because there was no one able to get the book open or to see what was in it. <sup>5</sup> And one of the rulers said to me, Do not be sad: see, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome, and has power to undo the book and its seven stamps. <sup>6</sup> And I saw in the middle of the high seat and of the four beasts, and in the middle of the rulers, a Lamb in his place, which seemed as if it had been put to death, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And he came and took it out of the right hand of him who was seated on the high seat. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty rulers went

down on their faces before the Lamb, having every one an instrument of music, and gold vessels full of perfumes, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And their voices are sounding in a new song, saying, It is right for you to take the book and to make it open: for you were put to death and have made an offering to God of your blood for men of every tribe, and language, and people, and nation, <sup>10</sup> And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they are ruling on the earth. <sup>11</sup> And I saw, and there came to my ears the sound of a great number of angels round about the high seat and the beasts and the rulers; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; <sup>12</sup> Saying with a great voice, It is right to give to the Lamb who was put to death, power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing. <sup>13</sup> And to my ears came the voice of everything in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and of all things which are in them, saying, To him who is seated on the high seat, and to the Lamb, may blessing and honour and glory and power be given for ever and ever. <sup>14</sup> And the four beasts said, So be it. And the rulers went down on their faces and gave worship.

## 6

<sup>1</sup> And I saw when the Lamb undid one of the stamps, and the voice of one of the four beasts came to my ears, saying as with a voice of thunder, Come and see. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a white horse, and he who was seated on it had a bow; and there was given to him a crown: and he went out with power to overcome. <sup>3</sup> And when the second stamp was undone, the voice of the second beast came to my ears, saying, Come and see. <sup>4</sup> And another horse came out, a red horse; and it was given to him who was seated on it to take peace from the earth, so that people might put one another to death: and there was given to him a great sword. <sup>5</sup> And when the third stamp was undone, the voice of the third beast came to my ears, saying, Come and see. And I saw a black horse; and he who was seated on it had scales in his hand. <sup>6</sup> And a voice came to my ears, from the middle of the four beasts, saying, A measure of grain for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny: and see that you do no damage to the oil and the wine. <sup>7</sup> And when the fourth stamp was undone, the voice of the fourth beast came to my ears, saying, Come and see. <sup>8</sup> And I saw a grey horse, and the name of him who was seated on it was Death; and Hell came after him. And there was given to them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to put to destruction by the sword, and by taking away their food, and by death, and by the beasts of the earth. <sup>9</sup> And when the fifth stamp was undone, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been put to death for the word of God, and for the witness which they kept. <sup>10</sup> And they gave a great cry, saying, How long will it be, O Ruler, holy and true, before you take your place as judge and give punishment for our blood to those on the earth? <sup>11</sup> And there was given to every one a white robe, and they were ordered to take their rest for a little time, till the number was complete of the other servants, their brothers, who would be put to death, even as they had been. <sup>12</sup> And I saw when the sixth stamp was undone, and there was a great earth-shock; and the sun became black as haircloth, and all the moon became as blood; <sup>13</sup> And the stars of heaven

were falling to the earth, like green fruit from a tree before the force of a great wind. <sup>14</sup> And the heaven was taken away like the roll of a book when it is rolled up; and all the mountains and islands were moved out of their places. <sup>15</sup> And the kings of the earth, and the rulers, and the chief captains, and the men of wealth, and the strong, and every servant and free man, took cover in the holes and the rocks of the mountains; <sup>16</sup> And they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Come down on us, covering us from the face of him who is seated on the high seat, and from the wrath of the Lamb: <sup>17</sup> For the great day of their wrath is come, and who may keep his place?

## 7

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels in their places at the four points of the earth, keeping back the four winds in their hands, so that there might be no moving of the wind on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> And I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the mark of the living God: and he said with a great voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to do damage to the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup> Do no damage to the earth, or the sea, or the trees, till we have put a mark on the servants of our God. <sup>4</sup> And there came to my ears the number of those who had the mark on their brows, a hundred and forty-four thousand, who were marked out of every tribe of the people of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Of the tribe of Judah were marked twelve thousand: of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand: of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand: <sup>6</sup> Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand: of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand: of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand: <sup>7</sup> Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand: of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand: of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand: <sup>8</sup> Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand: of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand: of the tribe of Benjamin were marked twelve thousand. <sup>9</sup> After these things I saw a great army of people more than might be numbered, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and languages, taking their places before the high seat and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and with branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Salvation to our God who is seated on the high seat, and to the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were round about the high seat, and about the rulers and the four beasts; and they went down on their faces before the high seat, and gave worship to God, saying, <sup>12</sup> So be it. Let blessing and glory and wisdom and praise and honour and power and strength be given to our God for ever and ever. So be it. <sup>13</sup> And one of the rulers made answer, saying to me, These who have on white robes, who are they, and where did they come from? <sup>14</sup> And I said to him, My lord, you have knowledge. And he said to me, These are they who came through the great testing, and their robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> This is why they are before the high seat of God; and they are his servants day and night in his house: and he who is seated on the high seat will be a tent over them. <sup>16</sup> They will never be in need of food or drink: and they will never again be troubled by the burning heat of the sun: <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb who is on the high seat will be their keeper and their guide to fountains of living water: and God will make glad their eyes for ever.



## 8

<sup>1</sup> And when the seventh stamp was undone there was quiet in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who had their place before God; and seven horns were given to them. <sup>3</sup> And another angel came and took his place at the altar, having a gold vessel for burning perfume; and there was given to him much perfume, so that he might put it with the prayers of all the saints on the gold altar which was before the high seat. <sup>4</sup> And the smoke of the perfume, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup> And the angel took the vessel; and he made it full of the fire of the altar, and sent it down on the earth: and there came thunders and voices and flames and a shaking of the earth. <sup>6</sup> And the seven angels who had the seven horns made ready for sounding them. <sup>7</sup> And at the sounding of the first, a rain of ice and fire, mixed with blood, was sent on the earth: and a third part of the earth, and of the trees, and all green grass was burned up. <sup>8</sup> And at the sounding of the second angel, it was as if a great mountain burning with fire was sent into the sea: and a third part of the sea became blood, <sup>9</sup> And destruction came on a third part of the living things which were in the sea, and on a third part of the ships. <sup>10</sup> And at the sounding of the third angel, there went down from heaven a great star, burning like a flame, and it came on a third part of the rivers, and on the fountains of water. <sup>11</sup> And the name of the star is Wormwood: and a third part of the waters became bitter; and a number of men came to their end because of the waters, for they were made bitter. <sup>12</sup> And at the sounding of the fourth angel, a third part of the sun, and of the moon, and of the stars was made dark, so that there was no light for a third part of the day and of the night. <sup>13</sup> And there came to my ears the cry of an eagle in flight in the middle of heaven, saying with a great voice, Trouble, trouble, trouble, to all on the earth, because of the other voices of the horns of the three angels, whose sounding is still to come.

## 9

<sup>1</sup> And at the sounding of the fifth angel I saw a star falling from heaven to the earth: and there was given to him the key of the great deep. <sup>2</sup> And he made the great deep open and a smoke went up from it, like the smoke of a great oven; and the sun and the air were made dark because of the smoke. <sup>3</sup> And from the smoke locusts came out on the earth; and power was given them, like the power of scorpions. <sup>4</sup> And they were ordered to do no damage to the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only to such men as have not the mark of God on their brows. <sup>5</sup> And orders were given them not to put them to death, but to give them great pain for five months: and their pain was as the pain from the wound of a scorpion. <sup>6</sup> And in those days men will be hoping for death, and it will not come to them; and they will have a great desire for death, and death will go in flight from them. <sup>7</sup> And the forms of the locusts were like horses made ready for war; and on their heads they had crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. <sup>8</sup> And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. <sup>9</sup> And they had breastplates like iron, and the sound of their wings was as the sound of carriages, like an army of horses rushing to the fight. <sup>10</sup> And they have

pointed tails like scorpions; and in their tails is their power to give men wounds for five months. <sup>11</sup> They have over them as king the angel of the great deep: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek language Apollyon. <sup>12</sup> The first Trouble is past: see, there are still two Troubles to come. <sup>13</sup> And at the sounding of the sixth angel a voice came to my ears from the horns of the gold altar which is before God, <sup>14</sup> Saying to the sixth angel who had the horn, Make free the four angels who are chained at the great river Euphrates. <sup>15</sup> And the four angels were made free, who were ready for the hour and day and month and year, that they might put to death a third part of men. <sup>16</sup> And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand: the number of them came to my ears. <sup>17</sup> And so I saw the horses in the vision, and those who were seated on them, having breastplates of fire and glass and of burning stone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire and smoke and a smell of burning. <sup>18</sup> By these evils a third part of men was put to death, by the fire, and the smoke, and the burning smell which came out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup> For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails: because their tails are like snakes, and have heads, and with them they give wounds. <sup>20</sup> And the rest of the people, who were not put to death by these evils, were not turned from the works of their hands, but went on giving worship to evil spirits, and images of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood which have no power of seeing or hearing or walking: <sup>21</sup> And they had no regret for putting men to death, or for their use of secret arts, or for the evil desires of the flesh, or for taking the property of others.

## 10

<sup>1</sup> And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and an arch of coloured light was round his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; <sup>2</sup> And he had in his hand a little open book: and he put his right foot on the sea, and his left on the earth; <sup>3</sup> And he gave a loud cry, like the angry voice of a lion: and at his cry the voices of the seven thunders were sounding. <sup>4</sup> And when the seven thunders had given out their voices, I was about to put their words down: and a voice from heaven came to my ears, saying, Keep secret the things which the seven thunders said, and do not put them in writing. <sup>5</sup> And the angel which I saw taking his position on the sea and on the earth, put up his right hand to heaven, <sup>6</sup> And took his oath by him who is living for ever and ever, who made the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there would be no more waiting: <sup>7</sup> But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when the sound of his horn is about to come, then will the secret of God be complete, of which he gave the good news to his servants the prophets. <sup>8</sup> And the voice came to me again from heaven, saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who has his place on the sea and on the earth. <sup>9</sup> And I went to the angel, and said to him, Give me the little book. And he said to me: Put it in your mouth; and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey. <sup>10</sup> And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and did as he said; and it was sweet as honey in my mouth: and when I had taken it, my stomach was

made bitter. <sup>11</sup> And they said to me, You are to give word again of what is coming in the future to the peoples and nations and languages and kings.

## 11

<sup>1</sup> And there was given to me a measuring rod: and one said, Go up and take the measure of the house of God, and the altar, and the worshippers in it. <sup>2</sup> But do not take the measure of the space outside the house; because it has been given to the nations: and the holy town will be under their feet for forty-two months. <sup>3</sup> And I will give orders to my two witnesses, and they will be prophets for a thousand, two hundred and sixty days, clothed with haircloth. <sup>4</sup> These are the two olive-trees and the two lights, which are before the Lord of the earth. <sup>5</sup> And if any man would do them damage, fire comes out of their mouth and puts an end to those who are working against them: and if any man has a desire to do them damage, in this way will he be put to death. <sup>6</sup> These have the power to keep the heaven shut, so that there may be no rain in the days when they are prophets: and they have power over the waters to make them into blood, and to send every sort of disease on the earth as their pleasure is. <sup>7</sup> And when they have come to the end of their witness, the beast which comes up out of the great deep will make war on them and overcome them and put them to death. <sup>8</sup> And their dead bodies will be in the open street of the great town, which in the spirit is named Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was put to death on the cross. <sup>9</sup> And the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will be looking on their dead bodies three days and a half, and will not let their dead bodies be put in the earth. <sup>10</sup> And those who are on the earth will have pleasure and delight over them; and they will send offerings one to another because these two prophets gave great trouble to all on the earth. <sup>11</sup> And after three days and a half the breath of life from God went into them, and they got up on their feet; and great fear came on those who saw them. <sup>12</sup> And a great voice from heaven came to their ears, saying to them, Come up here. And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and were seen by those desiring their death. <sup>13</sup> And in that hour there was a great earth-shock and a tenth part of the town came to destruction; and in the earth-shock seven thousand persons came to their end: and the rest were in fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. <sup>14</sup> The second Trouble is past: see, the third Trouble comes quickly. <sup>15</sup> And at the sounding of the seventh angel there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he will have rule for ever and ever. <sup>16</sup> And the four and twenty rulers, who are seated before God on their high seats, went down on their faces and gave worship to God, saying, <sup>17</sup> We give you praise, O Lord God, Ruler of all, who is and who was; because you have taken up your great power and are ruling your kingdom. <sup>18</sup> And the nations were angry, and your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and the time of reward for your servants, the prophets, and for the saints, and for those in whom is the fear of your name, small and great, and the time of destruction for those who made the earth unclean. <sup>19</sup> And the house of God which is in heaven was open; and the ark of his agreement was seen in his house,

and there were flames and voices and thunders and an earth-shock and a rain of ice.

## 12

<sup>1</sup> And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup> And she was with child; and she gave a cry, in the pains of childbirth. <sup>3</sup> And there was seen another sign in heaven; a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns. <sup>4</sup> And his tail was pulling a third part of the stars of heaven down to the earth, and the dragon took his place before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when the birth had taken place he might put an end to her child. <sup>5</sup> And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who was to have rule over all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was taken up to God and to his high seat. <sup>6</sup> And the woman went in flight to the waste land, where she has a place made ready by God, so that there they may give her food a thousand, two hundred and sixty days. <sup>7</sup> And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels going out to the fight with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels made war, <sup>8</sup> And they were overcome, and there was no more place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was forced down, the old snake, who is named the Evil One and Satan, by whom all the earth is turned from the right way; he was forced down to the earth, and his angels were forced down with him. <sup>10</sup> And a great voice in heaven came to my ears, saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: because he who says evil against our brothers before our God day and night is forced down. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him through the blood of the Lamb and the word of their witness; and loving not their lives they freely gave themselves up to death. <sup>12</sup> Be glad then, O heavens, and you who are in them. But there is trouble for the earth and the sea: because the Evil One has come down to you, being very angry, having the knowledge that he has but a short time. <sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he was forced down to the earth, he made cruel attacks on the woman who gave birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup> And there were given to the woman two wings of a great eagle, so that she might go in flight into the waste land, to her place, where she is given food for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the snake. <sup>15</sup> And the snake sent out of his mouth after the woman a river of water, so that she might be taken away by the stream. <sup>16</sup> And the earth gave help to the woman, and with open mouth took up the river which the dragon sent out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was angry with the woman and went away to make war on the rest of her seed, who keep the orders of God, and the witness of Jesus:

## 13

<sup>1</sup> And he took his place on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads unholy names. <sup>2</sup> And the beast which I saw was like 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 seat and great authority. <sup>3</sup> And I saw one of his heads as if it had been

given a death-wound; and his death-wound was made well: and all the earth was wondering at the beast. <sup>4</sup>And they gave worship to the dragon, because he gave authority to the beast; and worshipping the beast, they said, Who is like the beast? and who is able to go to war with him? <sup>5</sup>And there was given to him a mouth to say words of pride against God; and there was given to him authority to go on for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>And his mouth was open to say evil against God, and against his name and his Tent, even against those who are in heaven. <sup>7</sup>And it was given to him to make war on the saints and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and language and nation. <sup>8</sup>And all who are on the earth will give him worship, everyone whose name has not been from the first in the book of life of the Lamb who was put to death. <sup>9</sup>If any man has ears, let him give ear. <sup>10</sup>If any man sends others into prison, into prison he will go: if any man puts to death with the sword, with the sword will he be put to death. Here is the quiet strength and the faith of the saints. <sup>11</sup>And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and his voice was like that of a dragon. <sup>12</sup>And he makes use of all the authority of the first beast before his eyes. And he makes the earth and those who are in it give worship to the first beast, whose death-wound was made well. <sup>13</sup>And he does great signs, even making fire come down from heaven on the earth before the eyes of men. <sup>14</sup>And those who are on the earth are turned from the true way by him through the signs which he was given power to do before the beast; giving orders to those who are on the earth to make an image to the beast, who was wounded by the sword, and came to life. <sup>15</sup>And he had power to give breath to the image of the beast, so that words might come from the image of the beast, and that he might have all those who did not give worship to the image of the beast put to death. <sup>16</sup>And he gives to all, small and great, the poor and those who have wealth, the free and those who are not free, a mark on their right hand or on their brows; <sup>17</sup>So that no man might be able to do trade but he who has the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup>Here is wisdom. He who has knowledge let him get the number of the beast; because it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred and sixty-six.

## 14

<sup>1</sup>And I saw the Lamb on the mountain of Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, marked on their brows with his name and the name of his Father. <sup>2</sup>And a voice from heaven came to my ears, like the sound of great waters, and the sound of loud thunder: and the voice which came to me was like the sound of players, playing on instruments of music. <sup>3</sup>And they made as it seemed a new song before the high seat, and before the four beasts and the rulers: and no man might have knowledge of the song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, even those from the earth whom God has made his for a price. <sup>4</sup>These are they who have not made themselves unclean with women; for they are virgins. These are they who go after the Lamb wherever he goes. These were taken from among men to be the first fruits to God and to the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>And in their mouth there was no false word, for they are untouched by evil. <sup>6</sup>And I saw another angel in flight between heaven and earth,

having eternal good news to give to those who are on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and language and people, <sup>7</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Have fear of God and give him glory; because the hour of his judging is come; and give worship to him who made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of water. <sup>8</sup> And a second angel came after, saying, Destruction has come to Babylon the great, which gave to all the nations the wine of the wrath of her evil ways. <sup>9</sup> And a third angel came after them, saying with a loud voice, If any man gives worship to the beast and his image, and has his mark on his brow or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> To him will be given of the wine of God's wrath which is ready unmixed in the cup of his wrath and he will have cruel pain, burning with fire before the holy angels and before the Lamb: <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their pain goes up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, who give worship to the beast and his image, and have on them the mark of his name. <sup>12</sup> Here is the quiet strength of the saints, who keep the orders of God, and the faith of Jesus. <sup>13</sup> And a voice from heaven came to my ears, saying, Put in writing, There is a blessing on the dead who from now on come to their end in the Lord: yes, says the Spirit, that they may have rest from their troubles; for their works go with them. <sup>14</sup> And I saw a white cloud, and on the cloud I saw one seated, like a son of man, having on his head a crown of gold, and in his hand a sharp curved blade. <sup>15</sup> And another angel came out from the house of God, crying with a loud voice to him who was seated on the cloud, Put in your blade, and let the grain be cut: because the hour for cutting it is come; for the grain of the earth is over-ready. <sup>16</sup> And he who was seated on the cloud sent in his blade on the earth; and the grain of the earth was cut. <sup>17</sup> And another angel came out from the house of God which is in heaven, having a sharp curved blade. <sup>18</sup> And another angel came out from the altar, who has power over fire; and he gave a loud cry to him who had the sharp curved blade, saying, Put in your sharp blade, and let the grapes of the vine of the earth be cut; for her grapes are fully ready. <sup>19</sup> And the angel sent his blade into the earth, and the vine of the earth was cut, and he put it into the great wine-crusher of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup> And the grapes were crushed under foot outside the town, and blood came out from them, even to the headbands of the horses, two hundred miles.

## 15

<sup>1</sup> And I saw another sign in heaven, great and strange; seven angels having the seven last punishments, for in them the wrath of God is complete. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a sea which seemed like glass mixed with fire; and those who had overcome the beast and his image and the number of his name, were in their places by the sea of glass, with God's instruments of music in their hands. <sup>3</sup> And they give the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and full of wonder are your works, O Lord God, Ruler of all; true and full of righteousness are your ways, eternal King. <sup>4</sup> What man is there who will not have fear before you, O Lord, and give glory to your name? because you only are holy; for all the nations will come and give worship before you; for your righteousness has been made clear. <sup>5</sup> And after these things I saw, and the house of the Tent of witness in heaven was open: <sup>6</sup> And the seven

angels who had the seven punishments came out from the house of God, clothed with linen, clean and bright and with bands of gold about their breasts. <sup>7</sup> And one of the four beasts gave to the seven angels seven gold vessels full of the wrath of God, who is living for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup> And the house of God was full of smoke from the glory of God, and from his power, and no one was able to go into the house of God, till the seven punishments of the seven angels were ended.

## 16

<sup>1</sup> And a great voice out of the house of God came to my ears, saying to the seven angels, Go, and let that which is in the seven vessels of the wrath of God come down on the earth. <sup>2</sup> And the first went, and let what was in his vessel come down on the earth; and it became an evil poisoning wound on the men who had the mark of the beast, and who gave worship to his image. <sup>3</sup> And the second let what was in his vessel come out into the sea; and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea came to an end. <sup>4</sup> And the third let what was in his vessel come out into the rivers and the fountains of water; and they became blood. <sup>5</sup> And the voice of the angel of the waters came to my ears, saying, True and upright is your judging, O Holy One, who is and was from all time: <sup>6</sup> For they made the blood of saints and prophets come out like a stream, and blood have you given them for drink; which is their right reward. <sup>7</sup> And a voice came from the altar, saying, Even so, O Lord God, Ruler of all, true and full of righteousness is your judging. <sup>8</sup> And the fourth let what was in his vessel come out on the sun; and power was given to it that men might be burned with fire. <sup>9</sup> And men were burned with great heat: and they said evil things against the name of the God who has authority over these punishments; and they were not turned from their evil ways to give him glory. <sup>10</sup> And the fifth let what was in his vessel come out on the high seat of the beast; and his kingdom was made dark; and they were biting their tongues for pain. <sup>11</sup> And they said evil things against the God of heaven because of their pain and their wounds; and they were not turned from their evil works. <sup>12</sup> And the sixth let what was in his vessel come out on the great river Euphrates; and it became dry, so that the way might be made ready for the kings from the east. <sup>13</sup> 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, like frogs. <sup>14</sup> For they are evil spirits, working signs; who go out even to the kings of all the earth, to get them together to the war of the great day of God, the Ruler of all. <sup>15</sup> (See, I come as a thief. Happy is he who is watching and keeps his robes, so that he may not go unclothed, and his shame be seen.) <sup>16</sup> And they got them together into the place which is named in Hebrew Armageddon. <sup>17</sup> And the seventh let what was in his vessel come out on the air; and there came out a great voice from the house of God, from the high seat, saying, It is done. <sup>18</sup> And there were flames and voices and thunders; and there was a great earth-shock so that never, from the time when men were on the earth, had there been so great an earth-shock, so full of power. <sup>19</sup> And the great town was cut into three parts, and the towns of the nations came to destruction: and Babylon the great came into mind before God, to be

given the cup of the wine of his wrath. <sup>20</sup> And every island went in flight, and the mountains were seen no longer. <sup>21</sup> And great drops of ice, every one about the weight of a talent, came down out of heaven on men: and men said evil things against God because of the punishment of the ice-drops; for it is very great.

## 17

<sup>1</sup> And one of the seven angels who had the seven vessels came and said to me, Come here, so that you may see the judging of the evil woman who is seated on the great waters; <sup>2</sup> With whom the kings of the earth made themselves unclean, and those who are on the earth were full of the wine of her evil desires. <sup>3</sup> And he took me away in the Spirit into a waste land: and I saw a woman seated on a bright red beast, full of evil names, having seven heads and ten horns, <sup>4</sup> And the woman was clothed in purple and bright red, with ornaments of gold and stones of great price and jewels; and in her hand was a gold cup full of evil things and her unclean desires; <sup>5</sup> And on her brow was a name, SECRET, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE EVIL WOMEN AND OF THE UNCLEAN THINGS OF THE EARTH. <sup>6</sup> And I saw the woman overcome as with the wine of the blood of the saints, and the blood of those put to death because of Jesus. And when I saw her, I was overcome with a great wonder. <sup>7</sup> And the angel said to me, Why were you surprised? I will make clear to you the secret of the woman, and of the beast on which she is seated, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. <sup>8</sup> The beast which you saw was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the great deep, and to go into destruction. And those who are on the earth, whose names have not been put in the book of life from the first, will be full of wonder when they see the beast, that he was, and is not, and still will be. <sup>9</sup> Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman is seated: <sup>10</sup> And they are seven kings; the five have come to an end, the one is, the other has not come; and when he comes, he will have to go on for a little time. <sup>11</sup> And the beast which was, and is not, is himself the eighth, and is of the seven; and he goes into destruction. <sup>12</sup> And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, which still have been given no kingdom; but they are given authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour. <sup>13</sup> These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup> These will make war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because he is the Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with him are named, marked out, and true. <sup>15</sup> And he said to me, The waters which you saw, where the evil woman is seated, are peoples, and armies, and nations and languages. <sup>16</sup> And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will be turned against the evil woman, and will make her waste and uncovered, and will take her flesh for food, and will have her burned with fire. <sup>17</sup> Because God has put it in their hearts to do his purpose, and to be of one mind, giving their kingdom to the beast, till the words of God have effect and are complete. <sup>18</sup> And the woman whom you saw is the great town, which is ruling over the kings of the earth.

## 18

<sup>1</sup> After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was bright with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he



gave a loud cry, saying, Babylon the great has come down from her high place, she has come to destruction and has become a place of evil spirits, and of every unclean spirit, and a hole for every unclean and hated bird. <sup>3</sup> For through the wine of the wrath of her evil desires all the nations have come to destruction; and the kings of the earth made themselves unclean with her, and the traders of the earth had their wealth increased by the power of her evil ways. <sup>4</sup> And another voice from heaven came to my ears, saying, Come out of her, my people, so that you may have no part in her sins and in her punishments. <sup>5</sup> For her sins have gone up even to heaven, and God has taken note of her evil-doing. <sup>6</sup> Give to her as she gave, even an increased reward for her works; in the cup which was mixed by her, let there be mixed as much again for herself. <sup>7</sup> As she gave glory to herself, and became more evil in her ways, in the same measure give her pain and weeping: for she says in her heart, I am seated here a queen, and am no widow, and will in no way see sorrow. <sup>8</sup> For this reason in one day will her troubles come, death and sorrow and need of food; and she will be completely burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who is her judge. <sup>9</sup> And the kings of the earth, who made themselves unclean with her, and in her company gave themselves up to evil, will be weeping and crying over her, when they see the smoke of her burning, <sup>10</sup> Watching from far away, for fear of her punishment, saying, Sorrow, sorrow for Babylon, the great town, the strong town! for in one hour you have been judged. <sup>11</sup> And the traders of the earth are weeping and crying over her, because no man has any more desire for their goods, <sup>12</sup> Gold, and silver, and stones of great price, and jewels, and delicate linen, and robes of purple and silk and red; and perfumed wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of fair wood, and of brass, and iron, and stone; <sup>13</sup> And sweet-smelling plants, and perfumes, and wine, and oil, and well crushed grain, and cattle and sheep; and horses and carriages and servants; and souls of men. <sup>14</sup> And the fruit of your soul's desire has gone from you, and all things delicate and shining have come to an end and will never again be seen. <sup>15</sup> The traders in these things, by which their wealth was increased, will be watching far off for fear of her punishment, weeping and crying; <sup>16</sup> Saying, Sorrow, sorrow for the great town, she who was clothed in delicate linen, and purple, and red; with ornaments of gold and stones of great price and jewels! <sup>17</sup> For in one hour such great wealth has come to nothing. And every shipmaster, and all who are sailing on the sea, and sailors and all who get their living by the sea, were watching from far away, <sup>18</sup> And crying out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What town is like the great town? <sup>19</sup> And they put dust on their heads, and were sad, weeping and crying, and saying, Sorrow, sorrow for the great town, in which was increased the wealth of all who had their ships on the sea because of her great stores! for in one hour she is made waste. <sup>20</sup> Be glad over her, heaven, and you saints, and Apostles, and prophets; because she has been judged by God on your account. <sup>21</sup> And a strong angel took up a stone like the great stone with which grain is crushed, and sent it into the sea, saying, So, with a great fall, will Babylon, the great town, come to destruction, and will not be seen any more at all. <sup>22</sup> And the voice of players and makers of music will never again be sounding in you: and no worker, expert in art, will

ever again be living in you; and there will be no sound of the crushing of grain any more at all in you; <sup>23</sup> And never again will the shining of lights be seen in you; and the voice of the newly-married man and the bride will never again be sounding in you: for your traders were the lords of the earth, and by your evil powers were all the nations turned out of the right way. <sup>24</sup> And in her was seen the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been put to death on the earth.

## 19

<sup>1</sup> After these things there came to my ears a sound like the voice of a great band of people in heaven, saying, Praise to the Lord; salvation and glory and power be to our God: <sup>2</sup> For true and upright are his decisions; for by him has the evil woman been judged, who made the earth unclean with the sins of her body; and he has given her punishment for the blood of his servants. <sup>3</sup> And again they said, Praise to the Lord. And her smoke went up for ever and ever. <sup>4</sup> And the four and twenty rulers and the four beasts went down on their faces and gave worship to God who was seated on the high seat, saying, Even so, praise to the Lord. <sup>5</sup> And a voice came from the high seat, saying, Give praise to our God, all you his servants, small and great, in whom is the fear of him. <sup>6</sup> And there came to my ears the voice of a great army, like the sound of waters, and the sound of loud thunders, saying, Praise to the Lord: for the Lord our God, Ruler of all, is King. <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad with delight, and let us give glory to him: because the time is come for the Lamb to be married, and his wife has made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> And to her it was given to be clothed in delicate linen, clean and shining: for the clean linen is the righteousness of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And he said to me, Put in the book, Happy are the guests at the bride-feast of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God. <sup>10</sup> And I went on my face before his feet to give him worship. And he said to me, See you do it not: I am a brother-servant with you and with your brothers who keep the witness of Jesus: give worship to God: for the witness of Jesus is the spirit of the prophet's word. <sup>11</sup> And the heaven was open; and I saw a white horse, and he who was seated on it was named Certain and True; and he is judging and making war in righteousness. <sup>12</sup> And his eyes are a flame of fire, and crowns are on his head; and he has a name in writing, of which no man has knowledge but himself. <sup>13</sup> And he is clothed in a robe washed with blood: and his name is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which are in heaven went after him on white horses, clothed in delicate linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth comes a sharp sword, with which he overcomes the nations: and he has rule over them with a rod of iron: and he is crushing with his feet the grapes of the strong wrath of God the Ruler of all. <sup>16</sup> And on his robe and on his leg is a name, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. <sup>17</sup> And I saw an angel taking his place in the sun; and he was crying with a loud voice, saying to all the birds in flight in the heavens, Come together to the great feast of God; <sup>18</sup> So that you may take for your food the flesh of kings, and of captains, and of strong men, and of horses and of those who are seated on them, and the flesh of all men, free and unfree, small and great. <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, come together to make war against him who was seated on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the

false prophet who did the signs before him, by which they were turned from the true way who had the mark of the beast, and who gave worship to his image: these two were put living into the sea of ever-burning fire. <sup>21</sup> And the rest were put to death with the sword of him who was on the horse, even the sword which came out of his mouth: and all the birds were made full with their flesh.

## 20

<sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the great deep and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And he took the dragon, the old snake, which is the Evil One and Satan, and put chains on him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> And put him into the great deep, and it was shut and locked over him, so that he might put the nations in error no longer, till the thousand years were ended: after this he will be let loose for a little time. <sup>4</sup> And I saw high seats, and they were seated on them, and the right of judging was given to them: and I saw the souls of those who were put to death for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and those who did not give worship to the beast, or to his image, and had not his mark on their brows or on their hands; and they were living and ruling with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life again till the thousand years were ended. This is the first coming back from the dead. <sup>6</sup> Happy and holy is he who has a part in this first coming: over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will be ruling with him a thousand years. <sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be let loose out of his prison, <sup>8</sup> And will go out to put in error the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to get them together to the war, the number of whom is like the sands of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they went up over the face of the earth, and made a circle about the tents of the saints, and the well loved town: and fire came down out of heaven for their destruction. <sup>10</sup> And the Evil One who put them in error was sent down into the sea of ever-burning fire, where the beast and the false prophet are, and their punishment will go on day and night for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white seat, and him who was seated on it, before whose face the earth and the heaven went in flight; and there was no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, taking their places before the high seat; and the books were open, and another book was open, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged by the things which were in the books, even by their works. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hell gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man by his works. <sup>14</sup> And death and Hell were put into the sea of fire. This is the second death, even the sea of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not in the book of life, he went down into the sea of fire.

## 21

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were gone; and there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy town, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, like a bride made beautiful for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And there came to my ears a great voice out of the high seat, saying, See, the Tent of God is with

men, and he will make his living-place with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. <sup>4</sup> And he will put an end to all their weeping; and there will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain; for the first things have come to an end. <sup>5</sup> And he who is seated on the high seat said, See, I make all things new. And he said, Put it in the book; for these words are certain and true. <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, It is done. I am the First and the Last, the start and the end. I will freely give of the fountain of the water of life to him who is in need. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes will have these things for his heritage; and I will be his God, and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But those who are full of fear and without faith, the unclean and takers of life, those who do the sins of the flesh, and those who make use of evil powers or who give worship to images, and all those who are false, will have their part in the sea of ever-burning fire which is the second death. <sup>9</sup> And one of the seven angels who had the seven vessels in which were the seven last punishments, came and said to me, Come here, and see the bride, the Lamb's wife. <sup>10</sup> And he took me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and let me see the holy town Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> Having the glory of God: and her light was like a stone of great price, a jasper stone, clear as glass: <sup>12</sup> She had a wall great and high, with twelve doors, and at the doors twelve angels; and names on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And on the east were three doors; and on the north three doors; and on the south three doors; and on the west three doors. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the town had twelve bases, and on them the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> And he who was talking with me had a gold measuring-rod to take the measure of the town, and of its doors, and its wall. <sup>16</sup> And the town is square, as wide as it is long; and he took the measure of the town with the rod, one thousand and five hundred miles: it is equally long and wide and high. <sup>17</sup> And he took the measure of its wall, one hundred and forty-four cubits, after the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. <sup>18</sup> And the building of its wall was of jasper, and the town was clear gold, clear as glass. <sup>19</sup> The bases of the wall of the town had ornaments of all sorts of beautiful stones. The first base was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; <sup>20</sup> The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. <sup>21</sup> And the twelve doors were twelve pearls; every door was made of one pearl; and the street of the town was clear gold, as clear as glass. <sup>22</sup> And I saw no Temple there; because the Lord God, the Ruler of all, and the Lamb are its Temple. <sup>23</sup> And the town has no need of the sun, or of the moon, to give it light: for the glory of God did make it light, and the light of it is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> And the nations will go in its light: and the kings of the earth will take their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> And the doors of it will never be shut by day (for there is no night there): <sup>26</sup> And the glory and honour of the nations will come into it: <sup>27</sup> And nothing unclean may come into it, or anyone whose works are cursed or false; but only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life.

## 22

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a river of water of life, clear as glass, coming out of the

high seat of God and of the Lamb, <sup>2</sup>In the middle of its street. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, having twelve sorts of fruits, giving its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree give life to the nations. <sup>3</sup>And there will be no more curse: and the high seat of God and of the Lamb will be there; and his servants will be worshipping him; <sup>4</sup>And they will see his face; and his name will be on their brows. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; and they have no need of a light or of the shining of the sun; for the Lord God will give them light: and they will be ruling for ever and ever. <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, These words are certain and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to make clear to his servants the things which are now to come about. <sup>7</sup>See, I come quickly. A blessing on him who keeps the words of this book of the prophet. <sup>8</sup>And I, John, am he who saw these things and to whose ears they came. And when I had seen and given ear, I went down on my face to give worship at the feet of the angel who made these things clear to me. <sup>9</sup>And he said to me, See you do it not; I am a brother-servant with you and with your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book: give worship to God. <sup>10</sup>And he said to me, Let not the words of this prophet's book be kept secret, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the evil man go on in his evil: and let the unclean be still unclean: and let the upright go on in his righteousness: and let the holy be holy still. <sup>12</sup>See, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man the outcome of his works. <sup>13</sup>I am the First and the Last, the start and the end. <sup>14</sup>A blessing on those whose robes are washed, so that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may go in by the doors into the town. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, and those who make use of evil powers, those who make themselves unclean, and the takers of life, and those who give worship to images, and everyone whose delight is in what is false. <sup>16</sup>I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give witness to you of these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star. <sup>17</sup>And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him who gives ear, say, Come. And let him who is in need come; and let everyone desiring it take of the water of life freely. <sup>18</sup>For I say to every man to whose ears have come the words of this prophet's book, If any man makes an addition to them, God will put on him the punishments which are in this book: <sup>19</sup>And if any man takes away from the words of this book, God will take away from him his part in the tree of life and the holy town, even the things which are in this book. <sup>20</sup>He who gives witness to these things says, Truly, I come quickly. Even so come, Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. So be it.

## The Psalms

### 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy is the man who does not go in the company of sinners, or take his place in the way of evil-doers, or in the seat of those who do not give honour to the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup> But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and whose mind is on his law day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> He will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which gives its fruit at the right time, whose leaves will ever be green; and he will do well in all his undertakings.
- <sup>4</sup> The evil-doers are not so; but are like the dust from the grain, which the wind takes away.
- <sup>5</sup> For this cause there will be no mercy for sinners when they are judged, and the evil-doers will have no place among the upright,
- <sup>6</sup> Because the Lord sees the way of the upright, but the end of the sinner is destruction.

### 2

- <sup>1</sup> Why are the nations so violently moved, and why are the thoughts of the people so foolish?
- <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth have taken their place, and the rulers are fixed in their purpose, against the Lord, and against the king of his selection, saying,
- <sup>3</sup> Let their chains be broken, and their cords taken from off us.
- <sup>4</sup> Then he whose seat is in the heavens will be laughing: the Lord will make sport of them.
- <sup>5</sup> Then will his angry words come to their ears, and by his wrath they will be troubled:
- <sup>6</sup> But I have put my king on my holy hill of Zion.
- <sup>7</sup> I will make clear the Lord's decision: he has said to me, You are my son, this day have I given you being.
- <sup>8</sup> Make your request to me, and I will give you the nations for your heritage, and the farthest limits of the earth will be under your hand.
- <sup>9</sup> They will be ruled by you with a rod of iron; they will be broken like a potter's vessel.
- <sup>10</sup> So now be wise, you kings: take his teaching, you judges of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> Give worship to the Lord with fear, kissing his feet and giving him honour;
- <sup>12</sup> For fear that he may be angry, causing destruction to come on you, because he is quickly moved to wrath. Happy are all those who put their faith in him.

### 3

A Psalm. Of David. When he went in flight from Absalom his son.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, how greatly are they increased who make attacks on me! in great numbers they come against me.
- <sup>2</sup> Unnumbered are those who say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. (Selah.)

- <sup>3</sup> But your strength, O Lord, is round me, you are my glory and the lifter up of my head.
- <sup>4</sup> I send up a cry to the Lord with my voice, and he gives me an answer from his holy hill. (Selah.)
- <sup>5</sup> I took my rest in sleep, and then again I was awake; for the Lord was my support.
- <sup>6</sup> I will have no fear, though ten thousand have come round me, putting themselves against me.
- <sup>7</sup> Come to me, Lord; keep me safe, O my God; for you have given all my haters blows on their face-bones; the teeth of the evil-doers have been broken by you.
- <sup>8</sup> Salvation comes from the Lord; your blessing is on your people. (Selah.)

#### 4

To the chief music-maker on corded instruments. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Give answer to my cry, O God of my righteousness; make me free from my troubles; have mercy on me, and give ear to my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> O you sons of men, how long will you go on turning my glory into shame? how long will you give your love to foolish things, going after what is false? (Selah.)
- <sup>3</sup> See how the Lord has made great his mercy for me; the Lord will give ear to my cry.
- <sup>4</sup> Let there be fear in your hearts, and do no sin; have bitter feelings on your bed, but make no sound. (Selah.)
- <sup>5</sup> Give the offerings of righteousness, and put your faith in the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> There are numbers who say, Who will do us any good? the light of his face has gone from us.
- <sup>7</sup> Lord, you have put joy in my heart, more than they have when their grain and their wine are increased.
- <sup>8</sup> I will take my rest on my bed in peace, because you only, Lord, keep me safe.

#### 5

To the chief music-maker on wind instruments. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O Lord; give thought to my heart-searchings.
- <sup>2</sup> Let the voice of my cry come to you, my King and my God; for to you will I make my prayer.
- <sup>3</sup> My voice will come to you in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I send my prayer to you, and keep watch.
- <sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wrongdoing; there is no evil with you.
- <sup>5</sup> The sons of pride have no place before you; you are a hater of all workers of evil.
- <sup>6</sup> You will send destruction on those whose words are false; the cruel man and the man of deceit are hated by the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> But as for me, I will come into your house, in the full measure of your mercy; and in your fear I will give worship, turning my eyes to your holy Temple.
- <sup>8</sup> Be my guide, O Lord, in the ways of your righteousness, because of those who are against me; make your way straight before my face.

- <sup>9</sup> For no faith may be put in their words; their inner part is nothing but evil; their throat is like an open place for the dead; smooth are the words of their tongues.
- <sup>10</sup> Send them to destruction, O Lord; let their evil designs be the cause of their fall; let them be forced out by all their sins; because they have gone against your authority.
- <sup>11</sup> But let all those who put their faith in you be glad with cries of joy at all times, and let all the lovers of your name be glad in you.
- <sup>12</sup> For you, Lord, will send a blessing on the upright man; your grace will be round him, and you will be his strength.

## 6

To the chief music-maker on corded instruments, on the Sheminith. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, do not be bitter with me in your wrath; do not send punishment on me in the heat of your passion.
- <sup>2</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am wasted away: make me well, for even my bones are troubled.
- <sup>3</sup> My soul is in bitter trouble; and you, O Lord, how long?
- <sup>4</sup> Come back, O Lord, make my soul free; O give me salvation because of your mercy.
- <sup>5</sup> For in death there is no memory of you; in the underworld who will give you praise?
- <sup>6</sup> The voice of my sorrow is a weariness to me; all the night I make my bed wet with weeping; it is watered by the drops flowing from my eyes.
- <sup>7</sup> My eyes are wasting away with trouble; they are becoming old because of all those who are against me.
- <sup>8</sup> Go from me, all you workers of evil; for the Lord has given ear to the voice of my weeping.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord has given ear to my request; the Lord has let my prayer come before him.
- <sup>10</sup> Let all those who are against me be shamed and deeply troubled; let them be turned back and suddenly put to shame.

## 7

Shiggaion of David; a song which he made to the Lord, about the words of Cush the Benjamite.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord my God, I put my faith in you; take me out of the hands of him who is cruel to me, and make me free;
- <sup>2</sup> So that he may not come rushing on my soul like a lion, wounding it, while there is no one to be my saviour.
- <sup>3</sup> O Lord my God, if I have done this; if my hands have done any wrong;
- <sup>4</sup> If I have given back evil to him who did evil to me, or have taken anything from him who was against me without cause;
- <sup>5</sup> Let my hater go after my soul and take it; let my life be crushed to the earth, and my honour into the dust. (Selah.)
- <sup>6</sup> Come up, Lord, in your wrath; be lifted up against my haters; be awake, my God, give orders for the judging.
- <sup>7</sup> The meeting of the nations will be round you; take your seat, then, over them, on high.



- <sup>8</sup> The Lord will be judge of the peoples; give a decision for me, O Lord, because of my righteousness, and let my virtue have its reward.
- <sup>9</sup> O let the evil of the evil-doer come to an end, but give strength to the upright: for men's minds and hearts are tested by the God of righteousness.
- <sup>10</sup> God, who is the saviour of the upright in heart, is my breastplate.
- <sup>11</sup> God is the judge of the upright, and is angry with the evil-doers every day.
- <sup>12</sup> If a man is not turned from his evil, he will make his sword sharp; his bow is bent and ready.
- <sup>13</sup> He has made ready for him the instruments of death; he makes his arrows flames of fire.
- <sup>14</sup> That man is a worker of evil; the seed of wrongdoing has given birth to deceit.
- <sup>15</sup> He has made a hole deep in the earth, and is falling into the hole which he has made
- <sup>16</sup> His wrongdoing will come back to him, and his violent behaviour will come down on his head.
- <sup>17</sup> I will give praise to the Lord for his righteousness; I will make a song to the name of the Lord Most High.

## 8

To the chief music-maker on the Gittith. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord, whose glory is higher than the heavens, how noble is your name in all the earth!
- <sup>2</sup> You have made clear your strength even out of the mouths of babies at the breast, because of those who are against you; so that you may put to shame the cruel and violent man.
- <sup>3</sup> When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have put in their places;
- <sup>4</sup> What is man, that you keep him in mind? the son of man, that you take him into account?
- <sup>5</sup> For you have made him only a little lower than the gods, crowning him with glory and honour.
- <sup>6</sup> You have made him ruler over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet;
- <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen, and all the beasts of the field;
- <sup>8</sup> The birds of the air and the fish of the sea, and whatever goes through the deep waters of the seas.
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord, how noble is your name in all the earth!

## 9

To the chief music-maker on Muthlabben. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> I will give you praise, O Lord, with all my heart; I will make clear all the wonder of your works.
- <sup>2</sup> I will be glad and have delight in you: I will make a song of praise to your name, O Most High.
- <sup>3</sup> When my haters are turned back, they will be broken and overcome before you.
- <sup>4</sup> For you gave approval to my right and my cause; you were seated in your high place judging in righteousness.

- <sup>5</sup> You have said sharp words to the nations, you have sent destruction on the sinners, you have put an end to their name for ever and ever.
- <sup>6</sup> You have given their towns to destruction; the memory of them has gone; they have become waste for ever.
- <sup>7</sup> But the Lord is King for ever: he has made ready his high seat for judging.
- <sup>8</sup> And he will be the judge of the world in righteousness, giving true decisions for the peoples.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord will be a high tower for those who are crushed down, a high tower in times of trouble;
- <sup>10</sup> And those who have knowledge of your name will put their faith in you; because you, Lord, have ever given your help to those who were waiting for you.
- <sup>11</sup> Make songs of praise to the Lord, whose house is in Zion: make his doings clear to the people.
- <sup>12</sup> When he makes search for blood, he has them in his memory: he is not without thought for the cry of the poor.
- <sup>13</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, and see how I am troubled by my haters; let me be lifted up from the doors of death;
- <sup>14</sup> So that I may make clear all your praise in the house of the daughter of Zion: I will be glad because of your salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> The nations have gone down into the hole which they made: in their secret net is their foot taken.
- <sup>16</sup> The Lord has given knowledge of himself through his judging: the evil-doer is taken in the net which his hands had made. (Higgaion. Selah.)
- <sup>17</sup> The sinners and all the nations who have no memory of God will be turned into the underworld.
- <sup>18</sup> For the poor will not be without help; the hopes of those in need will not be crushed for ever.
- <sup>19</sup> Up! O Lord; let not man overcome you: let the nations be judged before you.
- <sup>20</sup> Put them in fear, O Lord, so that the nations may see that they are only men. (Selah.)

## 10

- <sup>1</sup> Why do you keep far away, O Lord? why are you not to be seen in times of trouble?
- <sup>2</sup> The evil-doer in his pride is cruel to the poor; let him be taken by the tricks of his invention.
- <sup>3</sup> For the evil-doer is lifted up because of the purpose of his heart, and he whose mind is fixed on wealth is turned away from the Lord, saying evil against him.
- <sup>4</sup> The evil-doer in his pride says, God will not make a search. All his thoughts are, There is no God.
- <sup>5</sup> His ways are ever fixed; your decisions are higher than he may see: as for his haters, they are as nothing to him.
- <sup>6</sup> He has said in his heart, I will not be moved: through all generations I will never be in trouble.
- <sup>7</sup> His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and false words: under his tongue are evil purposes and dark thoughts.

- 8 He is waiting in the dark places of the towns: in the secret places he puts to death those who have done no wrong: his eyes are secretly turned against the poor.
- 9 He keeps himself in a secret place like a lion in his hole, waiting to put his hands on the poor man, and pulling him into his net.
- 10 The upright are crushed and made low, and the feeble are overcome by his strong ones.
- 11 He says in his heart, God has no memory of me: his face is turned away; he will never see it.
- 12 Up! O Lord; let your hand be lifted: give thought to the poor.
- 13 Why has the evil-doer a low opinion of God, saying in his heart, You will not make search for it?
- 14 You have seen it; for your eyes are on sorrow and grief, to take it into your hand: the poor man puts his faith in you; you have been the helper of the child who has no father.
- 15 Let the arm of the sinner and the evil-doer be broken; go on searching for his sin till there is no more.
- 16 The Lord is King for ever and ever; the nations are gone from his land.
- 17 Lord, you have given ear to the prayer of the poor: you will make strong their hearts, you will give them a hearing:
- 18 To give decision for the child without a father and for the broken-hearted, so that the man of the earth may no longer be feared.

## 11

For the chief music-maker. Of David.

- 1 In the Lord put I my faith; how will you say to my soul, Go in flight like a bird to the mountain?
- 2 See, the bows of the evil-doers are bent, they make ready their arrows on the cord, so that they may send them secretly against the upright in heart.
- 3 If the bases are broken down, what is the upright man to do?
- 4 The Lord is in his holy Temple, the Lord's seat is in heaven; his eyes are watching and testing the children of men.
- 5 The Lord puts the upright and the sinner to the test, but he has hate in his soul for the lover of violent acts.
- 6 On the evil-doer he will send down fire and flames, and a burning wind; with these will their cup be full.
- 7 For the Lord is upright; he is a lover of righteousness: the upright will see his face.

## 12

For the chief music-maker on the Sheminith. A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 Send help, Lord, for mercy has come to an end; there is no more faith among the children of men.
- 2 Everyone says false words to his neighbour: their tongues are smooth in their talk, and their hearts are full of deceit.
- 3 The smooth lips and the tongue of pride will be cut off by the Lord.
- 4 They have said, With our tongues will we overcome; our lips are ours: who is lord over us?
- 5 Because of the crushing of the poor and the weeping of those in need, now will I come to his help, says the Lord; I will give him the salvation which he is desiring.

- <sup>6</sup> The words of the Lord are true words: like silver tested by fire and burned clean seven times.
- <sup>7</sup> You will keep them, O Lord, you will keep them safe from this generation for ever.
- <sup>8</sup> The sinners are walking on every side, and evil is honoured among the children of men.

## 13

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Will you for ever put me out of your memory, O Lord? will your face for ever be turned away from me?
- <sup>2</sup> How long is my soul to be in doubt, with sorrow in my heart all the day? how long will he who is against me be given power over me?
- <sup>3</sup> Let my voice come before you, and give me an answer, O Lord my God; let your light be shining on me, so that the sleep of death may not overtake me;
- <sup>4</sup> And he who is against me may not say, I have overcome him; and those who are troubling me may not be glad when I am moved.
- <sup>5</sup> But I have had faith in your mercy; my heart will be glad in your salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> I will make a song to the Lord, because he has given me my reward.

## 14

To the chief music-maker. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> The foolish man has said in his heart, God will not do anything. They are unclean, they have done evil works; there is not one who does good.
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord was looking down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there were any who had wisdom, searching after God.
- <sup>3</sup> They have all gone out of the way together; they are unclean, there is not one who does good, no, not one.
- <sup>4</sup> Have all the workers of evil no knowledge? they take my people for food as they would take bread; they make no prayer to the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> Then were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the upright.
- <sup>6</sup> You have put to shame the thoughts of the poor, but the Lord is his support.
- <sup>7</sup> May the salvation of Israel come out of Zion! when the fate of his people is changed by the Lord, Jacob will have joy and Israel will be glad.

## 15

A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, who may have a resting-place in your tent, a living-place on your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> He who goes on his way uprightly, doing righteousness, and saying what is true in his heart;
- <sup>3</sup> Whose tongue is not false, who does no evil to his friend, and does not take away the good name of his neighbour;
- <sup>4</sup> Who gives honour to those who have the fear of the Lord, turning away from him who has not the Lord's approval. He who takes an oath against himself, and makes no change.
- <sup>5</sup> He who does not put out his money at interest, or for payment give false decisions against men who have done no wrong. He who does these things will never be moved.

**16**

Michtam. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Keep me safe, O God: for in you I have put my faith.
- <sup>2</sup> O my soul, you have said to the Lord, You are my Lord: I have no good but you.
- <sup>3</sup> As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the noble in whom is all my delight.
- <sup>4</sup> Their sorrows will be increased who go after another god: I will not take drink offerings from their hands, or take their names on my lips.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my heritage and the wine of my cup; you are the supporter of my right.
- <sup>6</sup> Fair are the places marked out for me; I have a noble heritage.
- <sup>7</sup> I will give praise to the Lord who has been my guide; knowledge comes to me from my thoughts in the night.
- <sup>8</sup> I have put the Lord before me at all times; because he is at my right hand, I will not be moved.
- <sup>9</sup> Because of this my heart is glad, and my glory is full of joy: while my flesh takes its rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not let my soul be prisoned in the underworld; you will not let your loved one see the place of death.
- <sup>11</sup> You will make clear to me the way of life; where you are joy is complete; in your right hand there are pleasures for ever and ever.

**17**

A Prayer. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Let my cause come to your ears, O Lord, give attention to my cry; give ear to my prayer which goes not out from false lips.
- <sup>2</sup> Be my judge; for your eyes see what is right.
- <sup>3</sup> You have put my heart to the test, searching me in the night; you have put me to the test and seen no evil purpose in me; I will keep my mouth from sin.
- <sup>4</sup> As for the works of men, by the word of your lips I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.
- <sup>5</sup> I have kept my feet in your ways, my steps have not been turned away.
- <sup>6</sup> My cry has gone up to you, for you will give me an answer, O God: let your ear be turned to me, and give attention to my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Make clear the wonder of your mercy, O saviour of those who put their faith in your right hand, from those who come out against them.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the light of your eyes, covering me with the shade of your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> From the evil-doers who are violent to me, and from those who are round me, desiring my death.
- <sup>10</sup> They are shut up in their fat: with their mouths they say words of pride.
- <sup>11</sup> They have made a circle round our steps: their eyes are fixed on us, forcing us down to the earth;
- <sup>12</sup> Like a lion desiring its food, and like a young lion waiting in secret places.

- 13 Up! Lord, come out against him, make him low, with your sword be my saviour from the evil-doer.
- 14 With your hand, O Lord, from men, even men of the world, whose heritage is in this life, and whom you make full with your secret wealth: they are full of children; after their death their offspring take the rest of their goods.
- 15 As for me, I will see your face in righteousness: when I am awake it will be joy enough for me to see your form.

## 18

To the chief music-maker. Of the servant of the Lord, of David, who said the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord made him free from the hand of all his haters, and from the hand of Saul; and he said,

- 1 I will give you my love, O Lord, my strength.
- 2 The Lord is my Rock, my walled town, and my saviour; my God, my Rock, in him will I put my faith; my breastplate, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
- 3 I will send up my cry to the Lord, who is to be praised; so will I be made safe from those who are against me.
- 4 The cords of death were round me, and the seas of evil put me in fear.
- 5 The cords of hell were round me: the nets of death came on me.
- 6 In my trouble my voice went up to the Lord, and my cry to my God: my voice came to his hearing in his holy Temple, and my prayer came before him, even into his ears.
- 7 Then trouble and shock came on the earth; and the bases of the mountains were moved and shaking, because he was angry.
- 8 There went up a smoke from his nose, and a fire of destruction from his mouth: flames were lighted by it.
- 9 The heavens were bent, so that he might come down; and it was dark under his feet.
- 10 And he went in flight through the air, seated on a storm-cloud: going quickly on the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made the dark his secret place; his tent round him was the dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 Before his shining light his dark clouds went past, raining ice and fire.
- 13 The Lord made thunder in the heavens, and the voice of the Highest was sounding out: a rain of ice and fire.
- 14 He sent out his arrows, driving them in all directions; by his flames of fire they were troubled.
- 15 Then the deep beds of the waters were seen, and the bases of the world were uncovered, because of your words of wrath, O Lord, because of the breath from your mouth.
- 16 He sent from on high, he took me, pulling me out of great waters.
- 17 He made me free from my strong hater, and from those who were against me, because they were stronger than I.
- 18 They came on me in the day of my trouble; but the Lord was my support.
- 19 He took me out into a wide place; he was my saviour because he had delight in me.

- 20 The Lord gives me the reward of my righteousness, because my hands are clean before him.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I have not been turned away in sin from my God.
- 22 For all his decisions were before me, and I did not put away his laws from me.
- 23 And I was upright before him, and I kept myself from sin.
- 24 Because of this the Lord has given me the reward of my righteousness, because my hands are clean in his eyes.
- 25 On him who has mercy you will have mercy; to the upright you will be upright;
- 26 He who is holy will see that you are holy; but to the man whose way is not straight you will be a hard judge.
- 27 For you are the saviour of those who are in trouble; but eyes full of pride will be made low.
- 28 You, O Lord, will be my light; by you, my God, the dark will be made bright for me.
- 29 By your help I have made a way through the wall which was shutting me in; by the help of my God I have gone over a wall.
- 30 As for God, his way is completely good; the word of the Lord is tested; he is a breastplate for all those who put their faith in him.
- 31 For who is God but the Lord? or who is a Rock but our God?
- 32 God puts a strong band about me, guiding me in a straight way.
- 33 He makes my feet like roes' feet, and puts me on high places.
- 34 He makes my hands expert in war, so that a bow of brass is bent by my arms.
- 35 You have given me the breastplate of your salvation: your right hand has been my support, and your mercy has made me great.
- 36 You have made my steps wide under me, so that my feet are kept from slipping.
- 37 I go after my haters and overtake them; not turning back till they are all overcome.
- 38 I will give them wounds, so that they are not able to get up: they are stretched under my feet.
- 39 For I have been armed by you with strength for the fight: you have made low under me those who come out against me.
- 40 By you their backs are turned in flight, so that my haters are cut off.
- 41 They were crying out, but there was no one to come to their help: even to the Lord, but he gave them no answer.
- 42 Then they were crushed as small as dust before the wind; they were drained out like the waste of the streets.
- 43 You have made me free from the fightings of the people; you have made me the head of the nations: a people of whom I had no knowledge will be my servants.
- 44 From the time when my name comes to their ears they will be ruled by me: men of other countries will, with false hearts, put themselves under my authority.
- 45 They will be wasting away, they will come out of their secret places shaking with fear.
- 46 The Lord is living; praise be to my Rock, and let the God of my salvation be honoured.

- 47 It is God who sends punishment on my haters, and puts peoples under my rule.
- 48 He makes me free from my haters; I am lifted up over those who come up against me: you have made me free from the violent man.
- 49 Because of this I will give you praise, O Lord, among the nations, and will make a song of praise to your name.
- 50 Great salvation does he give to his king; he has mercy on the king of his selection, David, and on his seed for ever.

## 19

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 The heavens are sounding the glory of God; the arch of the sky makes clear the work of his hands.
- 2 Day after day it sends out its word, and night after night it gives knowledge.
- 3 There are no words or language; their voice makes no sound.
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them has he put a tent for the sun,
- 5 Who is like a newly married man coming from his bride-tent, and is glad like a strong runner starting on his way.
- 6 His going out is from the end of the heaven, and his circle to the ends of it; there is nothing which is not open to his heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is good, giving new life to the soul: the witness of the Lord is certain, giving wisdom to the foolish.
- 8 The orders of the Lord are right, making glad the heart: the rule of the Lord is holy, giving light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and has no end; the decisions of the Lord are true and full of righteousness.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even than much shining gold; sweeter than the dropping honey.
- 11 By them is your servant made conscious of danger, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who has full knowledge of his errors? make me clean from secret evil.
- 13 Keep your servant back from sins of pride; let them not have rule over me: then will I be upright and free from great sin.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your eyes, O Lord, my strength and my salvation.

## 20

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 May the Lord give ear to you in the day of trouble; may you be placed on high by the name of the God of Jacob;
- 2 May he send you help from the holy place, and give you strength from Zion;
- 3 May he keep all your offerings in mind, and be pleased with the fat of your burned offerings; (Selah.)
- 4 May he give you your heart's desire, and put all your purposes into effect.
- 5 We will be glad in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will put up our flags: may the Lord give you all your requests.



- <sup>6</sup> Now am I certain that the Lord gives salvation to his king; he will give him an answer from his holy heaven with the strength of salvation in his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some put their faith in carriages and some in horses; but we will be strong in the name of the Lord our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They are bent down and made low; but we have been lifted up.
- <sup>9</sup> Come to our help, Lord: let the king give ear to our cry.

## 21

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> The king will be glad in your strength, O Lord; how great will be his delight in your salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart's desire, and have not kept back the request of his lips. (Selah.)
- <sup>3</sup> For you go before him with the blessings of good things: you put a crown of fair gold on his head.
- <sup>4</sup> He made request to you for life, and you gave it to him, long life for ever and ever.
- <sup>5</sup> His glory is great in your salvation: honour and authority have you put on him.
- <sup>6</sup> For you have made him a blessing for ever: you have given him joy in the light of your face.
- <sup>7</sup> For the king has faith in the Lord, and through the mercy of the Most High he will not be moved.
- <sup>8</sup> Your hand will make a search for all your haters; your right hand will be hard on all those who are against you.
- <sup>9</sup> You will make them like a flaming oven before you; the Lord in his wrath will put an end to them, and they will be burned up in the fire.
- <sup>10</sup> Their fruit will be cut off from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.
- <sup>11</sup> For their thoughts were bitter against you: they had an evil design in their minds, which they were not able to put into effect.
- <sup>12</sup> Their backs will be turned when you make ready the cords of your bow against their faces.
- <sup>13</sup> Be lifted up, O Lord, in your strength; so will we make songs in praise of your power.

## 22

To the chief music-maker on Aijelet-hash-shahar. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why are you turned away from me? why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my crying?
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I make my cry in the day, and you give no answer; and in the night, and have no rest.
- <sup>3</sup> But you are holy, O you who are seated among the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup> Our fathers had faith in you: they had faith and you were their saviour.
- <sup>5</sup> They sent up their cry to you and were made free: they put their faith in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man; cursed by men, and looked down on by the people.

- 7 I am laughed at by all those who see me: pushing out their lips and shaking their heads they say,
- 8 He put his faith in the Lord; let the Lord be his saviour now: let the Lord be his saviour, because he had delight in him.
- 9 But it was you who took care of me from the day of my birth: you gave me faith even from my mother's breasts.
- 10 I was in your hands even before my birth; you are my God from the time when I was in my mother's body.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near; there is no one to give help.
- 12 A great herd of oxen is round me: I am shut in by the strong oxen of Bashan.
- 13 I saw their mouths wide open, like lions crying after food.
- 14 I am flowing away like water, and all my bones are out of place: my heart is like wax, it has become soft in my body.
- 15 My throat is dry like a broken vessel; my tongue is fixed to the roof of my mouth, and the dust of death is on my lips.
- 16 Dogs have come round me: I am shut in by the band of evil-doers; they made wounds in my hands and feet.
- 17 I am able to see all my bones; their looks are fixed on me:
- 18 They make a division of my robes among them, by the decision of chance they take my clothing.
- 19 Do not be far from me, O Lord: O my strength, come quickly to my help.
- 20 Make my soul safe from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Be my saviour from the lion's mouth; let me go free from the horns of the cruel oxen.
- 22 I will give the knowledge of your name to my brothers: I will give you praise among the people.
- 23 You who have fear of the Lord, give him praise; all you seed of Jacob, give him glory; go in fear of him, all you seed of Israel.
- 24 For he has not been unmoved by the pain of him who is troubled; or kept his face covered from him; but he has given an answer to his cry.
- 25 My praise will be of you in the great meeting: I will make my offerings before his worshippers.
- 26 The poor will have a feast of good things: those who make search for the Lord will give him praise: your heart will have life for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth will keep it in mind and be turned to the Lord: all the families of the nations will give him worship.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's; he is the ruler among the nations.
- 29 All the fat ones of the earth will give him worship; all those who go down to the dust will make themselves low before him, even he who has not enough for the life of his soul.
- 30 A seed will be his servant; the doings of the Lord will be made clear to the generation which comes after.
- 31 They will come and make his righteousness clear to a people of the future because he has done this.

## 23

A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord takes care of me as his sheep; I will not be without any good thing.

- <sup>2</sup> He makes a resting-place for me in the green fields: he is my guide by the quiet waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He gives new life to my soul: he is my guide in the ways of righteousness because of his name.
- <sup>4</sup> Yes, though I go through the valley of deep shade, I will have no fear of evil; for you are with me, your rod and your support are my comfort.
- <sup>5</sup> You make ready a table for me in front of my haters: you put oil on my head; my cup is overflowing.
- <sup>6</sup> Truly, blessing and mercy will be with me all the days of my life; and I will have a place in the house of the Lord all my days.

## 24

A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's, with all its wealth; the world and all the people living in it.
- <sup>2</sup> For by him it was based on the seas, and made strong on the deep rivers.
- <sup>3</sup> Who may go up into the hill of the Lord? and who may come into his holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a true heart; whose desire has not gone out to foolish things, who has not taken a false oath.
- <sup>5</sup> He will have blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> This is the generation of those whose hearts are turned to you, even to your face, O God of Jacob. (Selah.)
- <sup>7</sup> Let your heads be lifted up, O doors; be lifted up, O you eternal doors: that the King of glory may come in.
- <sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory? The Lord of strength and power, the Lord strong in war.
- <sup>9</sup> Let your heads be lifted up, O doors; let them be lifted up, O you eternal doors: that the King of glory may come in.
- <sup>10</sup> Who is the King of glory? The Lord of armies, he is the King of glory. (Selah.)

## 25

Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, my soul is lifted up.
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I have put my faith in you, let me not be shamed; let not my haters be glorying over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Let no servant of yours be put to shame; may those be shamed who are false without cause.
- <sup>4</sup> Make your steps clear to me, O Lord; give me knowledge of your ways.
- <sup>5</sup> Be my guide and teacher in the true way; for you are the God of my salvation; I am waiting for your word all the day.
- <sup>6</sup> O Lord, keep in mind your pity and your mercies; for they have been from the earliest times.
- <sup>7</sup> Do not keep in mind my sins when I was young, or my wrongdoing: let your memory of me be full of mercy, O Lord, because of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord: so he will be the teacher of sinners in the way.

- <sup>9</sup> He will be an upright guide to the poor in spirit: he will make his way clear to them.
- <sup>10</sup> All the ways of the Lord are mercy and good faith for those who keep his agreement and his witness.
- <sup>11</sup> Because of your name, O Lord, let me have forgiveness for my sin, which is very great.
- <sup>12</sup> If a man has the fear of the Lord, the Lord will be his teacher in the way of his pleasure.
- <sup>13</sup> His soul will be full of good things, and his seed will have the earth for its heritage.
- <sup>14</sup> The secret of the Lord is with those in whose hearts is the fear of him; he will make his agreement clear to them.
- <sup>15</sup> My eyes are turned to the Lord at all times; for he will take my feet out of the net.
- <sup>16</sup> Be turned to me, and have mercy on me; for I am troubled and have no helper.
- <sup>17</sup> The troubles of my heart are increased: O take me out of my sorrows.
- <sup>18</sup> Give thought to my grief and my pain; and take away all my sins.
- <sup>19</sup> See how those who are against me are increased, for bitter is their hate of me.
- <sup>20</sup> O keep my soul, and take me out of danger: let me not be shamed, for I have put my faith in you.
- <sup>21</sup> For my clean and upright ways keep me safe, because my hope is in you.
- <sup>22</sup> Give Israel salvation, O God, out of all his troubles.

## 26

Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, be my judge, for my behaviour has been upright: I have put my faith in the Lord, I am not in danger of slipping.
- <sup>2</sup> Put me in the scales, O Lord, so that I may be tested; let the fire make clean my thoughts and my heart.
- <sup>3</sup> For your mercy is before my eyes; and I have gone in the way of your good faith.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not taken my seat with foolish persons, and I do not go with false men.
- <sup>5</sup> I have been a hater of the band of wrongdoers, and I will not be seated among sinners.
- <sup>6</sup> I will make my hands clean from sin; so will I go round your altar, O Lord;
- <sup>7</sup> That I may give out the voice of praise, and make public all the wonders which you have done.
- <sup>8</sup> Lord, your house has been dear to me, and the resting-place of your glory.
- <sup>9</sup> Let not my soul be numbered among sinners, or my life among men of blood;
- <sup>10</sup> In whose hands are evil designs, and whose right hands take money for judging falsely.
- <sup>11</sup> But as for me, I will go on in my upright ways: be my saviour, and have mercy on me.
- <sup>12</sup> I have a safe resting-place for my feet; I will give praise to the Lord in the meetings of the people.

## 27

Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; who is then a cause of fear to me? the Lord is the strength of my life; who is a danger to me?
- <sup>2</sup> When evil-doers, even my haters, came on me to put an end to me, they were broken and put to shame.
- <sup>3</sup> Even if an army came against me with its tents, my heart would have no fear: if war was made on me, my faith would not be moved.
- <sup>4</sup> One prayer have I made to the Lord, and this is my heart's desire; that I may have a place in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, looking on his glory, and getting wisdom in his Temple.
- <sup>5</sup> For in the time of trouble he will keep me safe in his tent: in the secret place of his tent he will keep me from men's eyes; high on a rock he will put me.
- <sup>6</sup> And now my head will be lifted up higher than my haters who are round me: because of this I will make offerings of joy in his tent; I will make a song, truly I will make a song of praise to the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> O Lord, let the voice of my cry come to your ears: have mercy on me, and give me an answer.
- <sup>8</sup> When you said, Make search for my face, my heart said to you, For your face will I make my search.
- <sup>9</sup> Let not your face be covered from me; do not put away your servant in wrath; you have been my help: do not give me up or take your support from me, O God of my salvation.
- <sup>10</sup> When my father and my mother are turned away from me, then the Lord will be my support.
- <sup>11</sup> Make your way clear to me, O Lord, guiding me by the right way, because of my haters.
- <sup>12</sup> Do not give me into their hands, because false witnesses have come out against me, and men breathing destruction.
- <sup>13</sup> I had almost given up my hope of seeing the blessing of the Lord in the land of the living.
- <sup>14</sup> Let your hope be in the Lord: take heart and be strong; yes, let your hope be in the Lord.

## 28

Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> My cry goes up to you, O Lord, my Rock; do not keep back your answer from me, so that I may not become like those who go down into the underworld.
- <sup>2</sup> Give ear to the voice of my prayer, when I am crying to you, when my hands are lifted up to your holy place.
- <sup>3</sup> Do not take me away with the sinners and the workers of evil, who say words of peace to their neighbours, but evil is in their hearts.
- <sup>4</sup> Give them the right reward of their acts, and of their evil doings: give them punishment for the works of their hands, let them have their full reward.
- <sup>5</sup> Because they have no respect for the works of the Lord, or for the things which his hands have made, they will be broken down and not lifted up by him.

- <sup>6</sup> May the Lord be praised, because he has given ear to the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord is my strength and my breastplate, my heart had faith in him and I am helped; for this cause my heart is full of rapture, and I will give him praise in my song.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is their strength, and a strong place of salvation for his king.
- <sup>9</sup> Be a saviour to your people, and send a blessing on your heritage: be their guide, and let them be lifted up for ever.

## 29

A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Give to the Lord, you sons of the gods, give to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Give to the Lord the full glory of his name; give him worship in holy robes.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is on the waters: the God of glory is thundering, the Lord is on the great waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is full of power; the voice of the Lord has a noble sound.
- <sup>5</sup> By the voice of the Lord are the cedar-trees broken, even the cedars of Lebanon are broken by the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes them go jumping about like a young ox; Lebanon and Sirion like a young mountain ox.
- <sup>7</sup> At the voice of the Lord flames of fire are seen.
- <sup>8</sup> At the voice of the Lord there is a shaking in the waste land, even a shaking in the waste land of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> At the voice of the Lord the roes give birth, the leaves are taken from the trees: in his Temple everything says, Glory.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord had his seat as king when the waters came on the earth; the Lord is seated as king for ever.
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will give his people the blessing of peace.

## 30

A Psalm. A Song at the blessing of the House. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> I will give you praise and honour, O Lord, because through you I have been lifted up; you have not given my haters cause to be glad over me.
- <sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I sent up my cry to you, and you have made me well.
- <sup>3</sup> O Lord, you have made my soul come again from the underworld: you have given me life and kept me from going down among the dead.
- <sup>4</sup> Make songs to the Lord, O you saints of his, and give praise to his holy name.
- <sup>5</sup> For his wrath is only for a minute; in his grace there is life; weeping may be for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> When things went well for me I said, I will never be moved.
- <sup>7</sup> Lord, by your grace you have kept my mountain strong: when your face was turned from me I was troubled.
- <sup>8</sup> My voice went up to you, O Lord; I made my prayer to the Lord.
- <sup>9</sup> What profit is there in my blood if I go down into the underworld? will the dust give you praise, or be a witness to your help?
- <sup>10</sup> Give ear to me, O Lord, and have mercy on me: Lord, be my helper.

- 11 By you my sorrow is turned into dancing; you have taken away my clothing of grief, and given me robes of joy;  
 12 So that my glory may make songs of praise to you and not be quiet. O Lord my God, I will give you praise for ever.

### 31

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I put my hope; let me never be shamed; keep me safe in your righteousness.  
 2 Let your ear be turned to me; take me quickly out of danger; be my strong Rock, my place of strength where I may be safe.  
 3 For you are my Rock and my strong tower; go in front of me and be my guide, because of your name.  
 4 Take me out of the net which they have put ready for me secretly; for you are my strength.  
 5 Into your hands I give my spirit; you are my saviour, O Lord God for ever true.  
 6 I am full of hate for those who go after false gods; but my hope is in the Lord.  
 7 I will be glad and have delight in your mercy; because you have seen my trouble; you have had pity on my soul in its sorrows;  
 8 And you have not given me into the hand of my hater; you have put my feet in a wide place.  
 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eyes are wasted with grief, I am wasted in soul and body.  
 10 My life goes on in sorrow, and my years in weeping; my strength is almost gone because of my sin, and my bones are wasted away.  
 11 Because of all those who are against me, I have become a word of shame to my neighbours; a cause of shaking the head and a fear to my friends: those who saw me in the street went in flight from me.  
 12 I have gone from men's minds and memory like a dead man; I am like a broken vessel.  
 13 False statements against me have come to my ears; fear was on every side: they were talking together against me, designing to take away my life.  
 14 But I had faith in you, O Lord; I said, You are my God.  
 15 The chances of my life are in your hand; take me out of the hands of my haters, and of those who go after me.  
 16 Let your servant see the light of your face; in your mercy be my saviour.  
 17 Let me not be shamed, O Lord, for I have made my prayer to you; let the sinners be shamed, and let their mouths be shut in the underworld.  
 18 Let the false lips be shut, which say evil against the upright, looking down on him in their pride.  
 19 O how great is your grace, which you have put in store for your worshippers, and which you have made clear to those who had faith in you, before the sons of men!  
 20 You will keep them safe in your house from the designs of man; in the secret of your tent will you keep them from angry tongues.  
 21 May the Lord be praised, because he has made clear to me the wonder of his grace in a strong town.

- 22 And as for me, I said in my fear, I am cut off from before your eyes; but you gave ear to the voice of my prayer, when my cry went up to you.
- 23 O have love for the Lord, all you his saints; for the Lord keeps safe from danger all those who are true to him, and gives the workers of pride their right reward.
- 24 Put away fear and let your heart be strong, all you whose hope is in the Lord.

## 32

Of David. Maschil.

- 1 Happy is he who has forgiveness for his wrongdoing, and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy is the man in whom the Lord sees no evil, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept my mouth shut, my bones were wasted, because of my crying all through the day.
- 4 For the weight of your hand was on me day and night; my body became dry like the earth in summer. (Selah.)
- 5 I made my wrongdoing clear to you, and did not keep back my sin. I said, I will put it all before the Lord; and you took away my wrongdoing and my sin. (Selah.)
- 6 For this cause let every saint make his prayer to you at a time when you are near: then the overflowing of the great waters will not overtake him.
- 7 You are my safe and secret place; you will keep me from trouble; you will put songs of salvation on the lips of those who are round me. (Selah.)
- 8 I will give you knowledge, teaching you the way to go; my eye will be your guide.
- 9 Do not be like the horse or the ass, without sense; ...
- 10 The sinner will be full of trouble; but mercy will be round the man who has faith in the Lord.
- 11 Be glad in the Lord with joy, you upright men; give cries of joy, all you whose hearts are true.

## 33

- 1 Be glad in the Lord, O doers of righteousness; for praise is beautiful for the upright.
- 2 Give praise to the Lord on the corded instrument; make melody to him with instruments of music.
- 3 Make a new song to him; playing expertly with a loud noise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his works are certain.
- 5 His delight is in righteousness and wisdom; the earth is full of the mercy of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the army of heaven by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He makes the waters of the sea come together in a mass; he keeps the deep seas in store-houses.
- 8 Let the earth be full of the fear of the Lord; let all the people of the world be in holy fear of him.
- 9 For he gave the word, and it was done; by his order it was fixed for ever.



- 10 The Lord undoes the designs of the nations; he makes the thoughts of the peoples without effect.
- 11 The Lord's purpose is eternal, the designs of his heart go on through all the generations of man.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he has taken for his heritage.
- 13 The Lord is looking down from heaven; he sees all the sons of men;
- 14 From his house he keeps watch on all who are living on the earth;
- 15 He makes all their hearts; their works are clear to him.
- 16 A king's salvation is not in the power of his army; a strong man does not get free by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a false hope; his great power will not make any man free from danger.
- 18 See, the eye of the Lord is on those in whose hearts is the fear of him, on those whose hope is in his mercy;
- 19 To keep their souls from death; and to keep them living in time of need.
- 20 Our souls are waiting for the Lord; he is our help and our salvation.
- 21 For in him our hearts have joy; in his holy name is our hope.
- 22 Let your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we are waiting for you.

## 34

Of David. When he made a change in his behaviour before Abimelech, who sent him away, and he went.

- 1 I will be blessing the Lord at all times; his praise will be ever in my mouth.
- 2 My soul will say great things of the Lord: the poor in spirit will have knowledge of it and be glad.
- 3 O give praise to the Lord with me; let us be witnesses together of his great name.
- 4 I was searching for the Lord, and he gave ear to my voice, and made me free from all my fears.
- 5 Let your eyes be turned to him and you will have light, and your faces will not be shamed.
- 6 This poor man's cry came before the Lord, and he gave him salvation from all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord is ever watching over those who have fear of him, to keep them safe.
- 8 By experience you will see that the Lord is good; happy is the man who has faith in him.
- 9 Keep yourselves in the fear of the Lord, all you his saints; for those who do so will have no need of anything.
- 10 The young lions are in need and have no food; but those who are looking to the Lord will have every good thing.
- 11 Come, children, give attention to me; I will be your teacher in the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man has a love of life, and a desire that his days may be increased so that he may see good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from words of deceit.
- 14 Be turned from evil, and do good; make a search for peace, desiring it with all your heart.

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the upright, and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to take away the memory of them from the earth.
- 17 The cry of the upright comes before the Lord, and he takes them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near the broken-hearted; he is the saviour of those whose spirits are crushed down.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the upright: but the Lord takes him safely out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones: not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil will put an end to the sinner, and those who are haters of righteousness will come to destruction.
- 22 The Lord will be the saviour of the souls of his servants, and no one who has faith in him will be put to shame.

## 35

Of David.

- 1 O Lord, be on my side against those who are judging me; be at war with those who make war against me.
- 2 Be a breastplate to me, and give me your help.
- 3 Take up your spear and keep back my attackers; say to my soul, I am your salvation.
- 4 Let them be overcome and put to shame who make attempts to take my soul; let those who would do me damage be turned back and made foolish.
- 5 Let them be like dust from the grain before the wind; let the angel of the Lord send them in flight.
- 6 Let their way be dark and full of danger; let them be troubled by the angel of the Lord.
- 7 For without cause they have put a net ready for me secretly, in which to take my soul.
- 8 Let destruction come on them without their knowledge; let them be taken themselves in their secret nets, falling into the same destruction.
- 9 And my soul will have joy in the Lord; it will be glad in his salvation.
- 10 All my bones will say, Lord, who is like you? The saviour of the poor man from the hands of the strong, of him who is poor and in need from him who takes his goods.
- 11 False witnesses got up: they put questions to me about crimes of which I had no knowledge.
- 12 They gave me back evil for good, troubling my soul.
- 13 But as for me, when they were ill I put on the clothing of sorrow: I went without food and was sad, and my prayer came back again to my heart.
- 14 My behaviour was as if it had been my friend or my brother: I was bent low in grief like one whose mother is dead.
- 15 But they took pleasure in my trouble, and came together, yes, low persons came together against me without my knowledge; they never came to an end of wounding me.
- 16 Like men of deceit they put me to shame; the voice of their wrath was loud against me.

- 17 Lord, how long will you be looking on? take my soul from their destruction, my life from the lions.
- 18 I will give you praise in the great meeting; I will give you honour among a strong people.
- 19 Do not let my haters be glad over me falsely; let not those who are against me without cause make sport of me.
- 20 For they do not say words of peace; in their deceit they are designing evil things against the quiet ones in the land.
- 21 Their mouths were open wide against me, and they said, Aha, aha, our eyes have seen it.
- 22 You have seen this, O Lord; be not unmoved: O Lord, be not far from me.
- 23 Be awake, O Lord, be moved to take up my cause, my God and my Lord.
- 24 Be my judge, O Lord my God, in your righteousness; do not let them be glad over me.
- 25 Let them not say in their hearts, So we will have it: let them not say, We have put an end to him.
- 26 Let all those who take pleasure in my troubles be shamed and come to nothing: let those who are lifted up against me be covered with shame and have no honour.
- 27 Let those who are on my side give cries of joy; let them ever say, The Lord be praised, for he has pleasure in the peace of his servant.
- 28 And my tongue will be talking of your righteousness and of your praise all the day.

## 36

To the chief music-maker. Of the servant of the Lord. Of David.

- 1 The sin of the evil-doer says in his heart, There is no fear of the Lord before his eyes.
- 2 For he takes comfort in the thought that his sin will not be uncovered and hated.
- 3 In the words of his mouth are evil and deceit; he has given up being wise and doing good.
- 4 He gives thought to evil on his bed; he takes a way which is not good; he is not a hater of evil.
- 5 Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and your strong purpose is as high as the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judging is like the great deep; O Lord, you give life to man and beast.
- 7 How good is your loving mercy, O God! the children of men take cover under the shade of your wings.
- 8 The delights of your house will be showered on them; you will give them drink from the river of your pleasures.
- 9 For with you is the fountain of life: in your light we will see light.
- 10 O let there be no end to your loving mercy to those who have knowledge of you, or of your righteousness to the upright in heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, or the hand of the evil-doers put me out of my place.
- 12 There the workers of evil have come down: they have been made low, and will not be lifted up.

**37**

Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be angry because of the wrongdoers, or have envy of the workers of evil.
- <sup>2</sup> For they will quickly be cut down like grass, and become dry like the green plants.
- <sup>3</sup> Have faith in the Lord, and do good; be at rest in the land, and go after righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> So will your delight be in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.
- <sup>5</sup> Put your life in the hands of the Lord; have faith in him and he will do it.
- <sup>6</sup> And he will make your righteousness be seen like the light, and your cause like the shining of the sun.
- <sup>7</sup> Take your rest in the Lord, waiting quietly for him; do not be angry because of the man who does well in his evil ways, and gives effect to his bad designs.
- <sup>8</sup> Put an end to your wrath and be no longer bitter; do not give way to angry feeling which is a cause of sin.
- <sup>9</sup> For the evil-doers will be cut off: but those who have faith in the Lord will have the earth for their heritage.
- <sup>10</sup> For in a short time the evil-doer will be gone: you will go searching for his place, and it will not be there.
- <sup>11</sup> But the gentle will have the earth for their heritage; they will take their delight in peace without measure.
- <sup>12</sup> The sinner has evil designs against the upright, lifting up the voice of wrath against him.
- <sup>13</sup> He will be laughed at by the Lord, who sees that his day is coming.
- <sup>14</sup> The evil-doers have taken out their swords, their bows are bent; for crushing the poor, and to put to death those who are upright in their ways.
- <sup>15</sup> But their swords will be turned into their hearts, and their bows will be broken.
- <sup>16</sup> The little which the good man has is better than the wealth of evil-doers.
- <sup>17</sup> For the arms of the evil-doers will be broken: but the Lord is the support of the good.
- <sup>18</sup> The days of the upright are numbered by the Lord, and their heritage will be for ever.
- <sup>19</sup> They will not be shamed in the evil time, and in the days when all are in need of food they will have enough.
- <sup>20</sup> But the wrongdoers will come to destruction, and the haters of the Lord will be like the fat of lambs, they will be burned up; they will go up in smoke, and never again be seen.
- <sup>21</sup> The sinner takes money and does not give it back; but the upright man has mercy, and gives to others.
- <sup>22</sup> Those who have his blessing will have the earth for their heritage; but those who are cursed by him will be cut off.
- <sup>23</sup> The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he takes delight in his way.
- <sup>24</sup> Even if he has a fall he will not be without help: for the hand of the Lord is supporting him.

- 25 I have been young, and now am old, but I have not seen the good man without help, or his children looking for bread.
- 26 All the day he is ready to have mercy and to give; his children are a blessing.
- 27 Be turned from evil, and do good; and your place will be for ever.
- 28 For the Lord is a lover of righteousness, and takes care of his saints; they will be kept safe for ever; but the seed of the evil-doers will be cut off.
- 29 The upright will have the earth for their heritage, and will go on living there for ever.
- 30 The mouth of the good man says words of wisdom; the talk of his tongue is of righteousness.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart; he will never make a false step.
- 32 The sinners are watching the upright man, desiring to put him to death.
- 33 The Lord will not give him into their hands, or be against him when he is judged.
- 34 Be waiting for the Lord, and keep his way; and you will be lifted up, and have the land for your heritage: when the evil-doers are cut off, you will see it.
- 35 I have seen the evil-doer in great power, covering the earth like a great tree.
- 36 But he came to an end, and there was no sign of him; I made a search for him and he was not there.
- 37 Give attention to the good man, and take note of the upright; because the end of that man is peace.
- 38 But as for the sinners, they will be cut off together; the end of the wrongdoers is destruction.
- 39 But the Lord is the saviour of the upright: he is their strength in the time of trouble.
- 40 And the Lord will be their help, and keep them safe: he will take them out of the hands of the evil-doers, and be their saviour, because they had faith in him.

## 38

A Psalm. Of David. To keep in memory.

- 1 O Lord, be not bitter with me in your wrath; let not your hand be on me in the heat of your passion.
- 2 For your arrows have gone into my flesh, and I am crushed under the weight of your hand.
- 3 My flesh is wasted because of your wrath; and there is no peace in my bones because of my sin.
- 4 For my crimes have gone over my head; they are like a great weight which is more than my strength.
- 5 My wounds are poisoned and evil-smelling, because of my foolish behaviour.
- 6 I am troubled, I am made low; I go weeping all the day.
- 7 For my body is full of burning; all my flesh is unhealthy.
- 8 I am feeble and crushed down; I gave a cry like a lion because of the grief in my heart.
- 9 Lord, all my desire is before you; my sorrow is not kept secret from you.

- 10 My heart goes out in pain, my strength is wasting away; as for the light of my eyes, it is gone from me.
- 11 My lovers and my friends keep away from my disease; my relations keep far away.
- 12 Those who have a desire to take my life put nets for me; those who are designing my destruction say evil things against me, all the day their minds are full of deceit.
- 13 But I kept my ears shut like a man without hearing; like a man without a voice, never opening his mouth.
- 14 So I was like a man whose ears are shut, and in whose mouth there are no sharp words.
- 15 In you, O Lord, is my hope: you will give me an answer, O Lord, my God.
- 16 I said, Let them not be glad over me; when my foot is moved, let them not be lifted up with pride against me.
- 17 My feet are near to falling, and my sorrow is ever before me.
- 18 I will make clear my wrongdoing, with sorrow in my heart for my sin.
- 19 But they are strong who have hate for me without cause: those who are against me falsely are increased in numbers.
- 20 They give me back evil for good; they are my haters because I go after the thing which is right.
- 21 Do not give me up, O Lord; O my God, be near to me.
- 22 Come quickly to give me help, O Lord, my salvation.

### 39

To the chief music-maker. Of Jeduthun. A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 I said, I will give attention to my ways, so that my tongue may do no wrong; I will keep my mouth under control, while the sinner is before me.
- 2 I made no sound, I said no word, even of good; and I was moved with sorrow.
- 3 My heart was burning in my breast; while I was deep in thought the fire was lighted; then I said with my tongue,
- 4 Lord, give me knowledge of my end, and of the measure of my days, so that I may see how feeble I am.
- 5 You have made my days no longer than a hand's measure; and my years are nothing in your eyes; truly, every man is but a breath. (Selah.)
- 6 Truly, every man goes on his way like an image; he is troubled for no purpose: he makes a great store of wealth, and has no knowledge of who will get it.
- 7 And now, Lord, what am I waiting for? my hope is in you.
- 8 Make me free from all my sins; do not let me be shamed by the man of evil behaviour.
- 9 I was quiet, and kept my mouth shut; because you had done it.
- 10 No longer let your hand be hard on me; I am wasted by the blows of your hand.
- 11 By the weight of your wrath against man's sin, the glory of his form is wasted away; truly every man is but a breath. (Selah.)
- 12 Let my prayer come to your ears, O Lord, and give attention to my cry, make an answer to my weeping: for my time here is short before you, and in a little time I will be gone, like all my fathers.

13 Let your wrath be turned away from me, so that I may be comforted, before I go away from here, and become nothing.

## 40

To the chief music-maker. Of David. A Psalm.

- <sup>1</sup> When I was waiting quietly for the Lord, his heart was turned to me, and he gave ear to my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> He took me up out of a deep waste place, out of the soft and sticky earth; he put my feet on a rock, and made my steps certain.
- <sup>3</sup> And he put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God; numbers have seen it with fear, and put their faith in the Lord.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy is the man who has faith in the Lord, and does not give honour to the men of pride or to those who are turned away to deceit.
- <sup>5</sup> O Lord my God, great are the wonders which you have done in your thought for us; it is not possible to put them out in order before you; when I would give an account of them, their number is greater than I may say.
- <sup>6</sup> You had no desire for offerings of beasts or fruits of the earth; ears you made for me: for burned offerings and sin offerings you made no request.
- <sup>7</sup> Then I said, See, I come; it is recorded of me in the roll of the book,
- <sup>8</sup> My delight is to do your pleasure, O my God; truly, your law is in my heart.
- <sup>9</sup> I have given news of righteousness in the great meeting; O Lord, you have knowledge that I have not kept back my words.
- <sup>10</sup> Your righteousness has not been folded away in my heart; I have made clear your true word and your salvation; I have not kept secret your mercy or your faith from the great meeting.
- <sup>11</sup> Take not away your gentle mercies from me, O Lord; let your mercy and your faith keep me safe for ever.
- <sup>12</sup> For unnumbered evils are round about me; my sins have overtaken me, so that I am bent down with their weight; they are more than the hairs of my head, my strength is gone because of them.
- <sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O Lord, to take me out of danger; O Lord, come quickly and give me help.
- <sup>14</sup> Let those who go after my soul for its destruction have shame and trouble together; let them be turned back and made foolish who take pleasure in my trouble.
- <sup>15</sup> Let those who say to me, Aha, aha! be surprised because of their shame.
- <sup>16</sup> Let all those who are looking for you be glad and have joy in you; let the lovers of your salvation ever say, May the Lord be great.
- <sup>17</sup> Though I am poor and in need, the Lord has me in mind; you are my help and my saviour; let there be no waiting, O my God.

## 41

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Happy is the man who gives thought to the poor; the Lord will be his saviour in the time of trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord will keep him safe, and give him life; the Lord will let him be a blessing on the earth, and will not give him into the hand of his haters.

- <sup>3</sup> The Lord will be his support on his bed of pain: by you will all his grief be turned to strength.
- <sup>4</sup> I said, Lord, have mercy on me; make my soul well, because my faith is in you.
- <sup>5</sup> My haters say evil against me, When will he be dead, and his name come to an end?
- <sup>6</sup> If one comes to see me, deceit is in his heart; he keeps a store of evil, which he makes public in every place.
- <sup>7</sup> All my haters are talking secretly together against me; they are designing my downfall.
- <sup>8</sup> They say, He has an evil disease, which will not let him go: and now that he is down he will not get up again.
- <sup>9</sup> Even my dearest friend, in whom I had faith, who took bread with me, is turned against me.
- <sup>10</sup> But you, O Lord, have mercy on me, lifting me up, so that I may give them their punishment.
- <sup>11</sup> By this I see that you have pleasure in me, because my hater does not overcome me.
- <sup>12</sup> And as for me, you are my support in my righteousness, giving me a place before your face for ever.
- <sup>13</sup> May the Lord God of Israel be praised, through eternal days and for ever. So be it. So be it.

## 42

To the chief music-maker. Maschil. Of the sons of Korah.

- <sup>1</sup> Like the desire of the roe for the water-streams, so is my soul's desire for you, O God.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul is dry for need of God, the living God; when may I come and see the face of God?
- <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while they keep saying to me, Where is your God?
- <sup>4</sup> Let my soul be overflowing with grief when these things come back to my mind, how I went in company to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with the song of those who were keeping the feast.
- <sup>5</sup> Why are you crushed down, O my soul? and why are you troubled in me? put your hope in God; for I will again give him praise who is my help and my God.
- <sup>6</sup> My soul is crushed down in me, so I will keep you in mind; from the land of Jordan and of the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.
- <sup>7</sup> Deep is sounding to deep at the noise of your waterfalls; all your waves have gone rolling over me.
- <sup>8</sup> But the Lord will send his mercy in the daytime, and in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- <sup>9</sup> I will say to God my Rock, Why have you let me go from your memory? why do I go in sorrow because of the attacks of my haters?
- <sup>10</sup> The cruel words of my haters are like a crushing of my bones; when they say to me every day, Where is your God?
- <sup>11</sup> Why are you crushed down, O my soul? and why are you troubled in me? put your hope in God; for I will again give him praise who is my help and my God.



**43**

- <sup>1</sup> Be my judge, O God, supporting my cause against a nation without religion; O keep me from the false and evil man.
- <sup>2</sup> You are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? why do I go in sorrow because of the attacks of my haters?
- <sup>3</sup> O send out your light and your true word; let them be my guide: let them take me to your holy hill, and to your tents.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I will go up to the altar of God, to the God of my joy; I will be glad and give praise to you on an instrument of music, O God, my God.
- <sup>5</sup> Why are you crushed down, O my soul? and why are you troubled in me? put your hope in God, for I will again give him praise who is my help and my God.

**44**

To the chief music-maker. Of the sons of Korah Maschil.

- <sup>1</sup> It has come to our ears, O God, our fathers have given us the story, of the works which you did in their days, in the old times,
- <sup>2</sup> Uprooting the nations with your hand, and planting our fathers in their place; cutting down the nations, but increasing the growth of your people.
- <sup>3</sup> For they did not make the land theirs by their swords, and it was not their arms which kept them safe; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your face, because you had pleasure in them.
- <sup>4</sup> You are my King and my God; ordering salvation for Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Through you will we overcome our haters; by your name will they be crushed under our feet who are violent against us.
- <sup>6</sup> I will not put faith in my bow, my sword will not be my salvation.
- <sup>7</sup> But it is you who have been our saviour from those who were against us, and have put to shame those who had hate for us.
- <sup>8</sup> Our pride is in God at all times, to his name we give praise for ever. (Selah.)
- <sup>9</sup> But now you have sent us away from you, and put us to shame; you do not go out with our armies.
- <sup>10</sup> Because of this we are turned back by the attacker: those who have hate for us take our goods for themselves.
- <sup>11</sup> You have made us like sheep which are taken for meat; we are put to flight among the nations.
- <sup>12</sup> You let your people go for nothing; your wealth is not increased by their price.
- <sup>13</sup> You have made us to be looked down on by our neighbours, we are laughed at and shamed by those who are round about us.
- <sup>14</sup> Our name is a word of shame among the nations, a sign for the shaking of heads among the peoples.
- <sup>15</sup> My downfall is ever before me, and I am covered with the shame of my face;
- <sup>16</sup> Because of the voice of him who says sharp and bitter words; because of the hater and him who is the instrument of punishment.
- <sup>17</sup> All this has come on us, but still we have kept you in our memory; and we have not been false to your word.

- 18 Our hearts have not gone back, and our steps have not been turned out of your way;
- 19 Though you have let us be crushed in the place of jackals, though we are covered with darkest shade.
- 20 If the name of our God has gone out of our minds, or if our hands have been stretched out to a strange god,
- 21 Will not God make search for it? for he sees the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Truly, because of you we are put to death every day; we are numbered like sheep for destruction.
- 23 Why are you sleeping, O Lord? awake! and come to our help, do not give us up for ever.
- 24 Why is your face covered, and why do you give no thought to our trouble and our cruel fate?
- 25 For our souls are crushed down to the dust: our bodies are stretched out on the earth.
- 26 Up! and come to our help, and give us salvation because of your mercy.

## 45

To the chief music-maker; put to Shoshannim. Of the sons of Korah. Maschil. A Song of loves.

- 1 My heart is flowing over with good things; my words are of that which I have made for a king; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 You are fairer than the children of men; grace is flowing through your lips; for this cause the blessing of God is with you for ever.
- 3 Put on your sword, make it ready at your side, O strong chief, with your glory and power.
- 4 And go nobly on in your power, because you are good and true and without pride; and your right hand will be teaching you things of fear.
- 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's haters; because of them the peoples are falling under you.
- 6 Your seat of power, O God, is for ever and ever; the rod of your kingdom is a rod of honour.
- 7 You have been a lover of righteousness and a hater of evil: and so God, your God, has put the oil of joy on your head, lifting you high over all other kings.
- 8 Your robes are full of the smell of all sorts of perfumes and spices; music from the king's ivory houses has made you glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among your noble women: on your right is the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 O daughter, give thought and attention, and let your ear be open; no longer keep in mind your people, and your father's house;
- 11 So will the king have a great desire for you, seeing how beautiful you are; because he is your lord, give him honour.
- 12 And the daughters of Tyre will be there with an offering; those who have wealth among the people will be looking for your approval.
- 13 In the great house the king's daughter is all shining: her clothing is worked with gold.
- 14 She will come before the king in robes of needlework; the virgins in her train will come before you.
- 15 With joy and rapture will they come; they will go into the king's house.

- 16 Your children will take the place of your fathers; so that you may make them rulers over all the earth.  
 17 I will keep the memory of your name living through all generations; and because of this the people will give you praise for ever.

## 46

To the chief music-maker. Of the sons of Korah; put to Alamothe. A Song.

- 1 God is our harbour and our strength, a very present help in trouble.  
 2 For this cause we will have no fear, even though the earth is changed, and though the mountains are moved in the heart of the sea;  
 3 Though its waters are sounding and troubled, and though the mountains are shaking with their violent motion. (Selah.)  
 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the resting-place of God, the holy place of the tents of the Most High.  
 5 God has taken his place in her; she will not be moved: he will come to her help at the dawn of morning.  
 6 The nations were angry, the kingdoms were moved; at the sound of his voice the earth became like wax.  
 7 The Lord of armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our high tower. (Selah.)  
 8 Come, see the works of the Lord, the destruction which he has made in the earth.  
 9 He puts an end to wars over all the earth; by him the bow is broken, and the spear cut in two, and the carriage burned in the fire.  
 10 Be at peace in the knowledge that I am God: I will be lifted up among the nations, I will be honoured through all the earth.  
 11 The Lord of armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our high tower. (Selah.)

## 47

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of the sons of Korah.

- 1 O make a glad noise with your hands, all you peoples; letting your voices go up to God with joy.  
 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is a great King over all the earth.  
 3 He will put down the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.  
 4 He will give us our heritage, the glory of Jacob who is dear to him. (Selah.)  
 5 God has gone up with a glad cry, the Lord with the sound of the horn.  
 6 Give praises to God, make songs of praise; give praises to our King, make songs of praise.  
 7 For God is the King of all the earth; make songs of praise with knowledge.  
 8 God is the ruler over the nations; God is on the high seat of his holy rule.  
 9 The rulers of the peoples have come together, with the people of the God of Abraham; because the powers of the earth are God's: he is lifted up on high.

## 48

A Song. A Psalm. Of the sons of Korah.

- 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, in the town of our God, in his holy mountain.

- 2 Beautiful in its high position, the joy of all the earth, is the mountain of Zion, the mountain of God, the town of the great King.
- 3 In its buildings God is seen to be a high tower.
- 4 For see! the kings came together by agreement, they were joined together.
- 5 They saw it, and so were full of wonder; they were troubled, and went quickly away in fear.
- 6 Shaking came on them and pain, as on a woman in childbirth.
- 7 By you the ships of Tarshish are broken as by an east wind.
- 8 As it came to our ears so have we seen it, in the town of the Lord of armies, in the town of our God; God will keep it fixed for ever. (Selah.)
- 9 Our thoughts were of your mercy, O God, while we were in your Temple.
- 10 As your name is, O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let there be joy in the mountain of Zion, and let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your wise decisions.
- 12 Make your way about Zion, and go round it, numbering its towers.
- 13 Take note of its strong walls, looking well at its fair buildings; so that you may give word of it to the generation which comes after.
- 14 Because this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide.

## 49

Alamoth. To the chief music-maker. Of the sons of Korah. A Psalm.

- 1 Give attention to this, all you peoples; let your ears be open, all you who are living in the world.
- 2 High and low together, the poor, and those who have wealth.
- 3 From my mouth will come words of wisdom; and in the thoughts of my heart will be knowledge.
- 4 I will put my teaching into a story; I will make my dark sayings clear with music.
- 5 What cause have I for fear in the days of evil, when the evil-doing of those who are working for my downfall is round about me?
- 6 Even of those whose faith is in their wealth, and whose hearts are lifted up because of their stores.
- 7 Truly, no man may get back his soul for a price, or give to God the payment for himself;
- 8 (Because it takes a great price to keep his soul from death, and man is not able to give it.)
- 9 So that he might have eternal life, and never see the underworld.
- 10 For he sees that wise men come to their end, and foolish persons of low behaviour come to destruction together, letting their wealth go to others.
- 11 The place of the dead is their house for ever, and their resting-place through all generations; those who come after them give their names to their lands.
- 12 But man, like the animals, does not go on for ever; he comes to an end like the beasts.
- 13 This is the way of the foolish; their silver is for those who come after them, and their children get the pleasure of their gold. (Selah.)

- 14 Death will give them their food like sheep; the underworld is their fate and they will go down into it; their flesh is food for worms; their form is wasted away; the underworld is their resting-place for ever.
- 15 But God will get back my soul; for he will take me from the power of death. (Selah.)
- 16 Have no fear when wealth comes to a man, and the glory of his house is increased;
- 17 For at his death, he will take nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.
- 18 Though he might have pride in his soul in his life-time, and men will give you praise if you do well for yourself,
- 19 He will go to the generation of his fathers; he will not see the light again.
- 20 Man, like the animals, does not go on for ever; he comes to an end like the beasts.

## 50

A Psalm. Of Asaph.

- 1 The God of gods, even the Lord, has sent out his voice, and the earth is full of fear; from the coming up of the sun to its going down.
- 2 From Zion, most beautiful of places, God has sent out his light.
- 3 Our God will come, and will not keep quiet; with fire burning before him, and storm-winds round him.
- 4 His voice will go out to the heavens and to the earth, for the judging of his people:
- 5 Let my saints come together to me; those who have made an agreement with me by offerings.
- 6 And let the heavens make clear his righteousness; for God himself is the judge. (Selah.)
- 7 Give ear, O my people, to my words; O Israel, I will be a witness against you; I am God, even your God.
- 8 I will not take up a cause against you because of your offerings, or because of your burned offerings, which are ever before me.
- 9 I will take no ox out of your house, or he-goats from your flocks;
- 10 For every beast of the woodland is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
- 11 I see all the birds of the mountains, and the beasts of the field are mine.
- 12 If I had need of food, I would not give you word of it; for the earth is mine and all its wealth.
- 13 Am I to take the flesh of the ox for my food, or the blood of goats for my drink?
- 14 Make an offering of praise to God; keep the agreements which you have made with the Most High;
- 15 Let your voice come up to me in the day of trouble; I will be your saviour, so that you may give glory to me.
- 16 But to the sinner, God says, What are you doing, talking of my laws, or taking the words of my agreement in your mouth?
- 17 Seeing that you have no desire for my teaching, turning your back on my words.
- 18 When you saw a thief, you were in agreement with him, and you were joined with those who took other men's wives.

- <sup>19</sup> You have given your mouth to evil, your tongue to words of deceit.  
<sup>20</sup> You say evil of your brother; you make false statements against your mother's son.  
<sup>21</sup> These things have you done, and I said nothing; it seemed to you that I was such a one as yourself; but I will make a protest against you, and put them in order before your eyes.  
<sup>22</sup> Now keep this in mind, you who have no memory of God, for fear that you may be crushed under my hand, with no one to give you help:  
<sup>23</sup> Whoever makes an offering of praise gives glory to me; and to him who is upright in his ways I will make clear the salvation of God.

## 51

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David. When Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

- <sup>1</sup> Have pity on me, O God, in your mercy; out of a full heart, take away my sin.  
<sup>2</sup> Let all my wrongdoing be washed away, and make me clean from evil.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am conscious of my error; my sin is ever before me.  
<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I done wrong, working that which is evil in your eyes; so that your words may be seen to be right, and you may be clear when you are judging.  
<sup>5</sup> Truly, I was formed in evil, and in sin did my mother give me birth.  
<sup>6</sup> Your desire is for what is true in the inner parts: in the secrets of my soul you will give me knowledge of wisdom.  
<sup>7</sup> Make me free from sin with hyssop: let me be washed whiter than snow.  
<sup>8</sup> Make me full of joy and rapture; so that the bones which have been broken may be glad.  
<sup>9</sup> Let your face be turned from my wrongdoing, and take away all my sins.  
<sup>10</sup> Make a clean heart in me, O God; give me a right spirit again.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not put me away from before you, or take your holy spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> Give me back the joy of your salvation; let a free spirit be my support.  
<sup>13</sup> Then will I make your ways clear to wrongdoers; and sinners will be turned to you.  
<sup>14</sup> Be my saviour from violent death, O God, the God of my salvation; and my tongue will give praise to your righteousness.  
<sup>15</sup> O Lord, let my lips be open, so that my mouth may make clear your praise.  
<sup>16</sup> You have no desire for an offering or I would give it; you have no delight in burned offerings.  
<sup>17</sup> The offerings of God are a broken spirit; a broken and sorrowing heart, O God, you will not put from you.  
<sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure, building up the walls of Jerusalem.  
<sup>19</sup> Then you will have delight in the offerings of righteousness, in burned offerings and offerings of beasts; then they will make offerings of oxen on your altar.

**52**

To the chief music-maker. Maschil. Of David. When Doeg the Edomite came to Saul saying, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.

- 1 Why do you take pride in wrongdoing, lifting yourself up against the upright man all the day?
- 2 Purposing destruction, using deceit; your tongue is like a sharp blade.
- 3 You have more love for evil than for good, for deceit than for works of righteousness. (Selah.)
- 4 Destruction is in all your words, O false tongue.
- 5 But God will put an end to you for ever; driving you out from your tent, uprooting you from the land of the living. (Selah.)
- 6 The upright will see it with fear, and will say, laughing at you:
- 7 See, this is the man who did not make God his strength, but had faith in his goods and his property, and made himself strong in his wealth.
- 8 But I am like a branching olive-tree in the house of God; I have put my faith in his mercy for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you praise without end for what you have done; I will give honour to your name before your saints, for it is good.

**53**

To the chief music-maker; put to Mahalath. Maschil. Of David.

- 1 The foolish man has said in his heart, God will not do anything. They are unclean, they have done evil works; there is not one who does good.
- 2 God was looking down from heaven on the children of men, to see if there were any who had wisdom, searching after God.
- 3 Every one of them has gone back; they are unclean: there is not one who does good, no, not one.
- 4 Have the workers of evil no knowledge? they take my people for food, as they would take bread; they make no prayer to God.
- 5 They were in great fear, where there was no cause for fear: for the bones of those who make war on you have been broken by God; you have put them to shame, because God has no desire for them.
- 6 May the salvation of Israel come out of Zion! When the fate of his people is changed by God, Jacob will have joy, and Israel will be glad.

**54**

To the chief music-maker; on Neginoth. Maschil. Of David. When the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Is not David keeping himself secret among us?

- 1 Let your name be my salvation, O God; let my cause be judged by your strength.
- 2 Let my prayer come before you, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For men who are going after me have come out against me, violent men are purposing to take my soul; they have not put God before their eyes. (Selah.)
- 4 See, God is my helper: the Lord is the great supporter of my soul.
- 5 Let the evil works of my haters come back on them again; let them be cut off by your good faith.

- <sup>6</sup> Freely will I make my offerings to you; I will give praise to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- <sup>7</sup> Because it has been my saviour from all my trouble; and my eyes have seen the punishment of my haters.

## 55

To the chief music-maker, on Neginoth. Maschil. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Give hearing to my prayer, O God; and let not your ear be shut against my request.
- <sup>2</sup> Give thought to me, and let my prayer be answered: I have been made low in sorrow;
- <sup>3</sup> I am troubled because of the voice of the cruel ones, because of the loud cry of the evil-doers; for they put a weight of evil on me, and they are cruel in their hate for me.
- <sup>4</sup> My heart is deeply wounded, and the fear of death has come on me.
- <sup>5</sup> Fear and shaking have come over me, with deep fear I am covered.
- <sup>6</sup> And I said, If only I had wings like a dove! for then I would go in flight from here and be at rest.
- <sup>7</sup> I would go wandering far away, living in the waste land. (Selah.)
- <sup>8</sup> I would quickly take cover from the driving storm and from the violent wind.
- <sup>9</sup> Send destruction on them, O Lord, make a division of tongues among them: for I have seen fighting and violent acts in the town.
- <sup>10</sup> By day and night they go round the town, on the walls; trouble and sorrow are in the heart of it.
- <sup>11</sup> Evil is there; cruel rule and deceit are ever in the streets.
- <sup>12</sup> For it was not my hater who said evil of me; that would have been no grief to me; it was not one outside the number of my friends who made himself strong against me, or I would have kept myself from him in a secret place;
- <sup>13</sup> But it was you, my equal, my guide, my well-loved friend.
- <sup>14</sup> We had loving talk together, and went to the house of God in company.
- <sup>15</sup> Let the hand of death come on them suddenly, and let them go down living into the underworld; because evil is in their houses and in their hearts.
- <sup>16</sup> As for me, I will make my prayer to God, and he will be my saviour.
- <sup>17</sup> In the evening and in the morning and in the middle of the day I will make my prayer with sounds of grief; and my voice will come to his ears.
- <sup>18</sup> He has taken my soul away from the attack which was made against me, and given it peace; for great numbers were against me.
- <sup>19</sup> God will give thought to me; he who from early times is strong will send pain and trouble on them. (Selah.) Because they are unchanged, they have no fear of God.
- <sup>20</sup> He has put out his hand against those who were at peace with him; he has not kept his agreement.
- <sup>21</sup> The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, but they were sharp swords.
- <sup>22</sup> Put your cares on the Lord, and he will be your support; he will not let the upright man be moved.



<sup>23</sup> But you, O God, will send them down into the underworld; the cruel and the false will be cut off before half their days are ended; but I will have faith in you.

## 56

To the chief music-maker; put to Jonath elem rehokim. Of David. Michtam. When the Philistines took him in Gath.

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, for man is attempting my destruction; every day he makes cruel attacks against me.

<sup>2</sup> My haters are ever ready to put an end to me; great numbers are lifting themselves up against me.

<sup>3</sup> In the time of my fear, I will have faith in you.

<sup>4</sup> In God will I give praise to his word; in God have I put my hope; I will have no fear of what flesh may do to me.

<sup>5</sup> Every day they make wrong use of my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

<sup>6</sup> They come together; they are waiting in secret places, they take note of my steps, they are waiting for my soul.

<sup>7</sup> By evil-doing they will not get free from punishment. In wrath, O God, let the peoples be made low.

<sup>8</sup> You have seen my wanderings; put the drops from my eyes into your bottle; are they not in your record?

<sup>9</sup> When I send up my cry to you, my haters will be turned back; I am certain of this, for God is with me.

<sup>10</sup> In God will I give praise to his word; in the Lord will I give praise to his word.

<sup>11</sup> In God have I put my hope, I will have no fear of what man may do to me.

<sup>12</sup> I keep the memory of my debt to you, O God; I will give you the offerings of praise.

<sup>13</sup> Because you have taken my soul from the power of death; and kept my feet from falling, so that I may be walking before God in the light of life.

## 57

To the chief music-maker; put to Al-tashheth. Michtam. Of David. When he went in flight from Saul, in the hole of the rock.

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me; for the hope of my soul is in you: I will keep myself safely under the shade of your wings, till these troubles are past.

<sup>2</sup> I will send up my cry to the Most High God; to God who does all things for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven, and take me from the power of him whose desire is for my destruction. God will send out his mercy and his good faith.

<sup>4</sup> My soul is among lions; I am stretched out among those who are on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and whose tongue is a sharp sword.

<sup>5</sup> O God, be lifted up higher than the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

- <sup>6</sup> They have made ready a net for my steps; my soul is bent down; they have made a great hole before me, and have gone down into it themselves. (Selah.)
- <sup>7</sup> My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will make songs, and give praise.
- <sup>8</sup> You are my glory; let the instruments of music be awake; I myself will be awake with the dawn.
- <sup>9</sup> I will give you praise, O Lord, among the peoples; I will make songs to you among the nations.
- <sup>10</sup> For your mercy is great, stretching up to the heavens, and your righteousness goes up to the clouds.
- <sup>11</sup> Be lifted up, O God, higher than the heavens, let your glory be over all the earth.

## 58

To the chief music-maker; put to Al-tashheth. Michtam. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Is there righteousness in your mouths, O you gods? are you upright judges, O you sons of men?
- <sup>2</sup> The purposes of your hearts are evil; your hands are full of cruel doings on the earth.
- <sup>3</sup> The evil-doers are strange from the first; from the hour of their birth they go out of the true way, saying false words.
- <sup>4</sup> Their poison is like the poison of a snake; they are like the adder, whose ears are shut;
- <sup>5</sup> Who will not be moved by the voice of the wonder-worker, however great are his powers.
- <sup>6</sup> O God, let their teeth be broken in their mouths; let the great teeth of the young lions be pulled out, O Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> Let them be turned to liquid like the ever-flowing waters; let them be cut off like the grass by the way.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them be like an after-birth which is turned to water and comes to an end; like the fruit of a woman who gives birth before her time, let them not see the sun.
- <sup>9</sup> Before they are conscious of it, let them be cut down like thorns; let a strong wind take them away like waste growth.
- <sup>10</sup> The upright man will be glad when he sees their punishment; his feet will be washed in the blood of the evil-doer.
- <sup>11</sup> So that men will say, Truly there is a reward for righteousness; truly there is a God who is judge on the earth.

## 59

To the chief music-maker; put to At-tashheth. Michtam. Of David. When Saul sent, and they were watching the house, to put him to death.

- <sup>1</sup> Take me out of the hands of the cruel ones, O my God; keep me safe from those who come up against me.
- <sup>2</sup> Take me out of the power of the workers of evil, and keep me safe from the men of blood.
- <sup>3</sup> For see, they are watching in secret for my soul; the strong have come together against me? but not because of my sin, or my evil-doing, O Lord.
- <sup>4</sup> For no sin of mine they go quickly and get themselves ready; be awake and come to my help, and see.

- <sup>5</sup> You, O Lord God of armies, are the God of Israel; come now and give punishment to the nations; have no mercy on any workers of deceit. (Selah.)
- <sup>6</sup> They come back in the evening; they make a noise like a dog, and go round the town.
- <sup>7</sup> See, hate is dropping from their lips; curses are on their tongues: they say, Who gives attention to it?
- <sup>8</sup> But you are laughing at them, O Lord; you will make sport of all the nations.
- <sup>9</sup> O my strength, I will put my hope in you; because God is my strong tower.
- <sup>10</sup> The God of my mercy will go before me: God will let me see my desire effected on my haters.
- <sup>11</sup> Put them not to death, for so my people will keep the memory of them: let them be sent in all directions by your power; make them low, O Lord our saviour.
- <sup>12</sup> Because of the sin of their mouths and the word of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride; and for their curses and their deceit,
- <sup>13</sup> Put an end to them in your wrath, put an end to them, so that they may not be seen again; let them see that God is ruling in Jacob and to the ends of the earth. (Selah.)
- <sup>14</sup> And in the evening let them come back, and make a noise like a dog, and go round the town.
- <sup>15</sup> Let them go wandering up and down in search of food, and be there all night if they have not enough.
- <sup>16</sup> But I will make songs of your power; yes, I will give cries of joy for your mercy in the morning; because you have been my strength and my high tower in the day of my trouble.
- <sup>17</sup> To you, O my strength, will I make my song: because God is my high tower, even the God of my mercy.

## 60

To the chief music-maker; put to Shushan-eduth. Michtam. Of David. For teaching. When he was fighting against Aram-naharaim and Aram-zobah, when Joab came back, and put twelve thousand of the Edomites to death, in the Valley of Salt.

- <sup>1</sup> God, you have put us away from you, you have sent us in all directions, you have been angry; O be turned to us again.
- <sup>2</sup> By the power of your hand the earth is shaking and broken; make it strong again, for it is moved.
- <sup>3</sup> You have made the people see hard times; you have given us the wine of shaking for our drink.
- <sup>4</sup> Give a safe place to those who have fear of you, where they may go in flight from before the bow. (Selah.)
- <sup>5</sup> So that your loved ones may be made safe, let your right hand be my salvation, and give me an answer.
- <sup>6</sup> God has said in his holy place, I will be glad: I will make a division of Shechem, and the valley of Succoth will be measured out.
- <sup>7</sup> Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; and Ephraim is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;

- <sup>8</sup> Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I put out my shoe; over Philistia will a glad cry be sounded.
- <sup>9</sup> Who will take me into the strong town? who will be my guide into Edom?
- <sup>10</sup> Have not you put us away, O God? and you have not gone out with our armies.
- <sup>11</sup> Give us help in our trouble; for there is no help in man.
- <sup>12</sup> Through God we will do great things, for through him our haters will be crushed under our feet.

## 61

To the chief music-maker. On a corded instrument. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Let my cry come to you, O God; let your ears be open to my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> From the end of the earth will I send up my cry to you, when my heart is overcome: take me to the rock which is over-high for me.
- <sup>3</sup> For you have been my secret place, and my high tower from those who made war on me.
- <sup>4</sup> I will make your tent my resting-place for ever: I will keep myself under the cover of your wings. (Selah.)
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O God, have made answer to my prayers; you have given me the heritage of those who give honour to your name.
- <sup>6</sup> You will give the king long life; and make his years go on through the generations.
- <sup>7</sup> May the seat of his authority be before God for ever; may mercy and righteousness keep him safe.
- <sup>8</sup> So will I make songs in praise of your name for ever, giving to God that which is right day by day.

## 62

To the chief music-maker. After Jeduthun. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> My soul, put all your faith in God; for from him comes my salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> He only is my Rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be greatly moved.
- <sup>3</sup> How long will you go on designing evil against a man? running against him as against a broken wall, which is on the point of falling?
- <sup>4</sup> Their only thought is to put him down from his place of honour; their delight is in deceit: blessing is in their mouths but cursing in their hearts. (Selah.)
- <sup>5</sup> My soul, put all your faith in God; for from him comes my hope.
- <sup>6</sup> He only is my Rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be greatly moved.
- <sup>7</sup> In God is my salvation, and my glory; the Rock of my strength, and my safe place.
- <sup>8</sup> Have faith in him at all times, you people; let your hearts go flowing out before him: God is our safe place. (Selah.)
- <sup>9</sup> Truly men of low birth are nothing, and men of high position are not what they seem; if they are put in the scales together they are less than a breath.
- <sup>10</sup> Have no faith in the rewards of evil-doing, or in profits wrongly made: if your wealth is increased, do not put your hopes on it.
- <sup>11</sup> Once has God said, twice has it come to my ears, that power is God's:

12 And mercy, O Lord, is yours, for you give to every man the reward of his work.

## 63

A Psalm. Of David. When he was in the waste land of Judah.

- 1 O God, you are my God; early will I make my search for you: my soul is dry for need of you, my flesh is wasted with desire for you, as a dry and burning land where no water is;
- 2 To see your power and your glory, as I have seen you in the holy place.
- 3 Because your mercy is better than life, my lips will give you praise.
- 4 So will I go on blessing you all my life, lifting up my hands in your name.
- 5 My soul will be comforted, as with good food; and my mouth will give you praise with songs of joy;
- 6 When the memory of you comes to me on my bed, and when I give thought to you in the night-time.
- 7 Because you have been my help, I will have joy in the shade of your wings.
- 8 My soul keeps ever near you: your right hand is my support.
- 9 But those whose desire is my soul's destruction will go down to the lower parts of the earth.
- 10 They will be cut off by the sword; they will be food for foxes.
- 11 But the king will have joy in God; everyone who takes an oath by him will have cause for pride; but the false mouth will be stopped.

## 64

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 O God, let the voice of my grief come to your ear: keep my life from the fear of those who are against me.
- 2 Keep me safe from the secret purpose of wrongdoers; from the band of the workers of evil;
- 3 Who make their tongues sharp like a sword, and whose arrows are pointed, even bitter words;
- 4 So that in secret they may let loose their arrows at the upright, suddenly and unseen.
- 5 They make themselves strong in an evil purpose; they make holes for secret nets; they say, Who will see it,
- 6 Or make discovery of our secret purpose? The design is framed with care; and the inner thought of a man, and his heart, is deep.
- 7 But God sends out an arrow against them; suddenly they are wounded.
- 8 The evil of their tongues is the cause of their fall; all those who see them are shaking their heads at them.
- 9 And in fear men make public the works of God; and giving thought to his acts they get wisdom.
- 10 The upright will be glad in the Lord and have hope in him; and all the lovers of righteousness will give him glory.

## 65

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David. A Song.

- 1 It is right for you, O God, to have praise in Zion: to you let the offering be made.
- 2 To you, O hearer of prayer, let the words of all flesh come.

- <sup>3</sup> Evils have overcome us: but as for our sins, you will take them away.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy is the man of your selection, to whom you give a resting-place in your house; we will be full of the good things out of your holy place.
- <sup>5</sup> You will give us an answer in righteousness by great acts of power, O God of our salvation; you who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the far-off lands of the sea;
- <sup>6</sup> The God by whose strength the mountains are fixed; who is robed with power:
- <sup>7</sup> Who makes the loud voice of the sea quiet, and puts an end to the sound of its waves.
- <sup>8</sup> Those in the farthest parts of the earth have fear when they see your signs: the outgoings of the morning and evening are glad because of you.
- <sup>9</sup> You have given your blessing to the earth, watering it and making it fertile; the river of God is full of water: and having made it ready, you give men grain.
- <sup>10</sup> You make the ploughed lands full of water; you make smooth the slopes: you make the earth soft with showers, sending your blessing on its growth.
- <sup>11</sup> The year is crowned with the good you give; life-giving rain is dropping from your footsteps,
- <sup>12</sup> Falling on the grass of the waste land: and the little hills are glad on every side.
- <sup>13</sup> The grass-land is thick with flocks; the valleys are full of grain; they give glad cries and songs of joy.

## 66

To the chief music-maker. A Song. A Psalm.

- <sup>1</sup> Send up a glad cry to God, all the earth:
- <sup>2</sup> Make a song in honour of his name: give praise and glory to him.
- <sup>3</sup> Say to God, How greatly to be feared are your works! because of your great power your haters are forced to put themselves under your feet.
- <sup>4</sup> Let all the earth give you worship, and make songs to you; let them make songs to your name. (Selah.)
- <sup>5</sup> Come and see the works of God: he is to be feared in all he does to the children of men.
- <sup>6</sup> The sea was turned into dry land: they went through the river on foot: there did we have joy in him.
- <sup>7</sup> He is ruling in power for ever; his eyes are watching the nations: may his haters have no strength against him. (Selah.)
- <sup>8</sup> Give blessings to our God, O you peoples, let the voice of his praise be loud;
- <sup>9</sup> Because he gives us life, and has not let our feet be moved.
- <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have put us to the test: testing us by fire like silver.
- <sup>11</sup> You let us be put in prison; chains were put on our legs.
- <sup>12</sup> You let men go driving over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but you took us out into a wide place.
- <sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burned offerings, I will make payment of my debt to you,

- 14 Keeping the word which came from my lips, and which my mouth said, when I was in trouble.
- 15 I will give you burned offerings of fat beasts, and the smoke of sheep; I will make offerings of oxen and goats. (Selah.)
- 16 Come, give ear to me, all you God-fearing men, so that I may make clear to you what he has done for my soul.
- 17 My voice went up to him, and I was lifted up from the underworld.
- 18 I said in my heart, The Lord will not give ear to me:
- 19 But truly God's ear has been open; he has give attention to the voice of my prayer.
- 20 Praise be to God who has not taken away his good faith and his mercy from me.

## 67

To the chief music-maker. With corded instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- 1 May God give us mercy and blessing, and let the light of his face be shining on us; (Selah.)
- 2 So that men may see your way on the earth, and your salvation among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples give you praise, O God; let all the peoples give you praise.
- 4 O let the nations be glad, and make song of joy; for you will be the judge of the peoples in righteousness, guiding the nations of the earth. (Selah.)
- 5 Let the peoples give you praise, O God; let all the peoples give you praise.
- 6 The earth has given her increase; and God, even our God, will give us his blessing.
- 7 God will give us his blessing; so let all the ends of the earth be in fear of him.

## 68

To the chief music-maker. Of David. A Psalm. A Song.

- 1 Let God be seen, and let his haters be put to flight; let those who are against him be turned back before him.
- 2 Let them be like smoke before the driving wind; as wax turning soft before the fire, so let them come to an end before the power of God.
- 3 But let the upright be glad; let them have delight before God; let them be full of joy.
- 4 Make songs to God, make songs of praise to his name; make a way for him who comes through the waste lands; his name is Jah; be glad before him.
- 5 A father to those who have no father, a judge of the widows, is God in his holy place.
- 6 Those who are without friends, God puts in families; he makes free those who are in chains; but those who are turned away from him are given a dry land.
- 7 O God, when you went out before your people, wandering through the waste land; (Selah.)

- 8 The earth was shaking and the heavens were streaming, because God was present; even Sinai itself was moved before God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You, O God, did freely send the rain, giving strength to the weariness of your heritage.
- 10 Those whose resting-place was there, even the poor, were comforted by your good things, O God.
- 11 The Lord gives the word; great is the number of the women who make it public.
- 12 Kings of armies quickly go in flight: and the women in the houses make a division of their goods.
- 13 Will you take your rest among the flocks? like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and its feathers with yellow gold.
- 14 When the Most High put the kings to flight, it was as white as snow in Salmon.
- 15 A hill of God is the hill of Bashan; a hill with high tops is the hill of Bashan.
- 16 Why are you looking with envy, you high hills, on the hill desired by God as his resting-place? truly, God will make it his house for ever.
- 17 The war-carriage of God is among Israel's thousands; the Lord has come from Sinai to the holy place.
- 18 You have gone up on high, taking your prisoners with you; you have taken offerings from men; the Lord God has taken his place on the seat of his power.
- 19 Praise be to the Lord, who is our support day by day, even the God of our salvation. (Selah.)
- 20 Our God is for us a God of salvation; his are the ways out of death.
- 21 The heads of the haters of God will be crushed; even the head of him who still goes on in his evil ways.
- 22 The Lord said, I will make them come back from Bashan, and from the deep parts of the sea;
- 23 So that your foot may be red with blood, and the tongues of your dogs with the same.
- 24 We see your going, O God: even the going of my God, my King, into the holy place.
- 25 The makers of songs go before, the players of music come after, among the young girls playing on brass instruments.
- 26 Give praise to God in the great meeting; even the Lord, you who come from the fountain of Israel.
- 27 There is little Benjamin ruling them, the chiefs of Judah and their army, the rulers of Zebulun and the rulers of Naphtali.
- 28 O God, send out your strength; the strength, O God, with which you have done great things for us,
- 29 Out of your Temple in Jerusalem.
- 30 Say sharp words to the beast among the water-plants, the band of strong ones, with the lords of the peoples, put an end to the people whose delight is in war.
- 31 Kings will give you offerings, they will come out of Egypt; from Pathros will come offerings of silver; Ethiopia will be stretching out her hands to God.



- 32 Make songs to God, you kingdoms of the earth; O make songs of praise to the Lord; (Selah.)
- 33 To him who goes or the clouds of heaven, the heaven which was from earliest times; he sends out his voice of power.
- 34 Make clear that strength is God's: he is lifted up over Israel, and his power is in the clouds.
- 35 O God, you are to be feared in your holy place: the God of Israel gives strength and power to his people. Praise be to God.

## 69

To the chief music-maker; put to Shoshannim. Of David.

- 1 Be my saviour, O God; because the waters have come in, even to my neck.
- 2 My feet are deep in the soft earth, where there is no support; I have come into deep waters, the waves are flowing over me.
- 3 I am tired with my crying; my throat is burning: my eyes are wasted with waiting for my God.
- 4 Those who have hate for me without cause are greater in number than the hairs of my head; those who are against me, falsely desiring my destruction, are very strong; I gave back what I had not taken away.
- 5 O God, you see how foolish I am; and my wrongdoing is clear to you.
- 6 Let not those who have hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord God of armies: let not those who are waiting for you be made low because of me, O God of Israel.
- 7 I have been wounded with sharp words because of you; my face has been covered with shame.
- 8 I have become strange to my brothers, and like a man from a far country to my mother's children.
- 9 I am on fire with passion for your house; and the hard things which are said about you have come on me.
- 10 My bitter weeping, and my going without food, were turned to my shame.
- 11 When I put on the clothing of grief, they said evil of me.
- 12 I am a cause of wonder to those in authority; a song to those who are given to strong drink.
- 13 But as for me, let my prayer be made to you, O Lord, at a time when you are pleased; O God, give me an answer in your great mercy, for your salvation is certain.
- 14 Take me from the grip of the sticky earth, so that I may not go down into it; let me be lifted up from the deep waters.
- 15 Let me not be covered by the flowing waters; let not the deep waters go over my head, and let me not be shut up in the underworld.
- 16 Give an answer to my words, O Lord; for your mercy is good: be turned to me, because of your great pity.
- 17 Let not your face be covered from your servant, for I am in trouble; quickly give me an answer.
- 18 Come near to my soul, for its salvation: be my saviour, because of those who are against me.
- 19 You have seen my shame, how I was laughed at and made low; my haters are all before you.

- 20 My heart is broken by bitter words, I am full of grief; I made a search for some to have pity on me, but there was no one; I had no comforter.
- 21 They gave me poison for my food; and bitter wine for my drink.
- 22 Let their table before them be for their destruction; let their feasts become a net to take them.
- 23 Let their eyes be blind so that they may not see; let their bodies for ever be shaking.
- 24 Let your curse come on them; let the heat of your wrath overtake them.
- 25 Give their houses to destruction, and let there be no one in their tents.
- 26 Because they are cruel to him against whom your hand is turned; they make bitter the grief of him who is wounded by you.
- 27 Let their punishment be increased; let them not come into your righteousness.
- 28 Let their names be taken from the book of the living, let them not be numbered with the upright.
- 29 But I am poor and full of sorrow; let me be lifted up by your salvation, O Lord.
- 30 I will give praise to the name of God with a song; I will give glory to him for what he has done.
- 31 This will be more pleasing to the Lord than an ox, or a young ox of full growth.
- 32 The poor will see it and be glad: you who are lovers of God, let your hearts have life.
- 33 For the ears of the Lord are open to the poor, and he takes thought for his prisoners.
- 34 Let the heavens and the earth give praise to him, the seas, and everything moving in them.
- 35 For God will be the saviour of Zion, and the builder of the towns of Judah; so that it may be their resting-place and heritage.
- 36 The seed of his servants will have their part in it, and there the lovers of his name will have rest.

## 70

To the chief music-maker. Of David. To keep in memory.

- 1 Let your salvation come quickly, O God; come quickly to my help, O Lord.
- 2 Let those who go after my soul have shame and trouble; let those who have evil designs against me be turned back and made foolish.
- 3 Let those who say Aha, aha! be turned back as a reward of their shame.
- 4 Let all those who are looking for you be glad and have joy in you; let the lovers of your salvation ever say, May God be great.
- 5 But I am poor and in need; come to me quickly, O God; you are my help and my saviour; let there be no waiting, O Lord.

## 71

1 In you, O Lord, have I put my hope; let me never be shamed.

- 2 Keep me safe in your righteousness, and come to my help; give ear to my voice, and be my saviour.
- 3 Be my strong Rock, the strong place of my salvation; for you are my Rock, and my safe place.

- 4 O my God, take me out of the hand of the sinner, out of the hand of the evil and cruel man.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God; I have had faith in you from the time when I was young.
- 6 You have been my support from the day of my birth; you took me out of my mother's body; my praise will be ever of you.
- 7 I am a wonder to all; but you are my strong tower.
- 8 My mouth will be full of your praise and glory all the day.
- 9 Do not give me up when I am old; be my help even when my strength is gone.
- 10 For my haters are waiting secretly for me; and those who are watching for my soul are banded together in their evil designs,
- 11 Saying, God has given him up; go after him and take him, for he has no helper.
- 12 O God, be not far from me; O my God, come quickly to my help.
- 13 Let those who say evil against my soul be overcome and put to shame; let my haters be made low and have no honour.
- 14 But I will go on ever hoping, and increasing in all your praise.
- 15 My mouth will make clear your righteousness and your salvation all the day; for they are more than may be measured.
- 16 I will give news of the great acts of the Lord God; my words will be of your righteousness, and of yours only.
- 17 O God, you have been my teacher from the time when I was young; and I have been talking of your works of wonder even till now.
- 18 Now when I am old and grey-headed, O God, give me not up; till I have made clear your strength to this generation, and your power to all those to come.
- 19 Your righteousness, O God, is very high; you have done great things; O God, who is like you?
- 20 You, who have sent great and bitter troubles on me, will give me life again, lifting me up from the deep waters of the underworld.
- 21 You will make me greater than before, and give me comfort on every side.
- 22 I will give praise to you with instruments of music, O my God, for you are true; I will make songs to you with music, O Holy One of Israel.
- 23 Joy will be on my lips when I make melody to you; and in my soul, to which you have given salvation.
- 24 My tongue will be talking of your righteousness all the day; for those whose purpose is to do me evil have been crushed and put to shame.

## 72

Of Solomon.

- 1 Give the king your authority, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son.
- 2 May he be a judge of your people in righteousness, and make true decisions for the poor.
- 3 May the mountains give peace to the people, and the hills righteousness.
- 4 May he be a judge of the poor among the people, may he give salvation to the children of those who are in need; by him let the violent be crushed.

- <sup>5</sup> May his life go on as long as the sun and moon, through all generations.  
<sup>6</sup> May he come down like rain on the cut grass; like showers watering the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> In his days may the upright do well, living in peace as long as there is a moon in heaven.  
<sup>8</sup> Let his kingdom be from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>9</sup> Let those who are against him go down before him; and let his haters be low in the dust.  
<sup>10</sup> Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands come back with offerings; let the kings of Sheba and Seba give of their stores.  
<sup>11</sup> Yes, let all kings go down before him; let all nations be his servants.  
<sup>12</sup> For he will be a saviour to the poor in answer to his cry; and to him who is in need, without a helper.  
<sup>13</sup> He will have pity on the poor, and be the saviour of those who are in need.  
<sup>14</sup> He will keep their souls free from evil designs and violent attacks; and their blood will be of value in his eyes.  
<sup>15</sup> May he have long life, and may gold from Sheba be given to him: may prayers be made for him at all times; may blessings be on him every day.  
<sup>16</sup> May there be wide-stretching fields of grain in the land, shaking on the top of the mountains, full of fruit like Lebanon: may its stems be unnumbered like the grass of the earth.  
<sup>17</sup> May his name go on for ever, as long as the sun: may men be blessing themselves by him; may all nations be blessing his name.  
<sup>18</sup> Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, the only doer of wonders.  
<sup>19</sup> Praise to the glory of his noble name for ever; let all the earth be full of his glory. So be it, So be it.  
<sup>20</sup> The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

## 73

A Psalm. Of Asaph.

- <sup>1</sup> Truly, God is good to Israel, even to such as are clean in heart.  
<sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost gone from under me; I was near to slipping;  
<sup>3</sup> Because of my envy of the men of pride, when I saw the well-being of the wrongdoers.  
<sup>4</sup> For they have no pain; their bodies are fat and strong.  
<sup>5</sup> They are not in trouble as others are; they have no part in the unhappy fate of men.  
<sup>6</sup> For this reason pride is round them like a chain; they are clothed with violent behaviour as with a robe.  
<sup>7</sup> Their eyes are bursting with fat; they have more than their heart's desire.  
<sup>8</sup> Their thoughts are deep with evil designs; their talk from their seats of power is of cruel acts.  
<sup>9</sup> Their mouth goes up to heaven; their tongues go walking through the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> For this reason they are full of bread; and water is ever flowing for them.

- 11 And they say, How will the Lord see this? is there knowledge in the Most High?
- 12 Truly, such are the sinners; they do well at all times, and their wealth is increased.
- 13 As for me, I have made my heart clean to no purpose, washing my hands in righteousness;
- 14 For I have been troubled all the day; every morning have I undergone punishment.
- 15 If I would make clear what it is like, I would say, You are false to the generation of your children.
- 16 When my thoughts were turned to see the reason of this, it was a weariness in my eyes;
- 17 Till I went into God's holy place, and saw the end of the evil-doers.
- 18 You put their feet where there was danger of slipping, so that they go down into destruction.
- 19 How suddenly are they wasted! fears are the cause of their destruction.
- 20 As a dream when one is awake, they are ended; they are like an image gone out of mind when sleep is over.
- 21 My heart was made bitter, and I was pained by the bite of grief:
- 22 As for me, I was foolish, and without knowledge; I was like a beast before you.
- 23 But still I am ever with you; you have taken me by my right hand.
- 24 Your wisdom will be my guide, and later you will put me in a place of honour.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? and having you I have no desire for anything on earth.
- 26 My flesh and my heart are wasting away: but God is the Rock of my heart and my eternal heritage.
- 27 For those who are far away from you will come to destruction: you will put an end to all those who have not kept faith with you.
- 28 But it is good for me to come near to God: I have put my faith in the Lord God, so that I may make clear all his works.

## 74

Maschil. Of Asaph.

- 1 Of God, why have you put us away from you for ever? why is the fire of your wrath smoking against the sheep who are your care?
- 2 Keep in mind your band of worshippers, for whom you gave payment in the days which are past, whom you took for yourself as the people of your heritage; even this mountain of Zion, which has been your resting-place.
- 3 Go up and see the unending destruction; all the evil which your haters have done in the holy place;
- 4 Sending out their voices like lions among your worshippers; they have put up their signs to be seen.
- 5 They are cutting down, like a man whose blade is lifted up against the thick trees.
- 6 Your doors are broken down with hammers and iron blades.
- 7 They have put on fire your holy place; they have made the place of your name unclean, pulling it down to the earth.

- 8 They have said in their hearts, Let us put an end to them all together; they have given over to the fire all God's places of worship in the land.
- 9 We do not see our signs: there is no longer any prophet, or anyone among us to say how long.
- 10 O God, how long will those who are against us say cruel things? will the hater go on looking down on your name for ever?
- 11 Why are you keeping back your hand, and covering your right hand in your robe?
- 12 For from the past God is my King, working salvation in the earth.
- 13 The sea was parted in two by your strength; the heads of the great sea-beasts were broken.
- 14 The heads of the great snake were crushed by you; you gave them as food to the fishes of the sea.
- 15 You made valleys for fountains and springs; you made the ever-flowing rivers dry.
- 16 The day is yours and the night is yours: you made the light and the sun.
- 17 By you all the limits of the earth were fixed; you have made summer and winter.
- 18 Keep this in mind, O Lord, that your haters have said cruel things, and that your name has been looked down on by a people of evil behaviour.
- 19 O give not the soul of your dove to the hawk; let not the life of the poor go out of your memory for ever.
- 20 Keep in mind your undertaking; for the dark places of the earth are full of pride and cruel acts.
- 21 O let not the crushed be turned back in shame; let the low man and the poor give praise to your name.
- 22 Up! O God, be the judge of your cause; keep in mind the bitter things which the man of evil behaviour says against you every day.
- 23 Keep in mind the voice of your haters; the outcry of those who come against you goes up every day.

## 75

To the chief music-maker; put to Al-tashheth. A Psalm. Of Asaph. A Song.

- 1 To you, O God, we give praise, to you we give praise: and those who give honour to your name make clear your works of power.
- 2 When the right time has come, I will be the judge in righteousness.
- 3 When the earth and all its people become feeble, I am the support of its pillars. (Selah.)
- 4 I say to the men of pride, Let your pride be gone: and to the sinners, Let not your horn be lifted up.
- 5 Let not your horn be lifted up: let no more words of pride come from your outstretched necks.
- 6 For honour does not come from the east, or from the west, or uplifting from the south;
- 7 But God is the judge, putting down one, and lifting up another.
- 8 For in the hand of the Lord is a cup, and the wine is red; it is well mixed, overflowing from his hand: he will make all the sinners of the earth take of it, even to the last drop.
- 9 But I will ever be full of joy, making songs of praise to the God of Jacob.

10 By him will all the horns of the sinners be cut off; but the horns of the upright will be lifted up.

## 76

To the chief music-maker; put to Neginoth. A Psalm. Of Asaph. A Song.

- 1 In Judah is the knowledge of God; his name is great in Israel,
- 2 In Salem is his tent, his resting-place in Zion.
- 3 There were the arrows of the bow broken, there he put an end to body-cover, sword, and fight. (Selah.)
- 4 You are shining and full of glory, more than the eternal mountains.
- 5 Gone is the wealth of the strong, their last sleep has overcome them; the men of war have become feeble.
- 6 At the voice of your wrath, O God of Jacob, deep sleep has overcome carriage and horse.
- 7 You, you are to be feared; who may keep his place before you in the time of your wrath?
- 8 From heaven you gave your decision; the earth, in its fear, gave no sound,
- 9 When God took his place as judge, for the salvation of the poor on the earth. (Selah.)
- 10 The ... will give you praise; the rest of ...
- 11 Give to the Lord your God what is his by right; let all who are round him give offerings to him who is to be feared.
- 12 He puts an end to the wrath of rulers; he is feared by the kings of the earth.

## 77

To the chief music-maker. After Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A Psalm.

- 1 I was crying to God with my voice; even to God with my voice, and he gave ear to me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble, my heart was turned to the Lord: my hand was stretched out in the night without resting; my soul would not be comforted.
- 3 I will keep God in memory, with sounds of grief; my thoughts are troubled, and my spirit is overcome. (Selah.)
- 4 You keep my eyes from sleep; I am so troubled that no words come.
- 5 My thoughts go back to the days of the past, to the years which are gone.
- 6 The memory of my song comes back to me in the night; my thoughts are moving in my heart; my spirit is searching with care.
- 7 Will the Lord put me away for ever? will he be kind no longer?
- 8 Is his mercy quite gone for ever? has his word come to nothing?
- 9 Has God put away the memory of his pity? are his mercies shut up by his wrath? (Selah.)
- 10 And I said, It is a weight on my spirit; but I will keep in mind the years of the right hand of the Most High.
- 11 I will keep in mind the works of Jah: I will keep the memory of your wonders in the past.
- 12 I will give thought to all your work, while my mind goes over your acts of power.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy: what god is so great as our God?

- 14 You are the God who does works of power: you have made your strength clear to the nations.
- 15 With your arm you have made your people free, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. (Selah.)
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you, they were in fear: even the deep was troubled.
- 17 The clouds sent out water; the skies gave out a sound; truly, your arrows went far and wide.
- 18 The voice of your thunder went rolling on; the world was flaming with the light of the storm; the earth was shaking.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your road in the great waters; there was no knowledge of your footsteps.
- 20 You were guiding your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## 78

Maschil. Of Asaph.

- 1 Give ear, O my people, to my law; let your ears be bent down to the words of my mouth.
- 2 Opening my mouth I will give out a story, even the dark sayings of old times;
- 3 Which have come to our hearing and our knowledge, as they were given to us by our fathers.
- 4 We will not keep them secret from our children; we will make clear to the coming generation the praises of the Lord and his strength, and the great works of wonder which he has done.
- 5 He put up a witness in Jacob, and made a law in Israel; which he gave to our fathers so that they might give knowledge of them to their children;
- 6 So that the generation to come might have knowledge of them, even the children of the future, who would give word of them to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their hope in God, and not let God's works go out of their minds, but keep his laws;
- 8 And not be like their fathers, a stiff-necked and uncontrolled generation; a generation whose heart was hard, whose spirit was not true to God.
- 9 The children of Ephraim, armed with bows, were turned back on the day of the fight.
- 10 They were not ruled by God's word, and they would not go in the way of his law;
- 11 They let his works go out of their memory, and the wonders which he had made them see.
- 12 He did great works before the eyes of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
- 13 The sea was cut in two so that they might go through; the waters were massed together on this side and on that.
- 14 In the daytime he was guiding them in the cloud, and all through the night with a light of fire.
- 15 The rocks of the waste land were broken by his power, and he gave them drink as out of the deep waters.



- 16 He made streams come out of the rock; and waters came flowing down like rivers.
- 17 And they went on sinning against him even more, turning away from the Most High in the waste land;
- 18 Testing God in their hearts, requesting meat for their desire.
- 19 They said bitter words against God, saying, Is God able to make ready a table in the waste land?
- 20 See, the rock was cut open by his power, so that the water came rushing out, and overflowing streams; is he able to give us bread? is he able to get meat for his people?
- 21 So these things came to the Lord's ears, and he was angry; and a fire was lighted against Jacob, and wrath came up against Israel;
- 22 Because they had no faith in God, and no hope in his salvation.
- 23 And he gave orders to the clouds on high, and the doors of heaven were open;
- 24 And he sent down manna like rain for their food, and gave them the grain of heaven.
- 25 Man took part in the food of strong ones; he sent them meat in full measure.
- 26 He sent an east wind from heaven, driving on the south wind by his power.
- 27 He sent down meat on them like dust, and feathered birds like the sand of the sea,
- 28 And he let it come down into their resting-place, round about their tents.
- 29 So they had food and were full; for he gave them their desire;
- 30 But they were not turned from their desires; and while the food was still in their mouths,
- 31 The wrath of God came on them, and put to death the fattest of them, and put an end to the young men of Israel.
- 32 For all this they went on sinning even more, and had no faith in his great wonders.
- 33 So their days were wasted like a breath, and their years in trouble.
- 34 When he sent death on them, then they made search for him; turning to him and looking for him with care;
- 35 In the memory that God was their Rock, and the Most High God their saviour.
- 36 But their lips were false to him, and their tongues were untrue to him;
- 37 And their hearts were not right with him, and they did not keep their agreement with him.
- 38 But he, being full of pity, has forgiveness for sin, and does not put an end to man: frequently turning back his wrath, and not being violently angry.
- 39 So he kept in mind that they were only flesh; a breath which is quickly gone, and will not come again.
- 40 How frequently did they go against him in the waste land, and give him cause for grief in the dry places!
- 41 Again they put God to the test, and gave pain to the Holy One of Israel.
- 42 They did not keep in mind the work of his hand, or the day when he took them from the power of their haters;
- 43 How he had done his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan;

- 44 So that their rivers were turned to blood, and they were not able to get drink from their streams.
- 45 He sent different sorts of flies among them, poisoning their flesh; and frogs for their destruction.
- 46 He gave the increase of their fields to worms, the fruits of their industry to the locusts.
- 47 He sent ice for the destruction of their vines; their trees were damaged by the bitter cold.
- 48 Ice was rained down on their cattle; thunderstorms sent destruction among the flocks.
- 49 He sent on them the heat of his wrath, his bitter disgust, letting loose evil angels among them.
- 50 He let his wrath have its way; he did not keep back their soul from death, but gave their life to disease.
- 51 He gave to destruction all the first sons of Egypt; the first-fruits of their strength in the tents of Ham;
- 52 But he took his people out like sheep, guiding them in the waste land like a flock.
- 53 He took them on safely so that they had no fear; but their haters were covered by the sea.
- 54 And he was their guide to his holy land, even to the mountain, which his right hand had made his;
- 55 Driving out nations before them, marking out the line of their heritage, and giving the people of Israel their tents for a resting-place.
- 56 But they were bitter against the Most High God, testing him, and not keeping his laws;
- 57 Their hearts were turned back and untrue like their fathers; they were turned to one side like a twisted bow.
- 58 They made him angry with their high places; moving him to wrath with their images.
- 59 When this came to God's ears he was very angry, and gave up Israel completely;
- 60 So that he went away from the holy place in Shiloh, the tent which he had put among men;
- 61 And he let his strength be taken prisoner, and gave his glory into the hands of his hater.
- 62 He gave his people up to the sword, and was angry with his heritage.
- 63 Their young men were burned in the fire; and their virgins were not praised in the bride-song.
- 64 Their priests were put to death by the sword, and their widows made no weeping for them.
- 65 Then was the Lord like one awaking from sleep, and like a strong man crying out because of wine.
- 66 His haters were turned back by his blows and shamed for ever.
- 67 And he put the tent of Joseph on one side, and took not the tribe of Ephraim;
- 68 But he took the tribe of Judah for himself, and the mountain of Zion, in which he had pleasure.
- 69 And he made his holy place like the high heaven, like the earth which is fixed by him for ever.
- 70 He took David to be his servant, taking him from the place of the flocks;

- 71 From looking after the sheep which were giving milk, he took him to give food to Jacob his people, and to Israel his heritage.  
 72 So he gave them food with an upright heart, guiding them by the wisdom of his hands.

## 79

A Psalm. Of Asaph.

- 1 O God, the nations have come into your heritage; they have made your holy Temple unclean; they have made Jerusalem a mass of broken walls.  
 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the air, and the flesh of your saints to the beasts of the earth.  
 3 Their blood has been flowing like water round about Jerusalem; there was no one to put them in their last resting-place.  
 4 We are looked down on by our neighbours, we are laughed at and made sport of by those who are round us.  
 5 How long, O Lord? will you be angry for ever? will your wrath go on burning like fire?  
 6 Let your wrath be on the nations who have no knowledge of you, and on the kingdoms who have not made prayer to your name.  
 7 For they have taken Jacob for their meat, and made waste his house.  
 8 Do not keep in mind against us the sins of our fathers; let your mercy come to us quickly, for we have been made very low.  
 9 Give us help, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; take us out of danger and give us forgiveness for our sins, because of your name.  
 10 Why may the nations say, Where is their God? Let payment for the blood of your servants be made openly among the nations before our eyes.  
 11 Let the cry of the prisoner come before you; with your strong arm make free the children of death;  
 12 And give punishment seven times over into the breast of our neighbours for the bitter words which they have said against you, O Lord.  
 13 So we your people, and the sheep of your flock, will give you glory for ever: we will go on praising you through all generations.

## 80

To the chief music-maker; put to Shoshannim-eduth. Of Asaph. A Psalm.

- 1 Give ear, O Keeper of Israel, guiding Joseph like a flock; you who have your seat on the winged ones, let your glory be seen.  
 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, let your strength be awake from sleep, and come as our salvation.  
 3 Take us back again, O God; let us see the shining of your face, and let us be safe.  
 4 O Lord God of armies, how long will your wrath be burning against the rest of your people?  
 5 You have given them the bread of weeping for food; for their drink you have given them sorrow in great measure.  
 6 You make us a cause of war among our neighbours; our haters are laughing at us among themselves.

- <sup>7</sup> Take us back again, O God of armies; let us see the shining of your face, and let us be safe.
- <sup>8</sup> You took a vine out of Egypt: driving out the nations, and planting it in their land.
- <sup>9</sup> You made ready a place for it, so that it might take deep root, and it sent out its branches over all the land.
- <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered with its shade, and the great trees with its branches.
- <sup>11</sup> It sent out its arms to the Sea, and its branches to the River.
- <sup>12</sup> Why are its walls broken down by your hands, so that all who go by may take its fruit?
- <sup>13</sup> It is uprooted by the pigs from the woods, the beasts of the field get their food from it.
- <sup>14</sup> Come back, O God of armies: from heaven let your eyes be turned to this vine, and give your mind to it,
- <sup>15</sup> Even to the tree which was planted by your right hand, and to the branch which you made strong for yourself.
- <sup>16</sup> It is burned with fire; it is cut down: they are made waste by the wrath of your face.
- <sup>17</sup> Let your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.
- <sup>18</sup> So will we not be turned back from you; keep us in life, and we will give praise to your name.
- <sup>19</sup> Take us back, O Lord God of armies; let us see the shining of your face, and let us be safe.

## 81

To the chief music-maker; put to the Gittith. Of Asaph.

- <sup>1</sup> Make a song to God our strength: make a glad cry to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> Take up the melody, playing on an instrument of music, even on corded instruments.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the horn be sounded in the time of the new moon, at the full moon, on our holy feast-day:
- <sup>4</sup> For this is a rule for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> He gave it to Joseph as a witness, when he went out over the land of Egypt; then the words of a strange tongue were sounding in my ears.
- <sup>6</sup> I took the weight from his back; his hands were made free from the baskets.
- <sup>7</sup> You gave a cry in your trouble, and I made you free; I gave you an answer in the secret place of the thunder; I put you to the test at the waters of Meribah. (Selah.)
- <sup>8</sup> Give ear, O my people, and I will give you my word, O Israel, if you will only do as I say!
- <sup>9</sup> There is to be no strange god among you; you are not to give worship to any other god.
- <sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God, who took you up from the land of Egypt: let your mouth be open wide, so that I may give you food.
- <sup>11</sup> But my people did not give ear to my voice; Israel would have nothing to do with me.
- <sup>12</sup> So I gave them up to the desires of their hearts; that they might go after their evil purposes.
- <sup>13</sup> If only my people would give ear to me, walking in my ways!

- 14 I would quickly overcome their haters: my hand would be turned against those who make war on them.
- 15 The haters of the Lord would be broken, and their destruction would be eternal.
- 16 I would give them the best grain for food; you would be full of honey from the rock.

## 82

A Psalm. Of Asaph.

- 1 God is in the meeting-place of God; he is judging among the gods.
- 2 How long will you go on judging falsely, having respect for the persons of evil-doers? (Selah.)
- 3 Give ear to the cause of the poor and the children without fathers; let those who are troubled and in need have their rights.
- 4 Be the saviour of the poor and those who have nothing: take them out of the hand of the evil-doers.
- 5 They have no knowledge or sense; they go about in the dark: all the bases of the earth are moved.
- 6 I said, You are gods; all of you are the sons of the Most High:
- 7 But you will come to death like men, falling like one of the rulers of the earth.
- 8 Up! O God, come as judge of the earth; for all the nations are your heritage.

## 83

A Song. A Psalm. Of Asaph.

- 1 O God, do not keep quiet: let your lips be open and take no rest, O God.
- 2 For see! those who make war on you are out of control; your haters are lifting up their heads.
- 3 They have made wise designs against your people, talking together against those whom you keep in a secret place.
- 4 They have said, Come, let us put an end to them as a nation; so that the name of Israel may go out of man's memory.
- 5 For they have all come to an agreement; they are all joined together against you:
- 6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagarites;
- 7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek; the Philistines and the people of Tyre;
- 8 Assur is joined with them; they have become the support of the children of Lot. (Selah.)
- 9 Do to them what you did to the Midianites; what you did to Sisera and Jabin, at the stream of Kishon:
- 10 Who came to destruction at En-dor; their bodies became dust and waste.
- 11 Make their chiefs like Oreb and Zeeb; and all their rulers like Zebah and Zalmunna:
- 12 Who have said, Let us take for our heritage the resting-place of God.
- 13 O my God, make them like the rolling dust; like dry stems before the wind.
- 14 As fire burning a wood, and as a flame causing fire on the mountains,
- 15 So go after them with your strong wind, and let them be full of fear because of your storm.

- 16 Let their faces be full of shame; so that they may give honour to your name, O Lord.  
 17 Let them be overcome and troubled for ever; let them be put to shame and come to destruction;  
 18 So that men may see that you only, whose name is Yahweh, are Most High over all the earth.

## 84

To the chief music-maker; put to the Gittith A Psalm. Of the sons of Korah.

- 1 How dear are your tents, O Lord of armies!  
 2 The passion of my soul's desire is for the house of the Lord; my heart and my flesh are crying out for the living God.  
 3 The little birds have places for themselves, where they may put their young, even your altars, O Lord of armies, my King and my God.  
 4 Happy are they whose resting-place is in your house: they will still be praising you. (Selah.)  
 5 Happy is the man whose strength is in you; in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
 6 Going through the valley of balsam-trees, they make it a place of springs; it is clothed with blessings by the early rain.  
 7 They go from strength to strength; every one of them comes before God in Zion.  
 8 O Lord God of armies, let my prayer come to you: give ear, O God of Jacob. (Selah.)  
 9 O God, let your eyes be on him who is our safe cover, and let your heart be turned to your king.  
 10 For a day in your house is better than a thousand. It is better to be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to be living in the tents of sin.  
 11 The Lord God is our sun and our strength: the Lord will give grace and glory: he will not keep back any good thing from those whose ways are upright.  
 12 O Lord of armies, happy is the man whose hope is in you.

## 85

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of the sons of Korah.

- 1 Lord, you were good to your land: changing the fate of Jacob.  
 2 The wrongdoing of your people had forgiveness; all their sin had been covered. (Selah.)  
 3 You were no longer angry: you were turned from the heat of your wrath.  
 4 Come back to us, O God of our salvation, and be angry with us no longer.  
 5 Will you go on being angry with us for ever? will you keep your wrath against us through all the long generations?  
 6 Will you not give us life again, so that your people may be glad in you?  
 7 Let us see your mercy, O Lord, and give us your salvation.  
 8 I will give ear to the voice of the Lord; for he will say words of peace to his people and to his saints; but let them not go back to their foolish ways.  
 9 Truly, his salvation is near to his worshippers; so that glory may be in our land.

- 10 Mercy and faith have come together; righteousness and peace have given one another a kiss.  
 11 Faith comes up from the earth like a plant; righteousness is looking down from heaven.  
 12 The Lord will give what is good; and our land will give its increase.  
 13 Righteousness will go before him, making a way for his footsteps.

## 86

A Prayer. Of David.

- 1 Let your ears be open to my voice, O Lord, and give me an answer; for I am poor and in need.  
 2 Keep my soul, for I am true to you; O my God, give salvation to your servant, whose hope is in you.  
 3 Have mercy on me, O Lord; for my cry goes up to you all the day.  
 4 Make glad the soul of your servant; for it is lifted up to you, O Lord.  
 5 You are good, O Lord, and full of forgiveness; your mercy is great to all who make their cry to you.  
 6 O Lord, give ear to my prayer; and take note of the sound of my requests.  
 7 In the day of my trouble I send up my cry to you; for you will give me an answer.  
 8 There is no god like you, O Lord; there are no works like your works.  
 9 Let all the nations whom you have made come and give worship to you, O Lord, giving glory to your name.  
 10 For you are great, and do great works of wonder; you only are God.  
 11 Make your way clear to me, O Lord; I will go on my way in your faith: let my heart be glad in the fear of your name.  
 12 I will give you praise, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will give glory to your name for ever.  
 13 For your mercy to me is great; you have taken my soul up from the deep places of the underworld.  
 14 O God, men of pride have come up against me, and the army of violent men would take my life; they have not put you before them.  
 15 But you, O Lord, are a God full of pity and forgiveness, slow to get angry, great in mercy and wisdom.  
 16 O be turned to me and have mercy on me: give your strength to your servant, and your salvation to the son of her who is your servant.  
 17 Give me a sign for good; so that my haters may see it and be shamed; because you, Lord, have been my help and comfort.

## 87

Of the sons of Korah. A Psalm. A Song.

- 1 This house is resting on the holy mountain.  
 2 The Lord has more love for the doors of Zion than for all the tents of Jacob.  
 3 Noble things are said of you, O town of God. (Selah.)  
 4 Rahab and Babylon will be named among those who have knowledge of me; see, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man had his birth there.  
 5 And of Zion it will be said, This or that man had his birth there; and the Most High will make her strong.

- <sup>6</sup> The Lord will keep in mind, when he is writing the records of the people, that this man had his birth there. (Selah.)
- <sup>7</sup> The players on instruments will be there, and the dancers will say, All my springs are in you.

## 88

A Song. A Psalm. Of the sons of Korah. To the chief music-maker; put to Mahalath Leannoth. Maschil. Of Heman the Ezrahite.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, God of my salvation, I have been crying to you for help by day and by night:
- <sup>2</sup> Let my prayer come before you; give ear to my cry:
- <sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of evils, and my life has come near to the underworld.
- <sup>4</sup> I am numbered among those who go down into the earth; I have become like a man for whom there is no help:
- <sup>5</sup> My soul is among the dead, like those in the underworld, to whom you give no more thought; for they are cut off from your care.
- <sup>6</sup> You have put me in the lowest deep, even in dark places.
- <sup>7</sup> The weight of your wrath is crushing me, all your waves have overcome me. (Selah.)
- <sup>8</sup> You have sent my friends far away from me; you have made me a disgusting thing in their eyes: I am shut up, and not able to come out.
- <sup>9</sup> My eyes are wasting away because of my trouble: Lord, my cry has gone up to you every day, my hands are stretched out to you.
- <sup>10</sup> Will you do works of wonder for the dead? will the shades come back to give you praise? (Selah.)
- <sup>11</sup> Will the story of your mercy be given in the house of the dead? will news of your faith come to the place of destruction?
- <sup>12</sup> May there be knowledge of your wonders in the dark? or of your righteousness where memory is dead?
- <sup>13</sup> But to you did I send up my cry, O Lord; in the morning my prayer came before you.
- <sup>14</sup> Lord, why have you sent away my soul? why is your face covered from me?
- <sup>15</sup> I have been troubled and in fear of death from the time when I was young; your wrath is hard on me, and I have no strength.
- <sup>16</sup> The heat of your wrath has gone over me; I am broken by your cruel punishments.
- <sup>17</sup> They are round me all the day like water; they have made a circle about me.
- <sup>18</sup> You have sent my friends and lovers far from me; I am gone from the memory of those who are dear to me.

## 89

Maschil. Of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- <sup>1</sup> My song will be of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make his faith clear to all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> For you have said, Mercy will be made strong for ever; my faith will be unchanging in the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> I have made an agreement with the man of my selection, I have made an oath to David my servant;



- 4 I will make your seed go on for ever; your kingdom will be strong through all generations. (Selah.)
- 5 In heaven let them give praise for your wonders, O Lord; and your unchanging faith among the saints.
- 6 For who is there in the heavens in comparison with the Lord? who is like the Lord among the sons of the gods?
- 7 God is greatly to be feared among the saints, and to be honoured over all those who are about him.
- 8 O Lord God of armies, who is strong like you, O Jah? and your unchanging faith is round about you.
- 9 You have rule over the sea in storm; when its waves are troubled, you make them calm.
- 10 Rahab was crushed by you like one wounded to death; with your strong arm you put to flight all your haters.
- 11 Yours are the heavens, and the earth is yours; you have made the world, and everything which is in it.
- 12 You have made the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon are sounding with joy at your name.
- 13 Yours is an arm of power; strong is your hand and high your right hand.
- 14 The seat of your kingdom is resting on righteousness and right judging: mercy and good faith come before your face.
- 15 Happy are the people who have knowledge of the holy cry: the light of your face, O Lord, will be shining on their way.
- 16 In your name will they have joy all the day: in your righteousness will they be lifted up.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength; in your pleasure will our horn be lifted up.
- 18 For our breastplate is the Lord; and our king is the Holy One of Israel's.
- 19 Then your voice came to your holy one in a vision, saying, I have put the crown on a strong one, lifting up one taken from among the people.
- 20 I have made discovery of David my servant; I have put my holy oil on his head.
- 21 My hand will be his support; my arm will give him strength.
- 22 The deceit of those who are against him will not overcome him; he will not be troubled by the sons of evil.
- 23 I will have those who are against him broken before his face, and his haters will be crushed under my blows.
- 24 But my faith and my mercy will be with him; and in my name will his horn be lifted up.
- 25 I will put his hand in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
- 26 He will say to me, You are my father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.
- 27 And I will make him the first of my sons, most high over the kings of the earth.
- 28 I will keep my mercy for him for ever; my agreement with him will not be changed.
- 29 His seed will keep their place for ever; his kingdom will be eternal, like the heavens.
- 30 If his children give up my law, and are not ruled by my decisions;

- 31 If my rules are broken, and my orders are not kept;  
32 Then I will send punishment on them for their sin; my rod will be the reward of their evil-doing.  
33 But I will not take away my mercy from him, and will not be false to my faith.  
34 I will be true to my agreement; the things which have gone out of my lips will not be changed.  
35 I have made an oath once by my holy name, that I will not be false to David.  
36 His seed will not come to an end for ever; the seat of his kingdom will be like the sun before me.  
37 It will be fixed for ever like the moon; and the witness in heaven is true. (Selah.)  
38 But you have put him away in disgust; you have been angry with the king of your selection.  
39 You have made your agreement with your servant of no effect: you have had no respect for his crown, it has come down even to the earth.  
40 All his walls are broken down; you have given his strong towers to destruction.  
41 All those who come by take away his goods; he is laughed at by his neighbours.  
42 You have given power to the right hand of his haters; you have made glad all those who are against him.  
43 His sword is turned back; you have not been his support in the fight.  
44 You have put an end to his glory: the seat of his kingdom has been levelled to the earth.  
45 You have made him old before his time; he is covered with shame. (Selah.)  
46 How long, O Lord, will you Keep yourself for ever from our eyes? how long will your wrath be burning like fire?  
47 See how short my time is; why have you made all men for no purpose?  
48 What man now living will not see death? will he be able to keep back his soul from the underworld? (Selah.)  
49 Lord, where are your earlier mercies? where is the oath which you made to David in unchanging faith?  
50 Keep in mind, O Lord, the shame of your servants, and how the bitter words of all the people have come into my heart;  
51 The bitter words of your haters, O Lord, shaming the footsteps of your king.  
52 Let the Lord be praised for ever. So be it, So be it.

## 90

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

- 1 Lord, you have been our resting-place in all generations.  
2 Before the mountains were made, before you had given birth to the earth and the world, before time was, and for ever, you are God.  
3 You send man back to his dust; and say, Go back, you children of men.  
4 For to you a thousand years are no more than yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.  
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- 6 In the morning it is green; in the evening it is cut down, and becomes dry.
- 7 We are burned up by the heat of your passion, and troubled by your wrath.
- 8 You have put our evil doings before you, our secret sins in the light of your face.
- 9 For all our days have gone by in your wrath; our years come to an end like a breath.
- 10 The measure of our life is seventy years; and if through strength it may be eighty years, its pride is only trouble and sorrow, for it comes to an end and we are quickly gone.
- 11 Who has knowledge of the power of your wrath, or who takes note of the weight of your passion?
- 12 So give us knowledge of the number of our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Come back, O Lord; how long? let your purpose for your servants be changed.
- 14 In the morning give us your mercy in full measure; so that we may have joy and delight all our days.
- 15 Make us glad in reward for the days of our sorrow, and for the years in which we have seen evil.
- 16 Make your work clear to your servants, and your glory to their children.
- 17 Let the pleasure of the Lord our God be on us: O Lord, give strength to the work of our hands.

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- 1 Happy is he whose resting-place is in the secret of the Lord, and under the shade of the wings of the Most High;
- 2 Who says of the Lord, He is my safe place and my tower of strength: he is my God, in whom is my hope.
- 3 He will take you out of the bird-net, and keep you safe from wasting disease.
- 4 You will be covered by his feathers; under his wings you will be safe: his good faith will be your salvation.
- 5 You will have no fear of the evil things of the night, or of the arrow in flight by day,
- 6 Or of the disease which takes men in the dark, or of the destruction which makes waste when the sun is high.
- 7 You will see a thousand falling by your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you.
- 8 Only with your eyes will you see the reward of the evil-doers.
- 9 Because you have said, I am in the hands of the Lord, the Most High is my safe resting-place;
- 10 No evil will come on you, and no disease will come near your tent.
- 11 For he will give you into the care of his angels to keep you wherever you go.
- 12 In their hands they will keep you up, so that your foot may not be crushed against a stone.
- 13 You will put your foot on the lion and the snake; the young lion and the great snake will be crushed under your feet.

- 14 Because he has given me his love, I will take him out of danger: I will put him in a place of honour, because he has kept my name in his heart.
- 15 When his cry comes up to me, I will give him an answer: I will be with him in trouble; I will make him free from danger and give him honour.
- 16 With long life will he be rewarded; and I will let him see my salvation.

## 92

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath.

- 1 It is a good thing to give praise to the Lord, and to make melody to your name, O Most High;
- 2 To make clear your mercy in the morning, and your unchanging faith every night;
- 3 On a ten-corded instrument, and on an instrument of music with a quiet sound.
- 4 For you, O Lord, have made me glad through your work; I will have joy in the works of your hands.
- 5 O Lord, how great are your works! and your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 A man without sense has no knowledge of this; and a foolish man may not take it in.
- 7 When the sinners come up like the grass, and all the workers of evil do well for themselves, it is so that their end may be eternal destruction.
- 8 But you, O Lord, are on high for ever.
- 9 For see! your haters, O Lord, will be put to death; all the workers of evil will be put to flight;
- 10 But my horn is lifted up like the horn of the ox: the best oil is flowing on my head.
- 11 My eyes have seen trouble come on my haters; my ears have news of the fate of the evil-doers who have come up against me.
- 12 The good man will be like a tall tree in his strength; his growth will be as the wide-stretching trees of Lebanon.
- 13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord will come up tall and strong in his gardens.
- 14 They will give fruit even when they are old; they will be fertile and full of growth;
- 15 For a sign that the Lord is upright; he is my Rock, there is no deceit in him.

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- 1 The Lord is King; he is clothed with glory; the Lord is clothed with strength; power is the cord of his robe; the world is fixed, so that it may not be moved.
- 2 The seat of your power has been from the past; you are eternal.
- 3 The rivers send up, O Lord, the rivers send up their voices; they send them up with a loud cry.
- 4 The Lord in heaven is stronger than the noise of great waters, yes, he is stronger than the great waves of the sea.
- 5 Your witness is most certain; it is right for your house to be holy, O Lord, for ever.

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- 1 O God, in whose hands is punishment, O God of punishment, let your shining face be seen.
- 2 Be lifted up, O judge of the earth; let their reward come to the men of pride.
- 3 How long will sinners, O Lord, how long will sinners have joy over us?
- 4 Words of pride come from their lips; all the workers of evil say great things of themselves.
- 5 Your people are crushed by them, O Lord, your heritage is troubled,
- 6 They put to death the widow and the guest, they take the lives of children who have no father;
- 7 And they say, Jah will not see it, the God of Jacob will not give thought to it.
- 8 Give your mind to my words, you who are without wisdom among the people; you foolish men, when will you be wise?
- 9 Has he by whom your ears were planted no hearing? or is he blind by whom your eyes were formed?
- 10 He who is the judge of the nations, will he not give men the reward of their acts, even he who gives knowledge to man?
- 11 The Lord has knowledge of the thoughts of man, for they are only a breath.
- 12 Happy is the man who is guided by you, O Jah, and to whom you give teaching out of your law;
- 13 So that you may give him rest from the days of evil, till a hole is made ready for the destruction of the sinners.
- 14 The Lord will not give up his people, or take away his support from his heritage;
- 15 But decisions will again be made in righteousness; and they will be kept by all whose hearts are true.
- 16 Who will give me help against the sinners? and who will be my support against the workers of evil?
- 17 If the Lord had not been my helper, my soul would quickly have gone down into death.
- 18 If I say, My foot is slipping; your mercy, O Lord, is my support.
- 19 Among all my troubled thoughts, your comforts are the delight of my soul.
- 20 What part with you has the seat of sin, which makes evil into a law?
- 21 They are banded together against the soul of the upright, to give decisions against those who have done no wrong.
- 22 But the Lord is my safe resting-place; my God is the Rock where I am safe.
- 23 And he has made their evil designs come back on themselves, cutting them off in their sin; the Lord our God will put an end to them.

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- 1 O come, let us make songs to the Lord; sending up glad voices to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his face with praises; and make melody with holy songs.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all gods.
- 4 The deep places of the earth are in his hand; and the tops of the mountains are his.

- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, and he made it; and the dry land was formed by his hands.  
<sup>6</sup> O come, let us give worship, falling down on our knees before the Lord our Maker.  
<sup>7</sup> For he is our God; and we are the people to whom he gives food, and the sheep of his flock. Today, if you would only give ear to his voice!  
<sup>8</sup> Let not your hearts be hard, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the waste land;  
<sup>9</sup> When your fathers put me to the test and saw my power and my work.  
<sup>10</sup> For forty years I was angry with this generation, and said, They are a people whose hearts are turned away from me, for they have no knowledge of my ways;  
<sup>11</sup> And I made an oath in my wrath, that they might not come into my place of rest.

## 96

- <sup>1</sup> O make a new song to the Lord; let all the earth make melody to the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup> Make songs to the Lord, blessing his name; give the good news of his salvation day by day.  
<sup>3</sup> Make clear his glory to the nations, and his wonders to all the peoples.  
<sup>4</sup> For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all other gods.  
<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are false gods; but the Lord made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup> Honour and glory are before him: strong and fair is his holy place.  
<sup>7</sup> Give to the Lord, O you families of the peoples, give to the Lord glory and strength.  
<sup>8</sup> Give to the Lord the glory of his name; take with you an offering and come into his house.  
<sup>9</sup> O give worship to the Lord in holy robes; be in fear before him, all the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, The Lord is King; yes, the world is ordered so that it may not be moved; he will be an upright judge of the peoples.  
<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens have joy and the earth be glad; let the sea be thundering with all its waters;  
<sup>12</sup> Let the field be glad, and everything which is in it; yes, let all the trees of the wood be sounding with joy,  
<sup>13</sup> Before the Lord, for he is come; he is come to be the judge of the earth; the earth will be judged in righteousness, and the peoples with unchanging faith.

## 97

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is King, let the earth have joy; let all the sea-lands be glad.  
<sup>2</sup> Dark clouds are round him; his kingdom is based on righteousness and right judging.  
<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him, burning up all those who are against him round about.  
<sup>4</sup> His bright flames give light to the world; the earth saw it with fear.  
<sup>5</sup> The mountains became like wax at the coming of the Lord, at the coming of the Lord of all the earth.

- <sup>6</sup> The heavens gave out the news of his righteousness, and all the people saw his glory.
- <sup>7</sup> Shamed be all those who give worship to images, and take pride in false gods; give him worship, all you gods.
- <sup>8</sup> Zion gave ear and was glad; and the daughters of Judah were full of joy, because of your decisions, O Lord.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over the earth; you are lifted up over all other gods.
- <sup>10</sup> You who are lovers of the Lord, be haters of evil; he keeps the souls of his saints; he takes them out of the hand of sinners.
- <sup>11</sup> Light is shining on the lovers of righteousness, and for the upright in heart there is joy.
- <sup>12</sup> Be glad in the Lord, you upright men; praising the memory of his holy name.

## 98

A Psalm.

- <sup>1</sup> O make a new song to the Lord, because he has done works of wonder; with his right hand, and with his holy arm, he has overcome.
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord has given to all the knowledge of his salvation; he has made clear his righteousness in the eyes of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> He has kept in mind his mercy and his unchanging faith to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Let all the earth send out a glad cry to the Lord; sounding with a loud voice, and praising him with songs of joy.
- <sup>5</sup> Make melody to the Lord with instruments of music; with a corded instrument and the voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup> With wind instruments and the sound of the horn, make a glad cry before the Lord, the King.
- <sup>7</sup> Let the sea be thundering, with all its waters; the world, and all who are living in it;
- <sup>8</sup> Let the streams make sounds of joy with their hands; let the mountains be glad together;
- <sup>9</sup> Before the Lord, for he has come as judge of the earth; judging the world in righteousness, and giving true decisions for the peoples.

## 99

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is King; let the peoples be in fear: his seat is on the winged ones; let the earth be moved.
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord is great in Zion; he is high over all the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them give praise to your name, for it is great and to be feared; holy is he.
- <sup>4</sup> The king's power is used for righteousness; you give true decisions, judging rightly in the land of Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Give high honour to the Lord our God, worshipping at his feet; holy is he.
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who gave honour to his name; they made prayers to the Lord, and he gave answers to them.
- <sup>7</sup> His voice came to them from the pillar of cloud; they kept his witness, and the law which he gave them.

- <sup>8</sup> You gave them an answer, O Lord our God; you took away their sin, though you gave them punishment for their wrongdoing.
- <sup>9</sup> Give high honour to the Lord our God, worshipping with your faces turned to his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

## 100

A Psalm of Praise.

- <sup>1</sup> Make a glad sound to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Give worship to the Lord with joy; come before him with a song.
- <sup>3</sup> Be certain that the Lord is God; it is he who has made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep to whom he gives food.
- <sup>4</sup> Come into his doors with joy, and into his house with praise; give him honour, blessing his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good, and his mercy is never-ending; his faith is unchanging through all generations.

## 101

A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> I will make a song of mercy and righteousness; to you, O Lord, will I make melody.
- <sup>2</sup> I will do wisely in the way of righteousness: O when will you come to me? I will be walking in my house with a true heart.
- <sup>3</sup> I will not put any evil thing before my eyes; I am against all turning to one side; I will not have it near me.
- <sup>4</sup> The false heart I will send away from me: I will not have an evil-doer for a friend.
- <sup>5</sup> I will put to death anyone who says evil of his neighbour secretly; the man with a high look and a heart of pride is disgusting to me.
- <sup>6</sup> My eyes will be on those of good faith in the land, so that they may be living in my house; he who is walking in the right way will be my servant.
- <sup>7</sup> The worker of deceit will not come into my house; the false man will have no place before my eyes.
- <sup>8</sup> Morning by morning will I put to death all the sinners in the land, so that all evil-doers may be cut off from Jerusalem.

## 102

A Prayer of the man who is in trouble, when he is overcome, and puts his grief before the Lord.

- <sup>1</sup> Give ear to my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to you.
- <sup>2</sup> Let not your face be veiled from me in the day of my trouble; give ear to me, and let my cry be answered quickly.
- <sup>3</sup> My days are wasted like smoke, and my bones are burned up as in a fire.
- <sup>4</sup> My heart is broken; it has become dry and dead like grass, so that I give no thought to food.
- <sup>5</sup> Because of the voice of my sorrow, my flesh is wasted to the bone.
- <sup>6</sup> I am like a bird living by itself in the waste places; like the night-bird in a waste of sand.
- <sup>7</sup> I keep watch like a bird by itself on the house-top.
- <sup>8</sup> My haters say evil of me all day; those who are violent against me make use of my name as a curse.



- 9 I have had dust for bread and my drink has been mixed with weeping;  
10 Because of your passion and your wrath, for I have been lifted up and then made low by you.  
11 My days are like a shade which is stretched out; I am dry like the grass.  
12 But you, O Lord, are eternal; and your name will never come to an end.  
13 You will again get up and have mercy on Zion: for the time has come for her to be comforted.  
14 For your servants take pleasure in her stones, looking with love on her dust.  
15 So the nations will give honour to the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will be in fear of his glory:  
16 When the Lord has put up the walls of Zion, and has been in his glory;  
17 When he has given ear to the prayer of the poor, and has not put his request on one side.  
18 This will be put in writing for the coming generation, and the people of the future will give praise to the Lord.  
19 For from his holy place the Lord has seen, looking down on the earth from heaven;  
20 Hearing the cry of the prisoner, making free those for whom death is ordered;  
21 So that they may give out the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;  
22 When the peoples are come together, and the kingdoms, to give worship to the Lord.  
23 He has taken my strength from me in the way; he has made short my days.  
24 I will say, O my God, take me not away before my time; your years go on through all generations:  
25 In the past you put the earth on its base, and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
26 They will come to an end, but you will still go on; they all will become old like a coat, and like a robe they will be changed:  
27 But you are the unchanging One, and your years will have no end.  
28 The children of your servants will have a safe resting-place, and their seed will be ever before you.

## 103

Of David.

- 1 Give praise to the Lord, O my soul; let everything in me give praise to his holy name.  
2 Give praise to the Lord, O my soul; let not all his blessings go from your memory.  
3 He has forgiveness for all your sins; he takes away all your diseases;  
4 He keeps back your life from destruction, crowning you with mercy and grace.  
5 He makes your mouth full of good things, so that your strength is made new again like the eagle's.  
6 The Lord gives decisions in righteousness for all who are in trouble.  
7 He gave knowledge of his way to Moses, and made his acts clear to the children of Israel.

- 8 The Lord is kind and full of pity, not quickly made angry, but ever ready to have mercy.
- 9 His feeling will no longer be bitter; he will not keep his wrath for ever.
- 10 He has not given us the punishment for our sins, or the reward of our wrongdoing.
- 11 For as the heaven is high over the earth, so great is his mercy to his worshippers.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our sins from us.
- 13 As a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on his worshippers.
- 14 For he has knowledge of our feeble frame; he sees that we are only dust.
- 15 As for man, his days are as grass: his beautiful growth is like the flower of the field.
- 16 The wind goes over it and it is gone; and its place sees it no longer.
- 17 But the mercy of the Lord is eternal for his worshippers, and their children's children will see his righteousness;
- 18 If they keep his agreement, and have his laws in mind to do them.
- 19 The Lord has made ready his high seat in the heavens; his kingdom is ruling over all.
- 20 Give praise to the Lord, you his angels, who are great in strength, doing his orders, and waiting for his voice.
- 21 Give praise to the Lord, all you his armies; and you his servants who do his pleasure.
- 22 Give praise to the Lord, all his works, in all places under his rule: give praise to the Lord, O my soul.

## 104

- 1 Give praise to the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are robed with honour and power.
- 2 You are clothed with light as with a robe; stretching out the heavens like a curtain:
- 3 The arch of your house is based on the waters; you make the clouds your carriage; you go on the wings of the wind:
- 4 He makes winds his angels, and flames of fire his servants.
- 5 He has made the earth strong on its bases, so that it may not be moved for ever and ever;
- 6 Covering it with the sea as with a robe: the waters were high over the mountains;
- 7 At the voice of your word they went in flight; at the sound of your thunder they went away in fear;
- 8 The mountains came up and the valleys went down into the place which you had made ready for them.
- 9 You made a limit over which they might not go, so that the earth would never again be covered by them.
- 10 You sent the springs into the valleys; they are flowing between the hills.
- 11 They give drink to every beast of the field; the mountain asses come to them for water.
- 12 The birds of the air have their resting-places by them, and make their song among the branches.

- 13 He sends down rain from his store-houses on the hills: the earth is full of the fruit of his works.
- 14 He makes the grass come up for the cattle, and plants for the use of man; so that bread may come out of the earth;
- 15 And wine to make glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face shining, and bread giving strength to his heart.
- 16 The trees of the Lord are full of growth, the cedars of Lebanon of his planting;
- 17 Where the birds have their resting-places; as for the stork, the tall trees are her house.
- 18 The high hills are a safe place for the mountain goats, and the rocks for the small beasts.
- 19 He made the moon for a sign of the divisions of the year; teaching the sun the time of its going down.
- 20 When you make it dark, it is night, when all the beasts of the woods come quietly out of their secret places.
- 21 The young lions go thundering after their food; searching for their meat from God.
- 22 The sun comes up, and they come together, and go back to their secret places to take their rest.
- 23 Man goes out to his work, and to his business, till the evening.
- 24 O Lord, how great is the number of your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of the things you have made.
- 25 There is the great, wide sea, where there are living things, great and small, more than may be numbered.
- 26 There go the ships; there is that great beast, which you have made as a plaything.
- 27 All of them are waiting for you, to give them their food in its time.
- 28 They take what you give them; they are full of the good things which come from your open hand.
- 29 If your face is veiled, they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they come to an end, and go back to the dust.
- 30 If you send out your spirit, they are given life; you make new the face of the earth.
- 31 Let the glory of the Lord be for ever; let the Lord have joy in his works:
- 32 At whose look the earth is shaking; at whose touch the mountains send out smoke.
- 33 I will make songs to the Lord all my life; I will make melody to my God while I have my being.
- 34 Let my thoughts be sweet to him: I will be glad in the Lord.
- 35 Let sinners be cut off from the earth, and let all evil-doers come to an end. Give praise to the Lord, O my soul. Give praise to the Lord.

## 105

- 1 O give praise to the Lord; give honour to his name, talking of his doings among the peoples.
- 2 Let your voice be sounding in songs and melody; let all your thoughts be of the wonder of his works.
- 3 Have glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who are searching after the Lord be glad.
- 4 Let your search be for the Lord and for his strength; let your hearts ever be turned to him.

- 5 Keep in mind the great works which he has done; his wonders, and the decisions of his mouth;
- 6 O you seed of Abraham, his servant, you children of Jacob, his loved ones.
- 7 He is the Lord our God: he is judge of all the earth.
- 8 He has kept his agreement in mind for ever, the word which he gave for a thousand generations;
- 9 The agreement which he made with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac;
- 10 And he gave it to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an eternal agreement;
- 11 Saying, To you will I give the land of Canaan, the measured line of your heritage:
- 12 When they were still small in number, and strange in the land;
- 13 When they went about from one nation to another, and from one kingdom to another people.
- 14 He would not let anyone do them wrong; he even kept back kings because of them,
- 15 Saying, Put not your hand on those who have been marked with my holy oil, and do my prophets no wrong.
- 16 And he took away all food from the land, so that the people were without bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was given as a servant for a price:
- 18 His feet were fixed in chains; his neck was put in iron bands;
- 19 Till the time when his word came true; he was tested by the word of the Lord.
- 20 The king sent men to take off his chains; even the ruler of the people, who let him go free.
- 21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler over everything he had;
- 22 To give his chiefs teaching at his pleasure, and so that his law-givers might get wisdom from him.
- 23 Then Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob was living in the land of Ham.
- 24 And his people were greatly increased, and became stronger than those who were against them.
- 25 Their hearts were turned to hate against his people, so that they made secret designs against them.
- 26 He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, the man of his selection.
- 27 He let his signs be seen among the people, and his wonders in the land of Ham.
- 28 He sent black night and made it dark; and they did not go against his word.
- 29 At his word their waters were turned to blood, and he sent death on all their fish.
- 30 Their land was full of frogs, even in the rooms of the king.
- 31 He gave the word, and there came the dog-fly, and insects over all the land.
- 32 He gave them ice for rain, and flaming fire in their land.
- 33 He gave their vines and their fig-trees to destruction, and the trees of their land were broken down.
- 34 At his word the locusts came, and young locusts more than might be numbered,
- 35 And put an end to all the plants of their land, taking all the fruit of the earth for food.

- 36 He put to death the first child of every family in the land, the first-fruits of their strength.
- 37 He took his people out with silver and gold: there was not one feeble person among them.
- 38 Egypt was glad when they went; for the fear of them had come down on them.
- 39 A cloud was stretched over them for a cover; and he sent fire to give light in the night.
- 40 At the people's request he sent birds, and gave them the bread of heaven for food.
- 41 His hand made the rock open, and the waters came streaming out; they went down through the dry places like a river.
- 42 For he kept in mind his holy word, and Abraham, his servant.
- 43 And he took his people out with joy, the men of his selection with glad cries:
- 44 And gave them the lands of the nations; and they took the work of the peoples for a heritage;
- 45 So that they might keep his orders, and be true to his laws. Give praise to the Lord.

## 106

- 1 Let the Lord be praised. O give praise to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 2 Who is able to give an account of the great acts of the Lord, or to make clear all his praise?
- 3 Happy are they whose decisions are upright, and he who does righteousness at all times.
- 4 Keep me in mind, O Lord, when you are good to your people; O let your salvation come to me;
- 5 So that I may see the well-being of the people of your selection, and have a part in the joy of your nation, and take pride in your heritage.
- 6 We are sinners like our fathers, we have done wrong, our acts are evil.
- 7 Our fathers did not give thought to your wonders in Egypt; they did not keep in memory the great number of your mercies, but gave you cause for wrath at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
- 8 But he was their saviour because of his name, so that men might see his great power.
- 9 By his word the Red Sea was made dry: and he took them through the deep waters as through the waste land.
- 10 And he took them safely out of the hands of their haters, and kept them from the attacks of those who were against them.
- 11 And the waters went over their haters; all of them came to an end.
- 12 Then they had faith in his words; they gave him songs of praise.
- 13 But their memory of his works was short; not waiting to be guided by him,
- 14 They gave way to their evil desires in the waste land, and put God to the test in the dry places.
- 15 And he gave them their request, but sent a wasting disease into their souls.
- 16 They were full of envy against Moses among the tents, and against Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.

- 17 The earth opening put an end to Dathan, covering up Abiram and his band.
- 18 And a fire was lighted among their tents; the sinners were burned up by the flames.
- 19 They made a young ox in Horeb, and gave worship to an image of gold.
- 20 And their glory was changed into the image of an ox, whose food is grass.
- 21 They had no memory of God their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt;
- 22 Works of wonder in the land of Ham, and things of fear by the Red Sea.
- 23 And he was purposing to put an end to them if Moses, his special servant, had not gone up before him, between him and his people, turning back his wrath, to keep them from destruction.
- 24 They were disgusted with the good land; they had no belief in his word;
- 25 Talking against him secretly in their tents, they did not give ear to the voice of the Lord.
- 26 So he made an oath against them, to put an end to them in the waste land:
- 27 That their children might be mixed among the nations, and sent away into other lands.
- 28 And they were joined to Baal-peor, and took part in the offerings to the dead.
- 29 So they made him angry by their behaviour; and he sent disease on them.
- 30 Then Phinehas got up, and made prayer for them; and the disease went no farther.
- 31 And all the generations coming after him kept the memory of his righteousness for ever.
- 32 They made God angry again at the waters of Meribah, so that Moses was troubled because of them;
- 33 For they made his spirit bitter, and he said unwise things.
- 34 They did not put an end to the peoples, as the Lord had said;
- 35 But they were joined to the nations, learning their works.
- 36 And they gave worship to images; which were a danger to them:
- 37 They even made offerings of their sons and their daughters to evil spirits,
- 38 And gave the blood of their sons and their daughters who had done no wrong, offering them to the images of Canaan; and the land was made unclean with blood.
- 39 So they became unclean through their works, going after their evil desires.
- 40 Then the wrath of the Lord was burning against his people, and he was angry with his heritage.
- 41 And he gave them into the hands of the nations; and they were ruled by their haters.
- 42 By them they were crushed, and made low under their hands.
- 43 Again and again he made them free; but their hearts were turned against his purpose, and they were overcome by their sins.
- 44 But when their cry came to his ears, he had pity on their trouble:
- 45 And kept in mind his agreement with them, and in his great mercy gave them forgiveness.
- 46 He put pity into the hearts of those who made them prisoners.

- 47 Be our saviour, O Lord our God, and let us come back together from among the nations, so that we may give honour to your holy name, and have glory in your praise.
- 48 Praise be to the Lord God of Israel for ever and for ever; and let all the people say, So be it. Give praise to the Lord.

## 107

- 1 O give praise to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 2 Let those whose cause the Lord has taken up say so, his people whom he has taken out of the hands of their haters;
- 3 Making them come together out of all the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 They were wandering in the waste places; they saw no way to a resting-place.
- 5 Their souls became feeble for need of food and drink.
- 6 Then they sent up their cry to the Lord in their sorrow, and he gave them salvation out of all their troubles;
- 7 Guiding them in the right way, so that they might come into the town of their resting-place.
- 8 Let men give praise to the Lord for his mercy, and for the wonders which he does for the children of men!
- 9 He gives its desire to the unresting soul, so that it is full of good things.
- 10 Those who were in the dark, in the black night, in chains of sorrow and iron;
- 11 Because they went against the words of God, and gave no thought to the laws of the Most High:
- 12 So that he made their hearts weighted down with grief; they were falling, and had no helper.
- 13 Then they sent up their cry to the Lord in their sorrow, and he gave them salvation out of all their troubles.
- 14 He took them out of the dark and the black night, and all their chains were broken.
- 15 Let men give praise to the Lord for his mercy, and for the wonders which he does for the children of men!
- 16 The doors of brass are broken by his arm, and the bands of iron are cut in two.
- 17 Foolish men, because of their sins, and because of their wrongdoing, are troubled;
- 18 They are disgusted by all food, and they come near to the doors of death.
- 19 Then they send up their cry to the Lord in their sorrow, and he gives them salvation out of all their troubles.
- 20 He sent his word and made them well, and kept them safe from the underworld.
- 21 Let men give praise to the Lord for his mercy, and for the wonders which he does for the children of men!
- 22 Let them make offerings of praise, giving news of his works with cries of joy.
- 23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in the great waters;
- 24 They see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 For at his word comes up the storm-wind, lifting high the waves.

- 26 The sailors go up to heaven, and down into the deep; their souls are wasted because of their trouble.
- 27 They are turned here and there, rolling like a man who is full of wine; and all their wisdom comes to nothing.
- 28 Then they send up their cry to the Lord in their sorrow, and he gives them salvation out of all their troubles.
- 29 He makes the storm into a calm, so that the waves are at peace.
- 30 Then they are glad, because the sea is quiet, and he takes them to the harbour of their desire.
- 31 Let men give praise to the Lord for his mercy, and for the wonders which he does for the children of men!
- 32 Let them give glory to him in the meeting of the people, and praise among the chiefs.
- 33 He makes rivers into waste places, and springs of water into a dry land;
- 34 He makes a fertile country into a salt waste, because of the sins of those who are living there.
- 35 He makes a waste land into a place of water, and a dry land into water-springs.
- 36 And there he gives the poor a resting-place, so that they may make themselves a town;
- 37 And put seed in the fields and make vine-gardens, to give them fruit.
- 38 He gives them his blessing so that they are increased greatly, and their cattle do not become less.
- 39 And when they are made low, and crushed by trouble and sorrow,
- 40 He puts an end to the pride of kings, and sends them wandering in the waste lands where there is no way.
- 41 But he puts the poor man on high from his troubles, and gives him families like a flock.
- 42 The upright see it and are glad: the mouth of the sinner is stopped.
- 43 Let the wise give thought to these things, and see the mercies of the Lord.

## 108

A Song. A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 O God, my heart is fixed; I will make songs and melody, even with my glory.
- 2 Give out your sounds, O corded instruments: the dawn will be awaking with my song.
- 3 I will give you praise, O Lord, among the peoples; I will make melody to you among the nations.
- 4 For your mercy is higher than the heavens: and your unchanging faith than the clouds.
- 5 Be lifted up, O God, higher than the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.
- 6 Let your right hand be stretched out for salvation, and give me an answer, so that your loved ones may be safe from danger.
- 7 This is the word of the holy God: I will be glad; I will make Shechem a heritage, measuring out the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;
- 9 Moab is my washpot; on Edom is the resting-place of my shoe; over Philistia will I send out a glad cry.



- 10 Who will take me into the strong town? who will be my guide into Edom?  
11 Have you not sent us away from you, O God? and you go not out with our armies.  
12 Give us help in our trouble; for there is no help in man.  
13 With God we will do great things; for by him will our haters be crushed underfoot.

## 109

To the chief music-maker. Of David. A Psalm.

- 1 God of my praise, let my prayer be answered;  
2 For the mouth of the sinner is open against me in deceit: his tongue has said false things against me.  
3 Words of hate are round about me; they have made war against me without cause.  
4 For my love they give me back hate; but I have given myself to prayer.  
5 They have put on me evil for good; hate in exchange for my love.  
6 Put an evil man over him; and let one be placed at his right hand to say evil of him.  
7 When he is judged, let the decision go against him; and may his prayer become sin.  
8 Let his life be short; let another take his position of authority.  
9 Let his children have no father, and his wife be made a widow.  
10 Let his children be wanderers, looking to others for their food; let them be sent away from the company of their friends.  
11 Let his creditor take all his goods; and let others have the profit of his work.  
12 Let no man have pity on him, or give help to his children when he is dead.  
13 Let his seed be cut off; in the coming generation let their name go out of memory.  
14 Let the Lord keep in mind the wrongdoing of his fathers; and may the sin of his mother have no forgiveness.  
15 Let them be ever before the eyes of the Lord, so that the memory of them may be cut off from the earth.  
16 Because he had no mercy, but was cruel to the low and the poor, designing the death of the broken-hearted.  
17 As he took pleasure in cursing, so let it come on him; and as he had no delight in blessing, let it be far from him.  
18 He put on cursing like a robe, and it has come into his body like water, and into his bones like oil.  
19 Let it be to him as a robe which he puts on, let it be like a band which is round him at all times.  
20 Let this be the reward given to my haters from the Lord, and to those who say evil of my soul.  
21 But, O Lord God, give me your help, because of your name; take me out of danger, because your mercy is good.  
22 For I am poor and in need, and my heart is wounded in me.  
23 I am gone like the shade when it is stretched out: I am forced out of my place like a locust.  
24 My knees are feeble for need of food; there is no fat on my bones.

- 25 As for me, they make sport of me; shaking their heads when they see me.
- 26 Give me help, O Lord my God; in your mercy be my saviour;
- 27 So that they may see that it is the work of your hand; that you, Lord, have done it.
- 28 They may give curses but you give blessing; when they come up against me, put them to shame; but let your servant be glad.
- 29 Let my haters be clothed with shame, covering themselves with shame as with a robe.
- 30 I will give the Lord great praise with my mouth; yes, I will give praise to him among all the people.
- 31 For he is ever at the right hand of the poor, to take him out of the hands of those who go after his soul.

## 110

A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 The Lord said to my lord, Be seated at my right hand, till I put all those who are against you under your feet.
- 2 The Lord will send out the rod of your strength from Zion; be king over your haters.
- 3 Your people give themselves gladly in the day of your power; like the dew of the morning on the holy mountains is the army of your young men.
- 4 The Lord has made an oath, and will not take it back. You are a priest for ever; after the order of Melchizedek.
- 5 In the day of his wrath kings will be wounded by the Lord at your right hand.
- 6 He will be judge among the nations, the valleys will be full of dead bodies; the head over a great country will be wounded by him.
- 7 He will take of the stream by the way; so his head will be lifted up.

## 111

- 1 Let the Lord be praised. I will give praise to the Lord with all my heart, among the upright, and in the meeting of the people.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great, searched out by all those who have delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of honour and glory; and his righteousness is unchanging for ever.
- 4 Certain for ever is the memory of his wonders: the Lord is full of pity and mercy.
- 5 He has given food to his worshippers; he will keep his agreement in mind for ever.
- 6 He has made clear to his people the power of his works, giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faith and righteousness; all his laws are unchanging.
- 8 They are fixed for ever and ever; they are done in faith and righteousness.
- 9 He has sent salvation to his people; he has given his word for ever: holy is his name and greatly to be feared.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the best part of wisdom: all those who keep his laws are wise: his praise is eternal.

**112**

- 1 Let the Lord be praised. Happy is the man who gives honour to the Lord, and has great delight in his laws.
- 2 His seed will be strong on the earth; blessings will be on the generation of the upright.
- 3 A store of wealth will be in his house, and his righteousness will be for ever.
- 4 For the upright there is a light shining in the dark; he is full of grace and pity.
- 5 All is well for the man who is kind and gives freely to others; he will make good his cause when he is judged.
- 6 He will not ever be moved; the memory of the upright will be living for ever.
- 7 He will have no fear of evil news; his heart is fixed, for his hope is in the Lord.
- 8 His heart is resting safely, he will have no fear, till he sees trouble come on his haters.
- 9 He has given with open hands to the poor; his righteousness is for ever; his horn will be lifted up with honour.
- 10 The sinner will see it with grief; he will be wasted away with envy; the desire of the evil-doers will come to nothing.

**113**

- 1 Let the Lord be praised. O you servants of the Lord, give praise to the name of the Lord.
- 2 Let blessing be on the name of the Lord, from this time and for ever.
- 3 From the coming up of the sun to its going down, the Lord's name is to be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high over all nations, and his glory is higher than the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
- 6 Looking down on the heavens, and on the earth?
- 7 He takes the poor man out of the dust, lifting him up from his low position;
- 8 To give him a place among the rulers, even with the rulers of his people.
- 9 He gives the unfertile woman a family, making her a happy mother of children. Give praise to the Lord.

**114**

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt, the children of Jacob from a people whose language was strange to them;
- 2 Judah became his holy place, and Israel his kingdom.
- 3 The sea saw it, and went in flight; Jordan was turned back.
- 4 The mountains were jumping like goats, and the little hills like lambs.
- 5 What was wrong with you, O sea, that you went in flight? O Jordan, that you were turned back?
- 6 You mountains, why were you jumping like goats, and you little hills like lambs?
- 7 Be troubled, O earth, before the Lord, before the God of Jacob;
- 8 Who made the rock into a water-spring, and the hard stone into a fountain.

**115**

- <sup>1</sup> Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name let glory be given, because of your mercy and your unchanging faith.
- <sup>2</sup> Why may the nations say, Where is now their God?
- <sup>3</sup> But our God is in heaven: he has done whatever was pleasing to him.
- <sup>4</sup> Their images are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but no voice; they have eyes, but they see not;
- <sup>6</sup> They have ears, but no hearing; they have noses, but no sense of smell;
- <sup>7</sup> They have hands without feeling, and feet without power of walking; and no sound comes from their throat.
- <sup>8</sup> Those who make them are like them; and so is everyone who puts his faith in them.
- <sup>9</sup> O Israel, have faith in the Lord: he is their help and their breastplate.
- <sup>10</sup> O house of Aaron, have faith in the Lord: he is their help and their breastplate.
- <sup>11</sup> You worshippers of the Lord, have faith in the Lord: he is their help and their breastplate.
- <sup>12</sup> The Lord has kept us in mind and will give us his blessing; he will send blessings on the house of Israel and on the house of Aaron.
- <sup>13</sup> He will send blessings on the worshippers of the Lord, on the small and on the great.
- <sup>14</sup> May the Lord give you and your children still greater increase.
- <sup>15</sup> May you have the blessing of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>16</sup> The heavens are the Lord's; but the earth he has given to the children of men.
- <sup>17</sup> The dead do not give praise to the Lord; or those who go down to the underworld.
- <sup>18</sup> But we will give praise to the Lord now and for ever. Praise be to the Lord.

**116**

- <sup>1</sup> I have given my love to the Lord, because he has given ear to the voice of my cry and my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> He has let my request come before him, and I will make my prayer to him all my days.
- <sup>3</sup> The nets of death were round me, and the pains of the underworld had me in their grip; I was full of trouble and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I made my prayer to the Lord, saying, O Lord, take my soul out of trouble.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is full of grace and righteousness; truly, he is a God of mercy.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord keeps the simple; I was made low, and he was my saviour.
- <sup>7</sup> Come back to your rest, O my soul; for the Lord has given you your reward.
- <sup>8</sup> You have taken my soul from the power of death, keeping my eyes from weeping, and my feet from falling.
- <sup>9</sup> I will go before the Lord in the land of the living.
- <sup>10</sup> I still had faith, though I said, I am in great trouble;
- <sup>11</sup> Though I said in my fear, All men are false.
- <sup>12</sup> What may I give to the Lord for all the good things which he has done for me?
- <sup>13</sup> I will take the cup of salvation, and give praise to the name of the Lord.

- 14 I will make the offering of my oath to the Lord, even before all his people.
- 15 Dear in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- 16 O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of her who is your servant; by you have my cords been broken.
- 17 I will give an offering of praise to you, and make my prayer in the name of the Lord.
- 18 I will make the offerings of my oath, even before all his people;
- 19 In the Lord's house, even in Jerusalem. Praise be to the Lord.

## 117

- 1 Let all the nations give praise to the Lord: let all the people give him praise.
- 2 For great is his mercy to us, and his faith is unchanging for ever. Praise be to the Lord.

## 118

- 1 O give praise to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 4 Let all worshippers of the Lord now say, that his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 5 I made my prayer to the Lord in my trouble: and the Lord gave me an answer, and put me in a wide place.
- 6 The Lord is on my side; I will have no fear: what is man able to do to me?
- 7 The Lord is my great helper: I will see my desire against my haters.
- 8 It is better to have faith in the Lord than to put one's hope in man.
- 9 It is better to have faith in the Lord than to put one's hope in rulers.
- 10 All the nations have come round me; but in the name of the Lord I will have them cut down.
- 11 They are round me, yes, they are all about me; but in the name of the Lord I will have them cut down.
- 12 They are round me like bees; but they are put out like a fire among thorns; for in the name of the Lord I will have them cut down.
- 13 I have been hard pushed by you, so that I might have a fall: but the Lord was my helper.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
- 15 The sound of joy and salvation is in the tents of the upright; the right hand of the Lord does works of power.
- 16 The right hand of the Lord is lifted up; the right hand of the Lord does works of power.
- 17 Life and not death will be my part, and I will give out the story of the works of the Lord.
- 18 The hand of Jah has been hard on me; but he has not given me up to death.
- 19 Let the doors of righteousness be open to me; I will go in and give praise to the Lord.
- 20 This is the door of the Lord's house; the workers of righteousness will go in through it.
- 21 I will give you praise, for you have given me an answer, and have become my salvation.

- 22 The stone which the builders put on one side has become the chief stone of the building.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is a wonder in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the Lord has made; we will be full of joy and delight in it.
- 25 Send salvation now, O Lord; Lord, send us your blessing.
- 26 A blessing be on him who comes in the name of the Lord; we give you blessing from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light; let the holy dance be ordered with branches, even up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God, and I will give you praise; my God, and I will give honour to your name.
- 29 O give praise to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.

## 119

### ALEPH

- 1 Happy are they who are without sin in their ways, walking in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Happy are they who keep his unchanging word, searching after him with all their heart.
- 3 They do no evil; they go in his ways.
- 4 You have put your orders into our hearts, so that we might keep them with care.
- 5 If only my ways were ordered so that I might keep your rules!
- 6 Then I would not be put to shame, as long as I have respect for all your teaching.
- 7 I will give you praise with an upright heart in learning your right decisions.
- 8 I will keep your rules: O give me not up completely.

### BETH

- 9 How may a young man make his way clean? by guiding it after your word.
- 10 I have made search for you with all my heart: O let me not go wandering far from your teaching.
- 11 I have kept your sayings secretly in my heart, so that I might do no sin against you.
- 12 Praise be to you, O Lord: give me knowledge of your rules.
- 13 With my lips have I made clear all the decisions of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken as much delight in the way of your unchanging word, as in all wealth.
- 15 I will give thought to your orders, and have respect for your ways.
- 16 I will have delight in your rules; I will not let your word go out of my mind.

### GIMEL

- 17 Give me, your servant, the reward of life, so that I may keep your word;
- 18 Let my eyes be open to see the wonders of your law.
- 19 I am living in a strange land: do not let your teachings be kept secret from me.
- 20 My soul is broken with desire for your decisions at all times.
- 21 Your hand has been against the men of pride, a curse is on those who go wandering out of your way.

22 Take away from me shame and bitter words; for I have kept your unchanging word in my heart.

23 Rulers make evil designs against me; but your servant gives thought to your rules.

24 Your unchanging word is my delight, and the guide of my footsteps.

DALETH

25 My soul is joined to the dust: O give me life, in keeping with your word.

26 I put the record of my ways before you, and you gave me an answer: O give me knowledge of your rules.

27 Make the way of your orders clear to me; then my thoughts will be ever on your wonders.

28 My soul is wasted with sorrow; give me strength again in keeping with your word

29 Take from me every false way; and in mercy give me your law.

30 I have taken the way of faith: I have kept your decisions before me.

31 I have been true to your unchanging word; O Lord, do not put me to shame.

32 I will go quickly in the way of your teaching, because you have given me a free heart.

HE

33 O Lord, let me see the way of your rules, and I will keep it to the end.

34 Give me wisdom, so that I may keep your law; going after it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the way of your teachings; for they are my delight.

36 Let my heart be turned to your unchanging word, and not to evil desire.

37 Let my eyes be turned away from what is false; give me life in your ways.

38 Give effect to your word to your servant, in whose heart is the fear of you.

39 Take away the shame which is my fear; for your decisions are good.

40 See how great is my desire for your orders: give me life in your righteousness.

VAU

41 Let your mercies come to me, O Lord, even your salvation, as you have said.

42 So that I may have an answer for the man who would put me to shame; for I have faith in your word.

43 Take not your true word quite out of my mouth; for I have put my hope in your decisions.

44 So that I may keep your law for ever and ever;

45 So that my way may be in a wide place: because my search has been for your orders.

46 So that I may give knowledge of your unchanging word before kings, and not be put to shame.

47 And so that I may take delight in your teachings, to which I have given my love.

48 And so that my hands may be stretched out to you; and I will give thought to your rules.

ZAIN

49 Keep in mind your word to your servant, for on it has my hope been fixed.

<sup>50</sup> This is my comfort in my trouble; that your sayings have given me life.

<sup>51</sup> The men of pride have made great sport of me; but I have not been turned from your law.

<sup>52</sup> I have kept the memory of your decisions from times past, O Lord; and they have been my comfort.

<sup>53</sup> I am burning with wrath, because of the sinners who have given up your law.

<sup>54</sup> Your rules have been melodies to me, while I have been living in strange lands.

<sup>55</sup> I have given thought to your name in the night, O Lord, and have kept your law.

<sup>56</sup> This has been true of me, that I have kept your orders in my heart.

#### CHETH

<sup>57</sup> The Lord is my heritage: I have said that I would be ruled by your words.

<sup>58</sup> I have given my mind to do your pleasure with all my heart; have mercy on me, as you have said.

<sup>59</sup> I gave thought to my steps, and my feet were turned into the way of your unchanging word.

<sup>60</sup> I was quick to do your orders, and let no time be wasted.

<sup>61</sup> The cords of evil-doers are round me; but I have kept in mind your law.

<sup>62</sup> In the middle of the night I will get up to give you praise, because of all your right decisions.

<sup>63</sup> I keep company with all your worshippers, and those who have your orders in their memory.

<sup>64</sup> The earth, O Lord, is full of your mercy: give me knowledge of your rules.

#### TETH

<sup>65</sup> You have done good to your servant, O Lord, in keeping with your word.

<sup>66</sup> Give me knowledge and good sense; for I have put my faith in your teachings.

<sup>67</sup> Before I was in trouble I went out of the way; but now I keep your word.

<sup>68</sup> You are good, and your works are good; give me knowledge of your rules.

<sup>69</sup> The men of pride have said false things about me; but I will keep your orders in my heart.

<sup>70</sup> Their hearts are shut up with fat; but my delight is in your law.

<sup>71</sup> It is good for me to have been through trouble; so that I might come to the knowledge of your rules.

<sup>72</sup> The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.

#### JOD

<sup>73</sup> Your hands have made me, and given me form: give me wisdom, so that I may have knowledge of your teaching.

<sup>74</sup> Your worshippers will see me and be glad; because my hope has been in your word.

<sup>75</sup> I have seen, O Lord, that your decisions are right, and that in unchanging faith you have sent trouble on me.

<sup>76</sup> Let your mercy now be my comfort, as you have said to your servant.



77 Let your gentle mercies come to me, so that I may have life; for your law is my delight.

78 Let the men of pride be shamed; because they have falsely given decision against me; but I will give thought to your orders.

79 Let your worshippers be turned to me, and those who have knowledge of your words.

80 Let all my heart be given to your orders, so that I may not be put to shame.

#### CAPH

81 My soul is wasted with desire for your salvation: but I have hope in your word.

82 My eyes are full of weariness with searching for your word, saying, When will you give me comfort?

83 For I have become like a wine-skin black with smoke; but I still keep the memory of your rules.

84 How short is the life of your servant! when will you give your decision against those who are attacking me?

85 The men of pride, who are turned away from your law, have put nets for me.

86 All your teachings are certain; they go after me with evil design; give me your help.

87 They had almost put an end to me on earth; but I did not give up your orders.

88 Give me life in your mercy; so that I may be ruled by the unchanging word of your mouth.

#### LAMED

89 For ever, O Lord, your word is fixed in heaven.

90 Your faith is unchanging from generation to generation: you have put the earth in its place, and it is not moved.

91 They are ruled this day by your decisions; for all things are your servants.

92 If your law had not been my delight, my troubles would have put an end to me.

93 I will ever keep your orders in mind; for in them I have life.

94 I am yours, O be my saviour; for my desire has been for your rules.

95 The sinners have been waiting for me to give me up to destruction; but I will give all my mind to your unchanging word.

96 I have seen that nothing on earth is complete; but your teaching is very wide.

#### MEM

97 O what love I have for your law! I give thought to it all the day.

98 Your teaching has made me wiser than my haters: for it is mine for ever.

99 I have more knowledge than all my teachers, because I give thought to your unchanging word.

100 I have more wisdom than the old, because I have kept your orders.

101 I have kept back my feet from all evil ways, so that I might be true to your word.

102 My heart has not been turned away from your decisions; for you have been my teacher.

103 How sweet are your sayings to my taste! truly, they are sweeter than honey in my mouth!

104 Through your orders I get wisdom; for this reason I am a hater of every false way.

NUN

105 Your word is a light for my feet, ever shining on my way.

106 I have made an oath and kept it, to be guided by your upright decisions.

107 I am greatly troubled, O Lord, give me life in keeping with your word.

108 Take, O Lord, the free offerings of my mouth, and give me knowledge of your decisions.

109 My soul is ever in danger; but I still keep the memory of your law.

110 Sinners have put a net to take me; but I was true to your orders.

111 I have taken your unchanging word as an eternal heritage; for it is the joy of my heart.

112 My heart is ever ready to keep your rules, even to the end.

SAMECH

113 I am a hater of men of doubting mind; but I am a lover of your law.

114 You are my secret place and my breastplate against danger; my hope is in your word.

115 Go far from me, you evil-doers; so that I may keep the teachings of my God.

116 Be my support as you have said, and give me life; let not my hope be turned to shame.

117 Let me not be moved, and I will be safe, and ever take delight in your rules.

118 You have overcome all those who are wandering from your rules; for all their thoughts are false.

119 All the sinners of the earth are like waste metal in your eyes; and for this cause I give my love to your unchanging word.

120 My flesh is moved for fear of you; I give honour to your decisions.

AIN

121 I have done what is good and right: you will not give me into the hands of those who are working against me.

122 Take your servant's interests into your keeping; let me not be crushed by the men of pride.

123 My eyes are wasted with desire for your salvation, and for the word of your righteousness.

124 Be good to your servant in your mercy, and give me teaching in your rules.

125 I am your servant; give me wisdom, so that I may have knowledge of your unchanging word.

126 It is time, O Lord, for you to let your work be seen; for they have made your law without effect.

127 For this reason I have greater love for your teachings than for gold, even for shining gold.

128 Because of it I keep straight in all things by your orders; and I am a hater of every false way.

PE

129 Your unchanging word is full of wonder; for this reason my soul keeps it.

130 The opening of your words gives light; it gives good sense to the simple.

- 131 My mouth was open wide, waiting with great desire for your teachings.
- 132 Let your eyes be turned to me, and have mercy on me, as it is right for you to do to those who are lovers of your name.
- 133 Let my steps be guided by your word; and let not sin have control over me.
- 134 Make me free from the cruel rule of man; then I will keep your orders.
- 135 Let your servant see the shining of your face; give me knowledge of your rules.
- 136 Rivers of water are flowing from my eyes, because men do not keep your law.

## TZADE

- 137 O Lord, great is your righteousness, and upright are your decisions.
- 138 You have given your unchanging word in righteousness, and it is for ever.
- 139 My passion has overcome me; because my haters are turned away from your words.
- 140 Your word is of tested value; and it is dear to your servant.
- 141 I am small and of no account; but I keep your orders in mind.
- 142 Your righteousness is an unchanging righteousness, and your law is certain.
- 143 Pain and trouble have overcome me: but your teachings are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your unchanging word is eternal; give me wisdom so that I may have life.

## KOPH

- 145 I have made my prayer with all my heart; give answer to me, O Lord: I will keep your rules.
- 146 My cry has gone up to you; take me out of trouble, and I will be guided by your unchanging word.
- 147 Before the sun is up, my cry for help comes to your ear; my hope is in your words.
- 148 In the night watches I am awake, so that I may give thought to your saying.
- 149 Let my voice come to you, in your mercy; O Lord, by your decisions give me life.
- 150 Those who have evil designs against me come near; they are far from your law.
- 151 You are near, O Lord; and all your teachings are true.
- 152 I have long had knowledge that your unchanging word is for ever.

## RESH

- 153 O see my trouble, and be my saviour; for I keep your law in my mind,
- 154 Undertake my cause, and come to my help, give me life, as you have said.
- 155 Salvation is far from evil-doers; for they have made no search for your rules.
- 156 Great is the number of your mercies, O Lord; give me life in keeping with your decisions.
- 157 Great is the number of those who are against me; but I have not been turned away from your unchanging word.
- 158 I saw with hate those who were untrue to you; for they did not keep your saying.

159 See how great is my love for your orders: give me life, O Lord, in keeping with your mercy.

160 Your word is true from the first; and your upright decision is unchanging for ever.

### SHIN

161 Rulers have been cruel to me without cause; but I have the fear of your word in my heart.

162 I am delighted by your saying, like a man who makes discovery of great wealth.

163 I am full of hate and disgust for false words; but I am a lover of your law.

164 Seven times a day do I give you praise, because of your upright decisions.

165 Great peace have lovers of your law; they have no cause for falling.

166 Lord, my hope has been in your salvation; and I have kept your teachings.

167 My soul has kept your unchanging word; great is my love for it.

168 I have been ruled by your orders; for all my ways are before you.

### TAU

169 Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me wisdom in keeping with your word.

170 Let my prayer come before you; take me out of trouble, as you have said.

171 Let my lips be flowing with praise, because you have given me knowledge of your rules.

172 Let my tongue make songs in praise of your word; for all your teachings are righteousness.

173 Let your hand be near for my help; for I have given my heart to your orders.

174 All my desire has been for your salvation, O Lord; and your law is my delight.

175 Give life to my soul so that it may give you praise; and let your decisions be my support.

176 I have gone out of the way like a wandering sheep; make search for your servant; for I keep your teachings ever in mind.

## 120

A Song of the going up.

<sup>1</sup> In my trouble my cry went up to the Lord, and he gave me an answer.

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, be the saviour of my soul from false lips, and from the tongue of deceit.

<sup>3</sup> What punishment will he give you? what more will he do to you, you false tongue?

<sup>4</sup> Sharp arrows of the strong, and burning fire.

<sup>5</sup> Sorrow is mine because I am strange in Meshech, and living in the tents of Kedar.

<sup>6</sup> My soul has long been living with the haters of peace.

<sup>7</sup> I am for peace: but when I say so, they are for war.

## 121

A Song of the going up.

<sup>1</sup> My eyes are lifted up to the hills: O where will my help come from?

- 2 Your help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
 3 May he not let your foot be moved: no need of sleep has he who keeps you.  
 4 See, the eyes of Israel's keeper will not be shut in sleep.  
 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
 6 You will not be touched by the sun in the day, or by the moon at night.  
 7 The Lord will keep you safe from all evil; he will take care of your soul.  
 8 The Lord will keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time and for ever.

## 122

A Song of the going up. Of David.

- 1 I was glad because they said to me, We will go into the house of the Lord.  
 2 At last our feet were inside your doors, O Jerusalem.  
 3 O Jerusalem, you are like a town which is well joined together;  
 4 To which the tribes went up, even the tribes of the Lord, for a witness to Israel, to give praise to the name of the Lord.  
 5 For there seats for the judges were placed, even the rulers' seats of the line of David.  
 6 O make prayers for the peace of Jerusalem; may they whose love is given to you do well.  
 7 May peace be inside your walls, and wealth in your noble houses.  
 8 Because of my brothers and friends, I will now say, Let peace be with you.  
 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will be working for your good.

## 123

A Song of the going up.

- 1 To you my eyes are lifted up, even to you whose seat is in the heavens.  
 2 See! as the eyes of servants are turned to the hands of their masters, and the eyes of a servant-girl to her owner, so our eyes are waiting for the Lord our God, till he has mercy on us.  
 3 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us: for all men are looking down on us.  
 4 For long enough have men of pride made sport of our soul.

## 124

A Song of the going up. Of David.

- 1 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side (let Israel now say);  
 2 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men came up against us;  
 3 They would have made a meal of us while still living, in the heat of their wrath against us:  
 4 We would have been covered by the waters; the streams would have gone over our soul;  
 5 Yes, the waters of pride would have gone over our soul.  
 6 Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be wounded by their teeth.  
 7 Our soul has gone free like a bird out of the net of those who would take her: the net is broken, and we are free.  
 8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

## 125

A Song of the going up.

- <sup>1</sup> Those whose hope is in the Lord are like the mountain of Zion, which may not be moved, but keeps its place for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people, from this time and for ever.
- <sup>3</sup> For the rod of sinners will not be resting on the heritage of the upright; so that the upright may not put out their hands to evil.
- <sup>4</sup> Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in heart.
- <sup>5</sup> But as for such as are turned out of the straight way, the Lord will take them away with the workers of evil. Let peace be on Israel.

## 126

A Song of the going up.

- <sup>1</sup> When the Lord made a change in Zion's fate, we were like men in a dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then our mouths were full of laughing, and our tongues gave a glad cry; they said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us; because of which we are glad.
- <sup>4</sup> Let our fate be changed, O Lord, like the streams in the South.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who put in seed with weeping will get in the grain with cries of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Though a man may go out weeping, taking his vessel of seed with him; he will come again in joy, with the corded stems of grain in his arms.

## 127

A Song of the going up. Of Solomon.

- <sup>1</sup> If the Lord is not helping the builders, then the building of a house is to no purpose: if the Lord does not keep the town, the watchman keeps his watch for nothing.
- <sup>2</sup> It is of no use for you to get up early, and to go late to your rest, with the bread of sorrow for your food; for the Lord gives to his loved ones in sleep.
- <sup>3</sup> See, sons are a heritage from the Lord; the fruit of the body is his reward.
- <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hand of a man of war, are the children of the young.
- <sup>5</sup> Happy is the man who has a good store of them; he will not be put to shame, but his cause will be supported by them against his haters.

## 128

A Song of the going up.

- <sup>1</sup> Happy is the worshipper of the Lord, who is walking in his ways.
- <sup>2</sup> You will have the fruit of the work of your hands: happy will you be, and all will be well for you.
- <sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fertile vine in the inmost parts of your house: your children will be like olive plants round your table.
- <sup>4</sup> See! this is the blessing of the worshipper of the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> May the Lord send you blessing out of Zion: may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup> May you see your children's children. Peace be on Israel.

## 129

A Song of the going up.

- <sup>1</sup> Great have been my troubles from the time when I was young (let Israel now say);
- <sup>2</sup> Great have been my troubles from the time when I was young, but my troubles have not overcome me.
- <sup>3</sup> The ploughmen were ploughing on my back; long were the wounds they made.
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord is true: the cords of the evil-doers are broken in two.
- <sup>5</sup> Let all the haters of Zion be shamed and turned back.
- <sup>6</sup> Let them be like the grass on the house-tops, which is dry before it comes to full growth.
- <sup>7</sup> He who gets in the grain has no use for it; and they do not make bands of it for the grain-stems.
- <sup>8</sup> And those who go by do not say, The blessing of the Lord be on you; we give you blessing in the name of the Lord.

## 130

A Song of the going up.

- <sup>1</sup> Out of the deep have I sent up my cry to you, O Lord.
- <sup>2</sup> Lord, let my voice come before you: let your ears be awake to the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>3</sup> O Jah, if you took note of every sin, who would go free?
- <sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be feared.
- <sup>5</sup> I am waiting for the Lord, my soul is waiting for him, and my hope is in his word.
- <sup>6</sup> My soul is watching for the Lord more than those who are watching for the morning; yes, more than the watchers for the morning.
- <sup>7</sup> O Israel, have hope in the Lord; for with the Lord is mercy and full salvation.
- <sup>8</sup> And he will make Israel free from all his sins.

## 131

A Song of the going up. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, there is no pride in my heart and my eyes are not lifted up; and I have not taken part in great undertakings, or in things over-hard for me.
- <sup>2</sup> See, I have made my soul calm and quiet, like a child on its mother's breast; my soul is like a child on its mother's breast.
- <sup>3</sup> O Israel, have hope in the Lord, from this time and for ever.

## 132

A Song of the going up.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, give thought to David, and to all his troubles;
- <sup>2</sup> How he made an oath to the Lord, and gave his word to the great God of Jacob, saying,
- <sup>3</sup> Truly, I will not come into my house, or go to my bed,
- <sup>4</sup> I will not give sleep to my eyes, or rest to my eyeballs,
- <sup>5</sup> Till I have got a place for the Lord, a resting-place for the great God of Jacob.

- 6 We had news of it at Ephrathah: we came to it in the fields of the wood.  
 7 Let us go into his tent; let us give worship at his feet.  
 8 Come back, O Lord, to your resting-place; you and the ark of your strength.  
 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; and let your saints give cries of joy.  
 10 Because of your servant David, do not give up your king.  
 11 The Lord gave a true oath to David, which he will not take back, saying, I will give your kingdom to the fruit of your body.  
 12 If your children keep my word, and the teachings which I will give them, their children will be rulers of your kingdom for ever.  
 13 For the Lord's heart is on Zion, desiring it for his resting-place.  
 14 This is my rest for ever: here will I ever be; for this is my desire.  
 15 My blessing will be on her food; and her poor will be full of bread.  
 16 Her priests will be clothed with salvation; and her saints will give cries of joy.  
 17 There I will make the horn of David fertile: I have made ready a light for my king.  
 18 His haters will be clothed with shame; but I will make his crown shining.

## 133

A Song of the going up. Of David.

- 1 See how good and how pleasing it is for brothers to be living together in harmony!  
 2 It is like oil of great price on the head, flowing down over the face, even Aaron's face: coming down to the edge of his robe;  
 3 Like the dew of Hermon, which comes down on the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord gave orders for the blessing, even life for ever.

## 134

A Song of the going up.

- 1 Give praise to the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who take your places in the house of the Lord by night.  
 2 Give praise to the Lord, lifting up your hands in his holy place.  
 3 May the Lord, who made heaven and earth, send you blessing out of Zion,

## 135

- 1 Let the Lord be praised. O you servants of the Lord, give praise to the name of the Lord.  
 2 You who are in the house of the Lord, and in the open spaces of the house of our God,  
 3 Give praise to Jah, for he is good: make melody to his name, for it is pleasing.  
 4 For the Lord has taken Jacob for himself, and Israel for his property.  
 5 I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is greater than all other gods.  
 6 The Lord has done whatever was pleasing to him, in heaven, and on the earth, in the seas and in all the deep waters.



- 7 He makes the mists go up from the ends of the earth; he makes thunder-flames for the rain; he sends out the winds from his store-houses.
- 8 He put to death the first-fruits of Egypt, of man and of beast.
- 9 He sent signs and wonders among you, O Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his servants.
- 10 He overcame great nations, and put strong kings to death;
- 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, even for a heritage to Israel his people.
- 13 O Lord, your name is eternal; and the memory of you will have no end.
- 14 For the Lord will be judge of his people's cause; his feelings will be changed to his servants.
- 15 The images of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but no voice, they have eyes, but they do not see;
- 17 They have ears, but no hearing; and there is no breath in their mouths.
- 18 Those who make them are like them; and so is everyone who puts his hope in them.
- 19 Give praise to the Lord, O children of Israel: give praise to the Lord, O sons of Aaron:
- 20 Give praise to the Lord, O sons of Levi: let all the worshippers of the Lord give him praise.
- 21 Praise be to the Lord out of Zion, even to the Lord whose house is in Jerusalem, Let the Lord be praised.

## 136

- 1 O give praise to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 2 O give praise to the God of gods: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 3 O give praise to the Lord of lords: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 4 To him who only does great wonders: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 5 To him who by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 6 To him by whom the earth was stretched out over the waters: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 7 To him who made great lights: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 8 The sun to have rule by day: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 9 The moon and the stars to have rule by night: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 10 To him who put to death the first-fruits of Egypt: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 11 And took out Israel from among them: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 12 With a strong hand and an outstretched arm: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 13 To him who made a way through the Red Sea: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 14 And let Israel go through it: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 15 By him Pharaoh and his army were overturned in the Red Sea: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.

- 16 To him who took his people through the waste land: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 17 To him who overcame great kings: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 18 And put noble kings to death: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 20 And Og, king of Bashan: for his mercy is unchanging for ever:
- 21 And gave their land to his people for a heritage: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 22 Even a heritage for his servant Israel: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 23 Who kept us in mind when we were in trouble: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 24 And has taken us out of the hands of our haters: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 25 Who gives food to all flesh: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.
- 26 O give praise to the God of heaven: for his mercy is unchanging for ever.

## 137

- 1 By the rivers of Babylon we were seated, weeping at the memory of Zion,
- 2 Hanging our instruments of music on the trees by the waterside.
- 3 For there those who had taken us prisoners made request for a song; and those who had taken away all we had gave us orders to be glad, saying, Give us one of the songs of Zion.
- 4 How may we give the Lord's song in a strange land?
- 5 If I keep not your memory, O Jerusalem, let not my right hand keep the memory of its art.
- 6 If I let you go out of my thoughts, and if I do not put Jerusalem before my greatest joy, let my tongue be fixed to the roof of my mouth.
- 7 O Lord, keep in mind against the children of Edom the day of Jerusalem; how they said, Let it be uncovered, uncovered even to its base.
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, whose fate is destruction; happy is the man who does to you what you have done to us.
- 9 Happy is the man who takes your little ones, crushing them against the rocks.

## 138

Of David.

- 1 I will give you praise with all my heart: I will make melody to you before the gods.
- 2 I will give worship before your holy Temple, praising your name for your mercy and for your unchanging faith: for you have made your word greater than all your name.
- 3 When my cry came to your ears you gave me an answer, and made me great with strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth will give you praise, O Lord, when the words of your mouth come to their ears.
- 5 They will make songs about the ways of the Lord; for great is the glory of the Lord.

- <sup>6</sup> Though the Lord is high, he sees those who are low; and he has knowledge from far off of those who are lifted up.
- <sup>7</sup> Even when trouble is round me, you will give me life; your hand will be stretched out against the wrath of my haters, and your right hand will be my salvation.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord will make all things complete for me: O Lord, your mercy is eternal; do not give up the works of your hands.

## 139

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have knowledge of me, searching out all my secrets.
- <sup>2</sup> You have knowledge when I am seated and when I get up, you see my thoughts from far away.
- <sup>3</sup> You keep watch over my steps and my sleep, and have knowledge of all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> For there is not a word on my tongue which is not clear to you, O Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> I am shut in by you on every side, and you have put your hand on me.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is a wonder greater than my powers; it is so high that I may not come near it.
- <sup>7</sup> Where may I go from your spirit? how may I go in flight from you?
- <sup>8</sup> If I go up to heaven, you are there: or if I make my bed in the underworld, you are there.
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning, and go to the farthest parts of the sea;
- <sup>10</sup> Even there will I be guided by your hand, and your right hand will keep me.
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, Only let me be covered by the dark, and the light about me be night;
- <sup>12</sup> Even the dark is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day: for dark and light are the same to you.
- <sup>13</sup> My flesh was made by you, and my parts joined together in my mother's body.
- <sup>14</sup> I will give you praise, for I am strangely and delicately formed; your works are great wonders, and of this my soul is fully conscious.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not unseen by you when I was made secretly, and strangely formed in the lowest parts of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book all my days were recorded, even those which were purposed before they had come into being.
- <sup>17</sup> How dear are your thoughts to me, O God! how great is the number of them!
- <sup>18</sup> If I made up their number, it would be more than the grains of sand; when I am awake, I am still with you.
- <sup>19</sup> If only you would put the sinners to death, O God; go far from me, you men of blood.
- <sup>20</sup> For they go against you with evil designs, and your haters make sport of your name.
- <sup>21</sup> Are not your haters hated by me, O Lord? are not those who are lifted up against you a cause of grief to me?
- <sup>22</sup> My hate for them is complete; my thoughts of them are as if they were making war on me.

- <sup>23</sup> O God, let the secrets of my heart be uncovered, and let my wandering thoughts be tested:  
<sup>24</sup> See if there is any way of sorrow in me, and be my guide in the eternal way.

## 140

To the chief music-maker. A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, take me out of the power of the evil man; keep me safe from the violent man:  
<sup>2</sup> For their hearts are full of evil designs; and they are ever making ready causes of war.  
<sup>3</sup> Their tongues are sharp like the tongue of a snake; the poison of snakes is under their lips. (Selah.)  
<sup>4</sup> O Lord, take me out of the hands of sinners; keep me safe from the violent man: for they are designing my downfall.  
<sup>5</sup> The men of pride have put secret cords for my feet; stretching nets in my way, so that they may take me with their tricks. (Selah.)  
<sup>6</sup> I have said to the Lord, You are my God: give ear, O Lord, to the voice of my prayer.  
<sup>7</sup> O Lord God, the strength of my salvation, you have been a cover over my head in the day of the fight.  
<sup>8</sup> O Lord, give not the wrongdoer his desire; give him no help in his evil designs, or he may be uplifted in pride. (Selah.)  
<sup>9</sup> As for those who come round me, let their heads be covered by the evil of their lips.  
<sup>10</sup> Let burning flames come down on them: let them be put into the fire, and into deep waters, so that they may not get up again.  
<sup>11</sup> Let not a man of evil tongue be safe on earth: let destruction overtake the violent man with blow on blow.  
<sup>12</sup> I am certain that the Lord will take care of the cause of the poor, and of the rights of those who are troubled.  
<sup>13</sup> Truly, the upright will give praise to your name: the holy will have a place in your house.

## 141

A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, I have made my cry to you; come to me quickly; give ear to my voice, when it goes up to you.  
<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be ordered before you like a sweet smell; and let the lifting up of my hands be like the evening offering.  
<sup>3</sup> O Lord, keep a watch over my mouth; keep the door of my lips.  
<sup>4</sup> Keep my heart from desiring any evil thing, or from taking part in the sins of the evil-doers with men who do wrong: and let me have no part in their good things.  
<sup>5</sup> Let the upright give me punishment; and let the god-fearing man put me in the right way; but I will not let the oil of sinners come on my head: when they do evil I will give myself to prayer.  
<sup>6</sup> When destruction comes to their judges by the side of the rock, they will give ear to my words, for they are sweet.  
<sup>7</sup> Our bones are broken up at the mouth of the underworld, as the earth is broken by the plough.

- <sup>8</sup> But my eyes are turned to you, O Lord God: my hope is in you; let not my soul be given up to death.
- <sup>9</sup> Keep me from the net which they have put down for me, and from the designs of the workers of evil.
- <sup>10</sup> Let the sinners be taken in the nets which they themselves have put down, while I go free.

## 142

Maschil. Of David. A prayer when he was in the hole of the rock.

- <sup>1</sup> The sound of my cry went up to the Lord; with my voice I made my prayer for grace to the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup> I put all my sorrows before him; and made clear to him all my trouble.
- <sup>3</sup> When my spirit is overcome, your eyes are on my goings; nets have been secretly placed in the way in which I go.
- <sup>4</sup> Looking to my right side, I saw no man who was my friend: I had no safe place; no one had any care for my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> I have made my cry to you, O Lord; I have said, You are my safe place, and my heritage in the land of the living.
- <sup>6</sup> Give ear to my cry, for I am made very low: take me out of the hands of my haters, for they are stronger than I.
- <sup>7</sup> Take my soul out of prison, so that I may give praise to your name: the upright will give praise because of me; for you have given me a full reward.

## 143

A Psalm. Of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Let my prayer come to you, O Lord; give ear to my requests for your grace; keep faith with me, and give me an answer in your righteousness;
- <sup>2</sup> Let not your servant come before you to be judged; for no man living is upright in your eyes.
- <sup>3</sup> The evil man has gone after my soul; my life is crushed down to the earth: he has put me in the dark, like those who have long been dead.
- <sup>4</sup> Because of this my spirit is overcome; and my heart is full of fear.
- <sup>5</sup> I keep in mind the early days of the past, giving thought to all your acts, even to the work of your hands.
- <sup>6</sup> My hands are stretched out to you: my soul is turned to you, like a land in need of water. (Selah.)
- <sup>7</sup> Be quick in answering me, O Lord, for the strength of my spirit is gone: let me see your face, so that I may not be like those who go down into the underworld.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the story of your mercy come to me in the morning, for my hope is in you: give me knowledge of the way in which I am to go; for my soul is lifted up to you.
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord, take me out of the hands of my haters; my soul is waiting for you.
- <sup>10</sup> Give me teaching so that I may do your pleasure; for you are my God: let your good Spirit be my guide into the land of righteousness.
- <sup>11</sup> Give me life, O Lord, because of your name; in your righteousness take my soul out of trouble.

12 And in your mercy put an end to my haters, and send destruction on all those who are against my soul; for I am your servant.

## 144

A Psalm. Of David.

- 1 Praise be to the God of my strength, teaching my hands the use of the sword, and my fingers the art of fighting:
- 2 He is my strength, and my Rock; my high tower, and my saviour; my keeper and my hope: he gives me authority over my people.
- 3 Lord, what is man, that you keep him in mind? or the son of man that you take him into account?
- 4 Man is like a breath: his life is like a shade which is quickly gone.
- 5 Come down, O Lord, from your heavens: at your touch let the mountains give out smoke.
- 6 With your storm-flames send them in flight: send out your arrows for their destruction.
- 7 Put out your hand from on high; make me free, take me safely out of the great waters, and out of the hands of strange men;
- 8 In whose mouths are false words, and whose right hand is a right hand of deceit.
- 9 I will make a new song to you, O God; I will make melody to you on an instrument of ten cords.
- 10 It is God who gives salvation to kings; and who kept his servant David from the wounding sword.
- 11 Make me free, and take me out of the hands of strange men, in whose mouths are false words, and whose right hand is a right hand of deceit.
- 12 Our sons are like tall young plants; and our daughters like the shining stones of a king's house;
- 13 Our store-houses are full of all good things; and our sheep give birth to thousands and ten thousands in our fields.
- 14 Our oxen are well weighted down; our cows give birth safely; there is no going out, and there is no cry of sorrow in our open places.
- 15 Happy is the nation whose ways are so ordered: yes, happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

## 145

A Song of praise. Of David.

- 1 Let me give glory to you, O God, my King; and blessing to your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I give you blessing, praising your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his power may never be searched out.
- 4 One generation after another will give praise to your great acts, and make clear the operation of your strength.
- 5 My thoughts will be of the honour and glory of your rule, and of the wonder of your works.
- 6 Men will be talking of the power and fear of your acts; I will give word of your glory.
- 7 Their sayings will be full of the memory of all your mercy, and they will make songs of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is full of grace and pity; not quickly angry, but great in mercy.

- 9 The Lord is good to all men; and his mercies are over all his works.  
 10 All the works of your hands give praise to you, O Lord; and your saints give you blessing.  
 11 Their words will be of the glory of your kingdom, and their talk of your strength;  
 12 So that the sons of men may have knowledge of his acts of power, and of the great glory of his kingdom.  
 13 Your kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and your rule is through all generations.  
 14 The Lord is the support of all who are crushed, and the lifter up of all who are bent down.  
 15 The eyes of all men are waiting for you; and you give them their food in its time.  
 16 By the opening of your hand, every living thing has its desire in full measure.  
 17 The Lord is upright in all his ways, and kind in all his works.  
 18 The Lord is near all those who give honour to his name; even to all who give honour to him with true hearts.  
 19 To his worshippers, he will give their desire; their cry comes to his ears, and he gives them salvation.  
 20 The Lord will keep all his worshippers from danger; but he will send destruction on all sinners.  
 21 My mouth will give praise to the Lord; let all flesh be blessing his holy name for ever and ever.

## 146

- 1 Let the Lord be praised. Give praise to the Lord, O my soul.  
 2 While I have breath I will give praise to the Lord: I will make melody to my God while I have my being.  
 3 Put not your faith in rulers, or in the son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
 4 Man's breath goes out, he is turned back again to dust; in that day all his purposes come to an end.  
 5 Happy is the man who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:  
 6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all things in them; who keeps faith for ever:  
 7 Who gives their rights to those who are crushed down; and gives food to those who are in need of it: the Lord makes the prisoners free;  
 8 The Lord makes open the eyes of the blind; the Lord is the lifter up of those who are bent down; the Lord is a lover of the upright;  
 9 The Lord takes care of those who are in a strange land; he gives help to the widow and to the child who has no father; but he sends destruction on the way of sinners.  
 10 The Lord will be King for ever; your God, O Zion, will be King through all generations. Praise be to the Lord.

## 147

- 1 Give praise to the Lord; for it is good to make melody to our God; praise is pleasing and beautiful.  
 2 The Lord is building up Jerusalem; he makes all the outlaws of Israel come together.

- <sup>3</sup> He makes the broken-hearted well, and puts oil on their wounds.  
<sup>4</sup> He sees the number of the stars; he gives them all their names.  
<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and great his power; there is no limit to his wisdom.  
<sup>6</sup> The Lord gives help to the poor in spirit; but he sends sinners down in shame.  
<sup>7</sup> Make songs of praise to the Lord; make melody to our God with instruments of music.  
<sup>8</sup> By his hand the heaven is covered with clouds and rain is stored up for the earth; he makes the grass tall on the mountains.  
<sup>9</sup> He gives food to every beast, and to the young ravens in answer to their cry.  
<sup>10</sup> He has no delight in the strength of a horse; he takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord takes pleasure in his worshippers, and in those whose hope is in his mercy.  
<sup>12</sup> Give praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem; give praise to your God, O Zion.  
<sup>13</sup> He has made strong the iron bands of your doors; he has sent blessings on your children inside your walls.  
<sup>14</sup> He gives peace in all your land, making your stores full of fat grain.  
<sup>15</sup> He sends out his orders to the earth; his word goes out quickly.  
<sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool; he sends out ice-drops like dust.  
<sup>17</sup> He sends down ice like raindrops: water is made hard by his cold.  
<sup>18</sup> At the outgoing of his word, the ice is turned to water; when he sends out his wind, there is a flowing of waters.  
<sup>19</sup> He makes his word clear to Jacob, teaching Israel his laws and his decisions.  
<sup>20</sup> He has not done these things for any other nation: and as for his laws, they have no knowledge of them. Let the Lord be praised.

## 148

- <sup>1</sup> Give praise to the Lord. Let the Lord be praised from the heavens: give him praise in the skies.  
<sup>2</sup> Give praise to him, all you his angels: give praise to him, all his armies.  
<sup>3</sup> Give praise to him, you sun and moon: give praise to him, all you stars of light.  
<sup>4</sup> Give praise to him, you highest heavens, and you waters which are over the heavens.  
<sup>5</sup> Let them give praise to the name of the Lord: for he gave the order, and they were made.  
<sup>6</sup> He has put them in their places for ever; he has given them their limits which may not be broken.  
<sup>7</sup> Give praise to the Lord from the earth, you great sea-beasts, and deep places:  
<sup>8</sup> Fire and rain of ice, snow and mists; storm-wind, doing his word:  
<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills; fruit-trees and all trees of the mountains:  
<sup>10</sup> Beasts and all cattle; insects and winged birds:  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth, and all peoples; rulers and all judges of the earth:  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and virgins; old men and children:  
<sup>13</sup> Let them give glory to the name of the Lord: for his name only is to be praised: his kingdom is over the earth and the heaven.



<sup>14</sup> He has put on high the horn of his people, for the praise of all his saints; even the children of Israel, a people which is near to him. Let the Lord be praised.

## 149

- <sup>1</sup> Let the Lord be praised. Make a new song to the Lord, let his praise be in the meeting of his saints.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel have joy in his maker; let the children of Zion be glad in their King.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them give praise to his name in the dance: let them make melody to him with instruments of brass and corded instruments of music.
- <sup>4</sup> For the Lord has pleasure in his people: he gives the poor in spirit a crown of salvation.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the saints have joy and glory: let them give cries of joy on their beds.
- <sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their mouths, and a two-edged sword in their hands;
- <sup>7</sup> To give the nations the reward of their sins, and the peoples their punishment;
- <sup>8</sup> To put their kings in chains, and their rulers in bands of iron;
- <sup>9</sup> To give them the punishment which is in the holy writings: this honour is given to all his saints. Praise be to the Lord.

## 150

- <sup>1</sup> Let the Lord be praised. Give praise to God in his holy place: give him praise in the heaven of his power.
- <sup>2</sup> Give him praise for his acts of power: give him praise in the measure of his great strength.
- <sup>3</sup> Give him praise with the sound of the horn: give him praise with corded instruments of music.
- <sup>4</sup> Give him praise with instruments of brass and in the dance: give him praise with horns and corded instruments.
- <sup>5</sup> Give him praise with the loud brass: give him praise with the high-sounding brass.
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything which has breath give praise to the Lord. Let the Lord be praised.