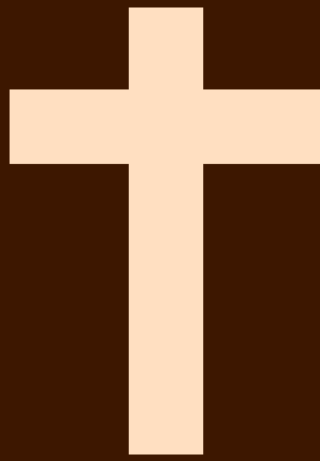
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Matthew

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son
of Abraham.
2 Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered
Judah and his brothers.
3 Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron,
and Hezron fathered Ram.
4 Ram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and
Nahshon fathered Salmon.
5 Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, and
Obed fathered Jesse.
6 Jesse fathered David the king. David fathered Solomon by Uriah's
wife.
7 Solomon fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and
Abijah fathered Asaph.
8 Asaph fathered Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, and
Joram fathered Uzziah.
9 Uzziah fathered Jotham, Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered
Hezekiah.
10 Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh fathered Amos, and
Amos fathered Josiah.
11 Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the
deportation to Babylon.
12 After the deportation to Babylon, Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel, and
Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel.
13 Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, Abiud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim
fathered Azor.
14 Azor fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Achim, and Achim fathered
Eliud.
15 Eliud fathered Eleazar, Eleazar fathered Matthan, and Matthan
fathered Jacob.
16 Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was
born, who is called Christ.
17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen
generations, from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen
generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ
fourteen generations.
18 The birth of Jesus Christ took place this way. His mother Mary
was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found
to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit.
19 Her husband Joseph was a righteous man and did not want to
expose her to public disgrace, so he decided to divorce her quietly.
20 But as he considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared
to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to
take Mary as your wife, for what is conceived in her is from the Holy
Spirit.
21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he
will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken through the
prophet:
23 “Look, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they
will name him Immanuel,” which means “God with us.”
24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had
commanded him and took his wife home.
25 But he did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth
to a son, and he named him Jesus.

2

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King
Herod, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem
2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him."
3 When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem
with him.
4 He gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people and
asked them where the Christ was to be born.
5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what was written
through the prophet:
6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah;
for from you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people
Israel.’ ”
7 Then Herod secretly called the wise men and learned from them
exactly when the star had appeared.
8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for
the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I too may come
and worship him.”
9 After hearing the king, they went on their way. And the star they
had seen at its rising went ahead of them until it came to rest over the
place where the child was.
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.
11 Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They fell down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12 Warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to
their country by another route.
13 After they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a
dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to
Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the
child to kill him.”
14 So Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night,
and left for Egypt.
15 He stayed there until Herod’s death, to fulfill what the Lord had
spoken through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”
16 Then Herod, seeing that the wise men had outwitted him, became
furious. He sent men to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its
surrounding territory who were two years old and under, according to
the time he had learned from the wise men.

17 Then what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was
fulfilled:
18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning:
Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because
they are no more.”
19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to
Joseph in Egypt
20 and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land
of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
21 So he got up, took the child and his mother, and entered the land
of Israel.
22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his
father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Warned in a dream, he
withdrew to the region of Galilee.
23 He went and settled in a town called Nazareth, to fulfill what was
spoken through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

3

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of
Judea
2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
3 He is the one spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one
crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths
straight.’ ”
4 John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt
around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.
5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan
were going out to him.
6 They were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their
sins.
7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his
baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to
flee from the coming wrath?
8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance.
9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as
our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children for Abraham from
these stones.
10 The ax is already laid at the root of the trees. So every tree that
does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
11 I baptize you in water for repentance, but the one coming after
me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will
baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire.
12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clear
his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but burn
up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”
13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized
by him.
14 But John tried to stop him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you,
and you come to me?”
15 Jesus answered him, “Allow it for now, for it is fitting for us to
fulfill all righteousness in this way.” Then John allowed him.

16 After Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up from the water.
The heavens opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and coming upon him.
17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I
am well pleased.”

4

1 Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be
tempted by the devil.
2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.
3 The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God,
command these stones to become loaves of bread.”
4 But he answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”
5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the
pinnacle of the temple.
6 He said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down,
for it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you,' and,
‘They will lift you up in their hands, so that you do not strike your foot
against a stone.’ ”
7 Jesus said to him, “It is also written: ‘You shall not put the Lord
your God to the test.’ ”
8 Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him
all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.
9 He said to him, “I will give you all these things if you fall down and
worship me.”
10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: ‘You
shall worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' ”
11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and ministered to him.
12 When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to
Galilee.
13 He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum by the sea, in the
territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,
14 to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond
the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:
16 the people sitting in darkness have seen a great light, and on those
sitting in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.”
17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
18 As he walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea,
for they were fishermen.
19 He said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of
Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee,
mending their nets. He called them,
22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed
him.

23 He went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and
every sickness among the people.
24 News of him spread throughout Syria. They brought him all who
were ill, afflicted with various diseases and pains, those possessed by
demons, those suffering seizures, and those who were paralyzed, and
he healed them.
25 Large crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis,
Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

5

1 When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain. He sat down,
and his disciples came to him.
2 Then he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and
falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. For that is
how they persecuted the prophets before you.
13 You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, how can it
be made salty? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown
out and trampled underfoot.
14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but on a
lampstand, and it shines on everyone in the house.
16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they
may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets.
I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.
18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the
smallest letter or a single stroke will pass from the Law until
everything takes place.
19 So whoever sets aside one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom

of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called
great in the kingdom of heaven.
20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the
scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
21 You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not
murder,’ and, ‘Whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’
22 But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be
liable to judgment. Whoever says to his brother, ‘You emptyhead!’ will
be liable to the council, and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to
the fire of hell.
23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember
that your brother has something against you,
24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to
your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
25 Come to terms with your adversary quickly while you are on the
way with him, lest your adversary hand you over to the judge, and the
judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.
26 Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last
penny.
27 You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
28 But I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust after her
has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.
For it is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your
whole body to be thrown into hell.
30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it
away. For it is better for you to lose one part of your body than for
your whole body to go into hell.
31 It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife must give her a
certificate of divorce.’
32 But I tell you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the
ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and
whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
33 Again, you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall
not swear falsely, but shall fulfill your oaths to the Lord.’
34 But I tell you not to swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s
throne,
35 nor by the earth, for it is his footstool, nor by Jerusalem, for it is
the city of the great King.
36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair
white or black.
37 Let your word be ‘Yes, yes,’ or ‘No, no.’ Anything beyond this
comes from the evil one.
38 You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for
a tooth.’
39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on
your right cheek, turn the other to him as well.
40 If someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have
your cloak as well.
41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go two with him.

42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one
who wants to borrow from you.
43 You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and
hate your enemy.’
44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute
you,
45 so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. For he makes
his sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous
and the unrighteous.
46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do
not even the tax collectors do the same?
47 And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing beyond
others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?
48 Therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

6

1 “Be careful not to practice your righteousness before others in
order to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your
Father in heaven.
2 So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you,
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and streets to be praised by
others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.
3 But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what
your right hand is doing,
4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father, who sees in
secret, will reward you.
5 When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites. They love to stand
and pray in the synagogues and on street corners to be seen by others.
Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.
6 But when you pray, go into your room, shut the door, and pray to
your Father who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will
reward you.
7 When you pray, do not heap up empty words like the Gentiles, for
they think they will be heard because of their many words.
8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before
you ask him.

9 Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’
14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father
will also forgive you.
15 But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive
your trespasses.
16 When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they
disfigure their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell
you, they have received their reward in full.
17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

18 so that your fasting may be seen by your Father who is in secret,
rather than by others. And your Father, who sees in secret, will
reward you.

19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth
and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.
20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither
moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.
21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, your
whole body will be full of light.
23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If,
then, the light in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and
love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and wealth.
25 Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will
eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than
food, and the body more than clothing?
26 Look at the birds of the sky: they neither sow nor reap nor gather
into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth
much more than they?
27 And which of you by worrying can add a single moment to his
life?
28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the
field, how they grow: they neither labor nor spin.
29 Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like
one of these.
30 If God so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and
tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you,
you of little faith?
31 So do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we
drink?' or 'What will we wear?'
32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly
Father knows that you need them all.
33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these
things will be added to you.
34 So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about
itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

7

1 "Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.
2 For with the judgment you use, you will be judged, and with the
measure you use, it will be measured to you.
3 Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to
notice the beam in your own eye?
4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of
your eye,' when there is a beam in your own eye?
5 You hypocrite! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then
you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

6 Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls
before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn and tear you to
pieces.
7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and
it will be opened to you.
8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and
to the one who knocks it will be opened.
9 Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?
10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?
11 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your
children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things
to those who ask him!
12 So in everything, do to others as you would have them do to you,
for this is the Law and the Prophets.
13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is
the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.
14 For narrow is the gate and hard is the way that leads to life, and
few find it.
15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but
inwardly are ravenous wolves.
16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from
thornbushes, or figs from thistles?
17 In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but a rotten
tree bears bad fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good
fruit.
19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown
into the fire.
20 So you will recognize them by their fruits.
21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom
of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.
22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy
in your name, cast out demons in your name, and perform many
miracles in your name?'
23 Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me,
you who practice lawlessness!'
24 So everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will
be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against
that house, but it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.
26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on
them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
27 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and struck that
house, and it fell—and great was its fall."
28 When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at
his teaching,
29 for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their
scribes.

8

1 When he came down from the mountain, large crowds followed
him.

2 A man with leprosy came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if
you are willing, you can make me clean.”
3 He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing.
Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.
4 Then Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one. But go, show
yourself to the priest, and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a
testimony to them.”
5 When he entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him,
pleading with him
6 and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering
terribly.”
7 He said to him, “I will come and heal him.”
8 The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come
under my roof. But only say the word, and my servant will be healed.
9 For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell
one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and my
slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”
10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those following
him, “Truly I tell you, I have found no one in Israel with such great
faith.
11 I tell you that many will come from east and west and recline at
table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.
12 But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer
darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”
13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; let it be done for you as you
have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very hour.
14 When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law
lying down with a fever.
15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her. She got up and began
to serve him.
16 When evening came, they brought him many who were possessed
by demons. He cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who
were ill,
17 to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
“He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”
18 When Jesus saw large crowds around him, he gave orders to go to
the other side.
19 A scribe approached and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you
wherever you go.”
20 Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have
nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”
21 Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and
bury my father.”
22 But Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own
dead.”
23 When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him.
24 Suddenly a great storm arose on the sea, so that the boat was
being covered by the waves. But he was asleep.
25 They came and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are
perishing!”

26 He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he
rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.
27 The men marveled, saying, “What kind of man is this, that even
the winds and the sea obey him?”

28 When he came to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes,
two men possessed by demons met him, coming out of the tombs.
They were so violent that no one could pass along that road.
29 They cried out, “What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have
you come here to torment us before the appointed time?”
30 Some distance from them, a large herd of pigs was feeding.
31 The demons begged him, “If you cast us out, send us into the herd
of pigs.”
32 He said to them, “Go!” They came out and went into the pigs. Then
the whole herd rushed down the steep slope into the sea and died in
the waters.
33 The herdsmen fled, went into the town, and reported everything,
including what had happened to the men possessed by demons.
34 Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus. When they saw
him, they begged him to leave their territory.

9

1 He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to his own town.

2 They brought him a paralyzed man lying on a bed. Seeing their
faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Take heart, child; your sins are
forgiven.”
3 Some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.”
4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you think evil in your
hearts?
5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up
and walk’?
6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on
earth to forgive sins”—then he said to the paralyzed man—“get up,
pick up your bed, and go home.”
7 And he got up and went home.
8 When the crowds saw this, they were afraid and glorified God,
who had given such authority to men.

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting
at the tax booth. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and
followed him.
10 While he was reclining at table in the house, many tax collectors
and sinners came and reclined with Jesus and his disciples.
11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does
your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”
12 When he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a
physician, but those who are ill.
13 Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’
For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

14 Then John’s disciples came and asked him, “Why do we and the
Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?”

15 Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn while the
bridegroom is with them? But days will come when the bridegroom is
taken away from them, and then they will fast.
16 No one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the
patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.
17 Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise
the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. But they
put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”
18 While he was saying these things to them, a ruler came and knelt
before him, saying, “My daughter has just died. But come and lay your
hand on her, and she will live.”
19 Jesus got up and followed him, along with his disciples.
20 A woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years came
up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak.
21 For she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made
well.”
22 Jesus turned and saw her and said, “Take heart, daughter; your
faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that
hour.
23 When Jesus entered the ruler’s house and saw the flute players
and the noisy crowd,
24 he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they
laughed at him.
25 After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by
the hand, and the girl arose.
26 And the news spread throughout that whole region.
27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying
out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”
28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him. Jesus
said to them, “Do you believe that I can do this?” They answered him,
“Yes, Lord.”
29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, “Let it be done for you
according to your faith.”
30 And their eyes were opened. Jesus sternly warned them, “See that
no one knows about this.”
31 But they went out and spread the news about him throughout
that whole region.
32 As they were leaving, a mute man possessed by a demon was
brought to him.
33 When the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke. The crowds
marveled, saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!”
34 But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the
demons.”
35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their
synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every
disease and every sickness.
36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because
they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the
workers are few.

38 So plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."

10

1 He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal every disease and every sickness.
2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John;
3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;
4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.
5 Jesus sent out these twelve with these instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter a Samaritan town.
6 Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
7 As you go, proclaim, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.
9 Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for your belts,
10 or a bag for the journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for the worker deserves his food.
11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.
12 As you enter the house, greet it.
13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.
14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet as you leave that house or town.
15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.
16 Look, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. So be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.
17 Beware of people, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues.
18 You will be brought before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.
19 When they hand you over, do not worry about how to speak or what to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that hour.
20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.
21 Brother will hand over brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rise against parents and have them put to death.
22 You will be hated by all because of my name, but the one who endures to the end will be saved.
23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to another. For truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.
24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the slave
like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul,
how much more will they call the members of his household!
26 So do not be afraid of them. For nothing is covered that will not
be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.
27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light, and what you
hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the rooftops.
28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? Yet not one of them
will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
31 So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
32 Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I too will
acknowledge before my Father in heaven.
33 But whoever denies me before others, I too will deny before my
Father in heaven.
34 Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have
not come to bring peace, but a sword.
35 For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against
her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.
36 And a person's enemies will be the members of his own
household.
37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of
me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy
of me.
38 And whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not
worthy of me.
39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life
because of me will find it.
40 Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes
me welcomes the one who sent me.
41 Whoever welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will receive
a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous man because
he is righteous will receive a righteous man's reward.
42 And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little
ones because he is a disciple—truly I tell you, he will never lose his
reward."

11

1 When Jesus finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on
from there to teach and preach in their towns.
2 When John heard in prison about the works of the Christ, he sent a
message through his disciples
3 and asked him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look
for another?"
4 Jesus answered them, "Go and report to John what you hear and
see:
5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, those with leprosy
are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have
the gospel preached to them.
6 And blessed is the one who does not stumble because of me."

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:
“What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes?
Look, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces.
9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.
10 This is the one of whom it is written: ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'
11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one greater than John the Baptist has arisen. Yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men seize it.
13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John.
14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.
15 Let anyone who has ears listen.
16 But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, calling to the others
17 and saying,
‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a lament, and you did not mourn.'
18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.'
19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her works."
20 Then he began to reproach the towns where most of his miracles had taken place, because they had not repented:
21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.
23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will go down to Hades! For if the miracles done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained to this day.
24 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."
25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children.
26 Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.
27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, nor does anyone know the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
28 Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

12

1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His
disciples were hungry and began to pick heads of grain and eat.
2 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look, your
disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”
3 He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and
those with him were hungry,
4 how he entered the house of God and they ate the bread of the
Presence, which was not lawful for him or those with him to eat, but
only for the priests?
5 Or have you not read in the Law that on the Sabbath the priests in
the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless?
6 But I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.
7 If you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not
sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.
8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”
9 He left that place and went into their synagogue.
10 A man with a withered hand was there. They asked him, “Is it
lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” so that they could accuse him.
11 He said to them, “Which of you, if he has one sheep and it falls
into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out?
12 How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! So it is lawful
to do good on the Sabbath.”
13 Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it
out, and it was restored, sound like the other.
14 But the Pharisees went out and plotted against him, to kill him.
15 Knowing this, Jesus withdrew from there. Many followed him,
and he healed them all.
16 He sternly warned them not to make him known,
17 to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
18 “Look, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom my
soul delights.
I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the
Gentiles.
19 He will not quarrel or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the
streets.
20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not
quench, until he brings justice to victory.
21 And in his name the Gentiles will hope.”
22 Then a man possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought
to him. He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.
23 All the crowds were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of
David?”
24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “This man casts out
demons only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.”
25 Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided
against itself is laid waste, and no town or house divided against itself
will stand.
26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then
will his kingdom stand?

27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast
them out? Therefore they will be your judges.
28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of
God has come upon you.
29 Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and seize his
goods unless he first binds the strong man? Then he can plunder his
house.
30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not
gather with me scatters.
31 Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven every sin and
blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.
32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven,
but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either
in this age or in the age to come.
33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree
rotten and its fruit rotten, for the tree is known by its fruit.
34 You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things when you
are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
35 The good man brings good things out of his good treasure, and the
evil man brings evil things out of his evil treasure.
36 But I tell you that people will give account on the day of judgment
for every idle word they speak.
37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you
will be condemned."
38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, "Teacher,
we want to see a sign from you."
39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks a
sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet
Jonah.
40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and
three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth three
days and three nights.
41 The men of Nineveh will rise at the judgment with this generation
and condemn it, for they repented at Jonah's preaching. And look,
something greater than Jonah is here.
42 The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this
generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to
hear Solomon's wisdom. And look, something greater than Solomon is
here.
43 When an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it passes through dry
places seeking rest, but finds none.
44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' When
it arrives, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.
45 Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more evil than
itself, and they enter and live there. The last state of that person
becomes worse than the first. So it will also be with this evil
generation."
46 While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his
brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to him.
47 Someone said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are
standing outside, seeking to speak to you."

48 But he answered the one speaking to him, “Who is my mother, and
who are my brothers?”
49 He stretched out his hand toward his disciples and said, “Here are
my mother and my brothers.
50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother
and sister and mother.”

13

1 That day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
2 Large crowds gathered around him, so he got into a boat and sat
down, while the whole crowd stood on the shore.
3 He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Look, a sower
went out to sow.
4 As he sowed, some seeds fell beside the path, and the birds came
and ate them.
5 Others fell on rocky ground, where they had little soil. They sprang
up immediately because the soil was not deep.
6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and because they had
no root, they withered.
7 Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked
them.
8 Others fell on good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold,
some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold.
9 Let anyone who has ears listen.”
10 The disciples came and asked him, “Why do you speak to them in
parables?”
11 He answered them, “Because it has been given to you to know the
mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but it has not been given to them.
12 For whoever has will be given more, and he will have an
abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be
taken away from him.
13 This is why I speak to them in parables: because seeing they do
not see, and hearing they do not hear or understand.
14 In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:
‘You will hear and hear, but never understand;
you will look and look, but never perceive.
15 For this people’s heart has grown dull, their ears hear with
difficulty, and they have closed their eyes, lest they see with
their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart,
and turn, and I would heal them.’
16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because
they hear.
17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to
see what you see and did not see it, and to hear what you hear and did
not hear it.
18 Hear, then, the parable of the sower.
19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not
understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown
in his heart. This is the one sown beside the path.
20 The one sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and
immediately receives it with joy.

21 Yet he has no root in himself, but lasts only a little while. When
trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately
falls away.
22 The one sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but
the worry of this age and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word,
and he becomes unfruitful.
23 But the one sown on good soil is the one who hears the word and
understands it. He indeed bears fruit, producing a hundredfold,
sixtyfold, or thirtyfold."
24 He set another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of
heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.
25 But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed
weeds among the wheat and went away.
26 When the plants sprouted and produced grain, the weeds also
appeared.
27 The master's slaves came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow
good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'
28 He told them, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him,
'Do you want us to go and gather them?'
29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you uproot the wheat
along with them.
30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I will tell
the reapers, "First gather the weeds and tie them in bundles to burn
them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "
31 He set another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.
32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown, it is larger
than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky
come and nest in its branches."
33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like
leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour until all
of it was leavened."
34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowds in parables, and he said
nothing to them without a parable,
35 to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
"I will open my mouth in parables;
I will utter things hidden since creation."
36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples
came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the
field."
37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the
kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,
39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the
end of the age, and the reapers are angels.
40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be
at the end of the age.
41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out
of his kingdom all causes of sin and those who practice lawlessness,
42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. There will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. Let anyone who has ears listen.
44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a
man found and hid. In his joy he goes and sells all he has and buys
that field.
45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine
pearls.
46 When he found one pearl of great value, he went and sold all he
had and bought it.
47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea that
gathered fish of every kind.
48 When it was full, they drew it onto the shore, sat down, and
gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad away.
49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and
separate the evil from among the righteous
50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. There will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.
51 Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes."
52 He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a
disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a house who
brings out of his treasure things new and old."
53 When Jesus finished these parables, he left that place.
54 He came to his hometown and taught them in their synagogue, so
that they were astonished and said, "Where did this man get this
wisdom and these miracles?
55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and
his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?
56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get
all these things?"
57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is
not without honor except in his hometown and in his own house."
58 And he did not perform many miracles there because of their
unbelief.

14

1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus
2 and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been
raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work
in him."
3 For Herod had seized John, bound him, and put him in prison
because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.
4 For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have
her."
5 Though Herod wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd, because
they regarded John as a prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of
Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.
7 So he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.
8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the
head of John the Baptist."

9 The king was grieved, but because of his oaths and his dinner
guests, he ordered it to be given.
10 He sent and had John beheaded in the prison.
11 His head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she
brought it to her mother.
12 John's disciples came, took the body, and buried him. Then they
went and told Jesus.
13 When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there by boat to a
deserted place in private. When the crowds heard, they followed him
on foot from the towns.
14 When he came ashore, he saw a large crowd, had compassion on
them, and healed their sick.
15 When evening came, the disciples approached him and said, "This
is a deserted place, and it is already late. Send the crowds away to go
into the villages and buy food for themselves."
16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give
them something to eat."
17 They said to him, "We have only five loaves and two fish here."
18 He said, "Bring them here to me."
19 He ordered the crowds to recline on the grass. Taking the five
loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, spoke a blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples to
the crowds.
20 They all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve full baskets
of leftover pieces.
21 Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women
and children.
22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go ahead of
him to the other side while he dismissed the crowds.
23 After dismissing the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself
to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.
24 The boat was already far from land, battered by the waves, for
the wind was against it.
25 About three in the morning, he came toward them, walking on
the sea.
26 When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were
alarmed and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
27 But Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I.
Do not be afraid."
28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to
you on the water."
29 He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water,
and came to Jesus.
30 But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. Beginning to
sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"
31 Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, caught him, and said to
him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
33 Those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son
of God."
34 After crossing over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

35 When the men of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the surrounding region and brought him all who were ill.
36 They begged him that they might only touch the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were made well.

15

1 Then Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem came to Jesus and said,
2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”
3 He answered them, “And why do you break God’s commandment because of your tradition?
4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Whoever curses father or mother must be put to death.’
5 But you say that whoever tells his father or mother, ‘Whatever help you might have received from me is an offering,’
6 need not honor his father. So you have nullified the word of God because of your tradition.
7 You hypocrites! Isaiah rightly prophesied about you when he said:
8 ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
9 They worship me in vain, teaching human commandments as
doctrines.’ ”
10 He called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:
11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth—that is what defiles a person.”
12 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard this saying?”
13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.
14 Leave them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. If a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”
15 Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”
16 He said, “Are you too still without understanding?
17 Do you not realize that everything entering the mouth goes into the stomach and is expelled into the latrine?
18 But what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and that defiles a person.
19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, acts of sexual immorality, thefts, false testimonies, and blasphemies.
20 These are what defile a person, but eating with unwashed hands does not defile a person.”
21 Jesus left that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
22 A Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is terribly tormented by a demon.”
23 But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”
24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

26 He answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and
throw it to the little dogs.”
27 She said, “Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat the crumbs that
fall from their masters' table.”
28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be
done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that
hour.
29 Jesus left there and came beside the Sea of Galilee. He went up
the mountain and sat down there.
30 Large crowds came to him, bringing the mute, the blind, the lame,
the maimed, and many others. They laid them at his feet, and he
healed them.
31 The crowd marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the
maimed restored, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they
glorified the God of Israel.
32 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on
the crowd, because they have already been with me for three days
and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, lest
they faint on the way.”
33 The disciples said to him, “Where can we get enough bread in this
wilderness to feed so large a crowd?”
34 Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said,
“Seven, and a few small fish.”
35 He ordered the crowd to recline on the ground.
36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke
them, and kept giving them to the disciples, and the disciples to the
crowds.
37 They all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets
full of leftover pieces.
38 Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and
children.
39 After dismissing the crowds, he got into the boat and came to the
region of Magadan.

16

1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came to test him and asked him to
show them a sign from heaven.
2 He answered them, “When evening comes, you say, ‘Fair weather,
for the sky is red.’
3 And in the morning, ‘Storms today, for the sky is red and gloomy.’
You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot
interpret the signs of the times.
4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be
given to it except the sign of Jonah.” Then he left them and went away.
5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to
bring bread.
6 Jesus said to them, “Watch out and beware of the leaven of the
Pharisees and Sadducees.”
7 They discussed it among themselves, saying, “We brought no
bread.”
8 Knowing this, Jesus said, “You of little faith, why do you discuss
among yourselves that you brought no bread?

9 Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves for the
five thousand and how many baskets you took up?
10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand and how many large
baskets you took up?
11 How do you not understand that I was not speaking to you about
bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."
12 Then they understood that he had told them to beware of the
teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees, rather than the leaven in
bread.
13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
14 They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
15 He said to them, "But who do you say I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living
God."
17 Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for
flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven.
18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you
bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven."
20 Then he strictly instructed the disciples to tell no one that he was
the Christ.
21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go
to Jerusalem, suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and
scribes, be killed, and be raised on the third day.
22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it
from you, Lord! This will never happen to you."
23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a
stumbling block to me, for you do not set your mind on the things of
God, but on the things of men."
24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to come after
me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.
25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses
his life because of me will find it.
26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world but
forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
27 For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with
his angels, and then he will repay each person according to his deeds.
28 Truly I tell you, some standing here will not taste death until they
see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

17

1 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led
them up a high mountain by themselves.
2 He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and
his clothes became white as light.
3 Then Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him.

4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I
will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for
Elijah.”
5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them,
and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I
am well pleased. Listen to him!”
6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were
terrified.
7 Jesus came, touched them, and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.”
8 When they lifted their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone.
9 As they came down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no
one the vision until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”
10 The disciples asked him, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah
must come first?”
11 He answered, “Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things.
12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize
him, but did to him whatever they wished. In the same way the Son of
Man is going to suffer at their hands.”
13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about
John the Baptist.
14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached him, knelt
before him,
15 and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he suffers seizures and
is in terrible distress. He often falls into the fire and often into the
water.
16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”
17 Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation! How long
will I be with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to
me.”
18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was
healed from that hour.
19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could
we not cast it out?”
20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if
you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain,
‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be
impossible for you.”
21 [“But this kind does not come out except by prayer and fasting.”]
22 As they gathered in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is
going to be handed over into the hands of men.
23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.” And
they were deeply grieved.
24 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma
temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the
two-drachma tax?”
25 He said, “Yes.” When he entered the house, Jesus spoke to him
first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of
the earth collect duties or taxes—from their sons or from others?”
26 When he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are
exempt.
27 But so that we do not cause them to stumble, go to the sea and
cast a hook. Take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its

mouth you will find a large silver coin. Take it and give it to them for me and for you."

18

1 At that hour the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
2 He called a child to him, set him in their midst,
3 and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
4 So whoever humbles himself like this child is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.
6 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin—it would be better for him to have a millstone turned by a donkey hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.
7 Woe to the world because of causes of sin! For causes of sin must come, but woe to the person through whom the cause of sin comes!
8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire.
9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.
10 See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.
11 [For the Son of Man came to save what was lost.]
12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that strayed?
13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that did not stray.
14 In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.
15 If your brother sins against you, go and point out his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.
16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others with you, so that every matter may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.
17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.
19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.
20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."
21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, “I tell you, not up to seven times, but up to
seventy times seven.

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to
settle accounts with his slaves.
24 When he began to settle them, one was brought to him who owed
ten thousand talents.
25 Since he had nothing with which to pay, his master ordered him
to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all he had, and
payment to be made.
26 So the slave fell down before him and pleaded, ‘Be patient with
me, and I will repay you everything.’
27 Moved with compassion, the master of that slave released him
and forgave him the debt.
28 But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who
owed him a hundred denarii, about a hundred days’ wages. He seized
him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe!’
29 His fellow slave fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me,
and I will repay you.’
30 But he refused. Instead, he went and had him thrown into prison
until he paid what was owed.
31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply
grieved. They went and reported to their master all that had
happened.
32 Then his master called him and said, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave
you all that debt because you begged me.
33 Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had
mercy on you?’
34 In anger, his master handed him over to the torturers until he
paid all that was owed.
35 So also my heavenly Father will do to you, unless each of you
forgives his brother from his heart.”

19

1 When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and came to the
region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
2 Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

3 Pharisees came to test him and asked, “Is it lawful for a man to
divorce his wife for any cause?”
4 He answered, “Have you not read that the Creator from the
beginning made them male and female,
5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?
6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has
joined together, let no one separate.”
7 They said to him, “Why then did Moses command that a man give
her a certificate of divorce and send her away?”
8 He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart, Moses
permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not
been so.

9 And I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual
immorality, and marries another commits adultery; and whoever
marries a divorced woman commits adultery."
10 The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation of a man with his
wife, it is better not to marry."
11 He said to them, "Not everyone can accept this saying, but only
those to whom it has been given.
12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their
mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by
men, and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the
sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who can accept it accept
it."
13 Then children were brought to him so that he might lay his hands
on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.
14 But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder
them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
15 After laying his hands on them, he went on from there.
16 A man came to him and said, "Teacher, what good thing must I do
to have eternal life?"
17 He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is
only one who is good. But if you want to enter life, keep the
commandments."
18 He said to him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder;
you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear
false witness;
19 honor your father and mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.' "
20 The young man said to him, "I have kept all these. What do I still
lack?"
21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your
possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven. Then come, follow me."
22 When the young man heard this saying, he went away grieving,
for he had many possessions.
23 Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for a rich
man to enter the kingdom of heaven.
24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a
needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."
25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and
said, "Who then can be saved?"
26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With men this is impossible, but
with God all things are possible."
27 Then Peter said to him, "Look, we have left everything and
followed you. What then will we have?"
28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, in the renewal, when the Son
of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also
sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father
or mother or wife or children or fields because of my name will
receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life.
30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

20

1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out
early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.
2 After agreeing with the workers on a denarius for the day—the
usual day's wage—he sent them into his vineyard.
3 Going out about nine in the morning, he saw others standing idle
in the marketplace.
4 He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you
whatever is right.’
5 So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in
the afternoon and did the same.
6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found others standing
there. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here idle all day?’
7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them,
‘You also go into the vineyard.’
8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his
manager, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with
the last and ending with the first.’
9 Those hired about five in the afternoon came, and each received a
denarius.
10 When the first came, they thought they would receive more, but
each of them also received a denarius.
11 On receiving it, they grumbled against the landowner,
12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made
them equal to us who bore the burden of the day and the scorching
heat.’
13 But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong.
Did you not agree with me on a denarius?
14 Take what is yours and go. I want to give this last one the same as
you.
15 Am I not allowed to do what I want with what is mine? Or are you
envious because I am generous?’
16 So the last will be first, and the first last.”
17 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples
aside and said to them on the way,
18 “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be
handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn
him to death.
19 They will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged,
and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised.”
20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her
sons, kneeling before him and asking something of him.
21 He said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Command
that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and one at your left,
in your kingdom.”
22 Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you
drink the cup I am about to drink?” They said to him, “We can.”
23 He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my
right and at my left is not mine to give, but is for those for whom it has
been prepared by my Father.”

24 When the ten heard this, they were indignant with the two
brothers.
25 But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers
of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise
authority over them.
26 It will not be so among you. Instead, whoever wants to become
great among you will be your servant,
27 and whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave,
28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and
to give his life as a ransom for many.”
29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.
30 Two blind men were sitting beside the road. Hearing that Jesus
was passing by, they cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!”
31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried
out all the more, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!”
32 Jesus stopped, called them, and said, “What do you want me to do
for you?”
33 They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.”
34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately
they received their sight and followed him.

21

1 When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,
2 saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you. Immediately you
will find a donkey tied there, and a colt with her. Untie them and
bring them to me.
3 If anyone says anything to you, say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he
will send them at once.”
4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
5 “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Look, your king is coming to you, gentle
and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of
burden.’ ”
6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.
7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their cloaks on them,
and he sat on them.
8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut
branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
9 The crowds going ahead of him and those following cried out,
“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”
10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken and
asked, “Who is this?”
11 The crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in
Galilee.”
12 Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and
buying in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers
and the seats of those selling doves.
13 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of
prayer,’ but you are making it a den of robbers.”

14 The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed
them.
15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonders he did
and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of
David!” they were indignant
16 and said to him, “Do you hear what these children are saying?”
Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘From the mouths of
infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise’?”
17 He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent
the night.
18 In the morning, as he returned to the city, he was hungry.
19 Seeing a fig tree beside the road, he went to it but found nothing
on it except leaves. He said to it, “May no fruit ever grow from you
again!” And the fig tree withered at once.
20 When the disciples saw this, they marveled and said, “How did the
fig tree wither at once?”
21 Jesus answered them, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do
not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree. Even if
you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will
happen.
22 And whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”
23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the
people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority
are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?”
24 Jesus answered them, “I too will ask you one question. If you
answer me, I too will tell you by what authority I do these things.
25 Where did John's baptism come from—from heaven or from
men?” They discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From
heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’
26 But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the crowd, for they all regard
John as a prophet.”
27 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” He also said to them,
“Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.
28 But what do you think? A man had two children. He went to the
first and said, ‘Child, go and work in the vineyard today.’
29 He answered, ‘I will not.’ But afterward he changed his mind and
went.
30 He went to the second and said the same. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’
but did not go.
31 Which of the two did his father's will?” They said, “The first.” Jesus
said to them, “Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are going
into the kingdom of God ahead of you.
32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not
believe him, but the tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Even
after you saw this, you did not change your minds and believe him.
33 Hear another parable. A landowner planted a vineyard, put a
fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. He leased it
to tenant farmers and went away.
34 When harvest time drew near, he sent his slaves to the tenants to
receive his fruit.

35 The tenants seized his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned another.
36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they did the same to them.
37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'
38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and take his inheritance.'
39 They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
40 So when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
41 They said to him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit in its seasons."
42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures,

'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This came from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who produce its fruits.
44 The one who falls on this stone will be shattered, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."
45 When the chief priests and Pharisees heard his parables, they knew he was speaking about them.
46 Though they sought to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

22

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying,
2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son.
3 He sent his slaves to call those invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.
4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those invited, "Look, I have prepared my dinner. My bulls and fattened animals have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!" '
5 But they paid no attention and went away, one to his own field, another to his business.
6 The rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.
7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
9 So go to the crossroads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'
10 Those slaves went out into the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good, and the wedding feast was filled with guests.
11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing a wedding garment.
12 He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind his feet and hands and
throw him into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'
14 For many are called, but few are chosen."
15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to trap him in his words.
16 They sent their disciples to him with the Herodians, saying,
"Teacher, we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in
truth. You are not swayed by anyone, for you show no partiality.
17 So tell us what you think. Is it lawful to pay the tax to Caesar or
not?"
18 But Jesus, knowing their malice, said, "Why are you testing me,
you hypocrites?
19 Show me the coin used for the tax." They brought him a denarius.
20 And he said to them, "Whose image and inscription are these?"
21 They said to him, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render
therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things
that are God's."
22 When they heard this, they marveled, left him, and went away.
23 That day Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to
him and asked him,
24 "Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies without children, his brother
must marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.'
25 Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and
died, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother.
26 The same happened to the second, and the third, down to the
seventh.
27 Last of all, the woman died.
28 In the resurrection, then, which of the seven will have her as his
wife? For they all had her."
29 Jesus answered them, "You are mistaken, because you know
neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.
30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in
marriage, but are like God's angels in heaven.
31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read
what God said to you:
32 ‘I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of
Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."
33 When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.
34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together.
35 One of them, an expert in the Law, asked him a question to test
him:
36 "Teacher, which commandment is greatest in the Law?"
37 He said to him, " ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'
38 This is the great and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
40 On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the
Prophets."
41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42 “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said
to him, “David’s.”
43 He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord,
saying,
44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand until I put your
enemies beneath your feet” ’?
45 If David calls him Lord, how then is he his son?”
46 No one could answer him a word, and from that day no one dared
ask him any more questions.

23

1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples,
2 saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.
3 So do and observe everything they tell you, but do not act
according to their works, for they say and do not do.
4 They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on people's shoulders, but
they themselves are unwilling to move them with their finger.
5 They do all their works to be seen by others. They make their
phylacteries broad and their fringes long.
6 They love the place of honor at dinners and the chief seats in the
synagogues,
7 greetings in the marketplaces, and being called ‘Rabbi’ by people.
8 But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one teacher, and
you are all brothers.
9 And call no one on earth your father, for you have one Father, the
heavenly one.
10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor,
the Christ.
11 The greatest among you will be your servant.
12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.
13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut
the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You do not enter yourselves,
nor do you allow those entering to go in.
14 [Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour
widows’ houses and make long prayers for a pretense. Therefore you
will receive greater condemnation.]
15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel sea
and land to make one convert, and when he becomes one, you make
him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.
16 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the
sanctuary, it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the
sanctuary is bound by his oath.’
17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the sanctuary
that made the gold holy?
18 And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing, but whoever
swears by the gift on it is bound by his oath.’
19 You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that
makes the gift holy?
20 So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on
it.

21 And whoever swears by the sanctuary swears by it and by the one
who dwells in it.
22 And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and
by the one who sits on it.
23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint
and dill and cumin, but have neglected the weightier matters of the
Law: justice and mercy and faith. You ought to have practiced these
without neglecting the others.
24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat but swallowing a camel!
25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the
outside of the cup and the dish, but inside they are full of extortion
and self-indulgence.
26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the dish,
so that its outside may also become clean.
27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like
whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inside are
full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.
28 In the same way, you outwardly appear righteous to people, but
inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.
29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the
tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,
30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not
have shared with them in the blood of the prophets.'
31 So you testify against yourselves that you are sons of those who
murdered the prophets.
32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers!
33 You serpents, you brood of vipers! How will you escape the
condemnation of hell?
34 Therefore, look, I am sending you prophets, wise men, and
scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog
in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,
35 so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth,
from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of
Berechiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.
36 Truly I tell you, all these things will come upon this generation.
37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those
sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children as a hen
gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling!
38 Look, your house is left to you desolate.
39 For I tell you, you will not see me from now on until you say,
'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

24

1 Jesus left the temple and was going away when his disciples came
to point out the temple buildings to him.
2 He answered them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I tell
you, not one stone will be left here upon another that will not be torn
down."
3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him
privately and said, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what
will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

4 Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray.
5 For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will
lead many astray.
6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not
alarmed, for this must happen, but the end is not yet.
7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,
and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.

9 Then they will hand you over to tribulation and kill you, and you
will be hated by all nations because of my name.
10 Then many will fall away, betray one another, and hate one
another.
11 Many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.
12 And because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow
cold.
13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the
whole inhabited world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end
will come.

15 So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of through
the prophet Daniel standing in the holy place (let the reader
understand),
16 then let those in Judea flee to the mountains.
17 Let the one on the housetop not come down to take the things
from his house,
18 and let the one in the field not turn back to take his cloak.
19 Woe to those who are pregnant and those who are nursing infants
in those days!
20 Pray that your flight may not take place in winter or on a Sabbath.
21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not occurred
from the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.
22 If those days were not cut short, no one would survive. But for the
sake of the elect, those days will be cut short.
23 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Here!’ do
not believe it.
24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great
signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.
25 Look, I have told you beforehand.
26 So if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out;
or, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.
27 For as lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west,
so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
28 Wherever the corpse is, there the eagles will gather.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be
darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from
heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then
all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man
coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 He will send out his angels with a loud trumpet, and they will
gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to
the other.
32 Learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch becomes
tender and puts out leaves, you know that summer is near.
33 So also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the
doors.
34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things take place.
35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass
away.
36 But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the
angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.
37 For as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of
Man be.
38 For in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark.
39 They did not know until the flood came and swept them all away.
So also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
40 Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left.
41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is
left.
42 So keep watch, for you do not know on what day your Lord is
coming.
43 But know this: if the master of the house had known at what time
of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would
not have allowed his house to be broken into.
44 Therefore you too must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.
45 Who then is the faithful and wise slave whom the master put in
charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?
46 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds doing so when he
comes.
47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.
48 But if that wicked slave says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,'
49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with
drunkards,
50 the master of that slave will come on a day he does not expect and
at an hour he does not know.
51 He will cut him in two and assign him a place with the hypocrites.
There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

25

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took
their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise.
3 For the foolish took their lamps but took no oil with them.
4 The wise, however, took oil in containers along with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight a cry rang out, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him!'
7 Then all those virgins arose and prepared their lamps.

8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.’
9 But the wise answered, ‘There may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.’
10 While they went to buy it, the bridegroom came. Those who were
ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.
11 Later the other virgins came too, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’
12 But he answered, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’
13 So keep watch, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

14 For it is like a man going away who called his own slaves and
entrusted his possessions to them.
15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one,
each according to his own ability. Then he went away. Immediately,
16 the one who had received the five talents went and put them to
work and gained another five.
17 In the same way, the one with two gained another two.
18 But the one who had received the one went away, dug in the
ground, and hid his master's money.
19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them.
20 The one who had received the five talents came forward and
brought another five talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents
to me. Look, I have gained another five talents.’
21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You
have been faithful over a few things; I will put you over many. Enter
into your master's joy.’
22 The one with the two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master,
you entrusted two talents to me. Look, I have gained another two
talents.’
23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You
have been faithful over a few things; I will put you over many. Enter
into your master's joy.’
24 The one who had received the one talent also came forward and
said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not
sow and gathering where you did not scatter.
25 So I was afraid, went away, and hid your talent in the ground.
Look, you have what is yours.’
26 His master answered him, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew
that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?
27 Then you ought to have put my money with the bankers, and
when I came I would have received what was mine with interest.
28 So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten
talents.
29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have an
abundance. But from the one who does not have, even what he has
will be taken away.
30 And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness. There will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate
them from one another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats.
33 He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on the left.
34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are
blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.
35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I
was in prison and you came to me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you
hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
38 When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and
clothe you?
39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?'
40 The King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, as you did it to one of
the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
41 Then he will also say to those on the left, 'Depart from me, you
cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me no drink,
43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did
not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
44 Then they too will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not serve you?'
45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, as you did not do it to
one of the least of these, neither did you do it to me.'
46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous
into eternal life."

26

1 When Jesus finished all these words, he said to his disciples,
2 "You know that the Passover is in two days, and the Son of Man is
being handed over to be crucified."
3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the
courtyard of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas.
4 They plotted to seize Jesus by deceit and kill him.
5 But they said, "Not during the feast, so that there will not be a riot
among the people."
6 While Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,
7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly perfume
and poured it on his head as he reclined at table.
8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant and said, "Why
this waste?
9 For this could have been sold for a great sum and the money given
to the poor."
10 Knowing this, Jesus said to them, "Why do you trouble the
woman? For she has done a beautiful work for me.
11 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always
have me.

12 In pouring this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for
burial.
13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole
world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."
14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief
priests
15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to
you?" They weighed out thirty pieces of silver for him.
16 From then on he sought an opportunity to hand him over.
17 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus
and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the
Passover?"
18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The
Teacher says, "My time is near. I will keep the Passover at your house
with my disciples." ' "
19 The disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the
Passover.
20 When evening came, he reclined at table with the twelve disciples.
21 As they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will
betray me."
22 Deeply grieved, each one began to say to him, "Surely not I, Lord?"
23 He answered, "The one who dipped his hand with me in the dish
will betray me.
24 The Son of Man goes as it is written about him, but woe to that
man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better
for that man if he had not been born."
25 Judas, who was betraying him, answered, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"
He said to him, "You have said it."
26 As they were eating, Jesus took bread, spoke a blessing, broke it,
and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body."
27 Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
"Drink from it, all of you,
28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
29 But I tell you, from now on I will not drink of this fruit of the vine
until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."
30 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will fall away because of me
this night, for it is written,
'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'
32 But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."
33 Peter answered him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you,
I will never fall away."
34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before a rooster
crows, you will deny me three times."
35 Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny
you." And all the disciples said the same.
36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and said
to the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him and began to
be sorrowful and distressed.
38 Then he said to them, “My soul is deeply sorrowful, even to death.
Stay here and keep watch with me.”
39 He went a little farther, fell facedown, and prayed, saying, “My
Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but
as you will.”
40 He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to
Peter, “So, could you not keep watch with me for one hour?
41 Keep watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation.
The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
42 Again he went away a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father,
if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”
43 He came and again found them sleeping, for their eyes were
heavy.
44 He left them, went away again, and prayed a third time, saying
the same words again.
45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep on now and
rest. Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is being handed over
into the hands of sinners.
46 Get up, let us go. Look, the one betraying me is near.”
47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and
with him a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests
and elders of the people.
48 The one betraying him had given them a sign, saying, “The man I
kiss is the one. Seize him.”
49 Immediately he came to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And
he kissed him.
50 Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came for.” Then they came
forward, laid hands on Jesus, and seized him.
51 One of those with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword,
and struck the high priest’s slave, cutting off his ear.
52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back in its place, for all
who take the sword will perish by the sword.
53 Or do you think I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once
place more than twelve legions of angels at my disposal?
54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must
happen this way?”
55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with
swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after
day I sat teaching in the temple, and you did not seize me.
56 But all this has happened so that the Scriptures of the prophets
might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.
57 Those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest,
where the scribes and elders had gathered.
58 Peter followed him at a distance, as far as the high priest’s
courtyard. He went inside and sat with the officers to see the outcome.
59 The chief priests and the whole council were seeking false
testimony against Jesus to put him to death,
60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.
Finally two came forward

61 and said, “This man said, ‘I can tear down the sanctuary of God
and build it in three days.’ ”
62 The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer?
What is it that these men testify against you?”
63 But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, “I put you
under oath by the living God: tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of
God.”
64 Jesus said to him, “You have said it. Yet I tell you, from now on you
will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming
on the clouds of heaven.”
65 Then the high priest tore his garments and said, “He has
blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now
you have heard the blasphemy.
66 What do you think?” They answered, “He deserves death.”
67 Then they spat in his face and struck him with their fists, and
others slapped him,
68 saying, “Prophesy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck you?”
69 Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to
him and said, “You too were with Jesus the Galilean.”
70 But he denied it before everyone, saying, “I do not know what you
are saying.”
71 When he went out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said
to those there, “This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.”
72 Again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.”
73 A little later, those standing there came and said to Peter, “Surely
you too are one of them, for your speech gives you away.”
74 Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know the man!”
Immediately a rooster crowed.
75 Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before a rooster
crows, you will deny me three times.” He went outside and wept
bitterly.

27

1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the
people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.
2 They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the
governor.
3 Then Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus had been
condemned. Filled with remorse, he returned the thirty pieces of
silver to the chief priests and the elders,
4 saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said,
“What is that to us? See to it yourself.”
5 He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and withdrew. Then
he went away and hanged himself.
6 The chief priests picked up the silver and said, “It is not lawful to
put this into the treasury, since it is the price of blood.”
7 After taking counsel, they used the money to buy the potter's field
as a burial place for strangers.
8 That is why that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:
“They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one who was
valued, whom the sons of Israel had valued,
10 and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.”
11 Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are
you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.”
12 But when the chief priests and the elders accused him, he
answered nothing.
13 Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how much they testify
against you?”
14 But he did not answer him about even a single charge, so that the
governor was greatly amazed.
15 At the feast, the governor customarily released one prisoner for
the crowd, anyone they wanted.
16 At that time they had a well-known prisoner called Jesus
Barabbas.
17 So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you
want me to release for you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the
Christ?”
18 For he knew that they had handed him over out of envy.
19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to
him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for today I have
suffered greatly in a dream because of him.”
20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask
for Barabbas and have Jesus put to death.
21 The governor asked them, “Which of the two do you want me to
release for you?” They said, “Barabbas.”
22 Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is
called the Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”
23 He said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the
more, “Let him be crucified!”
24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing and that an
uproar was developing instead, he took water and washed his hands
before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this blood. See to it
yourselves.”
25 All the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”
26 Then he released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus
flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.
27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and
gathered the whole cohort around him.
28 They stripped him and put a scarlet cloak around him.
29 They wove a crown of thorns and placed it on his head, and put a
reed in his right hand. Kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
“Hail, King of the Jews!”
30 They spat on him, took the reed, and kept striking him on the
head.
31 After mocking him, they took off the cloak, put his own clothes on
him, and led him away to crucify him.
32 As they went out, they found a man from Cyrene named Simon,
and compelled him to carry Jesus' cross.

33 They came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a
Skull.
34 They gave him wine mixed with gall to drink, but after tasting it
he would not drink it.
35 After crucifying him, they divided his clothes by casting lots.
36 Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.
37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: “This
is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”
38 Then two robbers were crucified with him, one at his right and
one at his left.
39 Those who passed by reviled him, shaking their heads
40 and saying, “You who destroy the temple and build it in three days,
save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”
41 Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes and the elders, mocked
him, saying,
42 “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel!
Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.
43 He has trusted in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him,
for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ”
44 The robbers crucified with him also insulted him in the same way.
45 From about noon until about three in the afternoon, darkness
came over the whole land.
46 At about three, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema
sabachthani?” That is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “This
man is calling Elijah.”
48 Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, filled it with sour
wine, put it on a reed, and gave him a drink.
49 But the others said, “Wait; let us see whether Elijah comes to save
him.”
50 Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.
51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to
bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks split.
52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had
fallen asleep were raised.
53 After his resurrection, they came out of the tombs, entered the
holy city, and appeared to many.
54 When the centurion and those guarding Jesus with him saw the
earthquake and what had happened, they were greatly afraid and
said, “Truly this was God's Son!”
55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had
followed Jesus from Galilee and had served him.
56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James
and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.
57 When evening came, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph
arrived. He too had become a disciple of Jesus.
58 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Then Pilate ordered it
to be handed over.
59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut into the rock.
He rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went

away.
61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.
62 The next day, the day after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate
63 and said, “Sir, we remember that while he was still alive, that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will be raised.’
64 Therefore order the tomb to be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’ Then the last deception will be worse than the first.”
65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go and make it as secure as you know how.”
66 So they went and secured the tomb by sealing the stone, with the guard there.

28

1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.
2 And there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, came and rolled back the stone, and sat on it.
3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
4 The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.
5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
6 He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has been raised from the dead. Look, he is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Look, I have told you.”
8 They left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.
9 Then Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings!” They came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.
10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”
11 While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.
12 They gathered with the elders, took counsel, and gave the soldiers a large sum of money,
13 saying, “Say, ‘His disciples came at night and stole him while we were sleeping.’
14 And if the governor hears of this, we will persuade him and keep you free from worry.”
15 They took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.
16 The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them.
17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted.
18 Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And
look, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah:
“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare
your way.
3 A voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”
4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
5 The whole region of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem were
going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River,
confessing their sins.
6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt
around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey.
7 He proclaimed, “After me comes one mightier than I. I am not
worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.
8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you in the Holy
Spirit.”
9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan.
10 Immediately, as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens
being torn open and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove.
11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; in you I
am well pleased.”
12 Immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness.
13 He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He
was with the wild animals, and the angels ministered to him.
14 After John was handed over, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming
the gospel of God
15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at
hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.”
16 Passing beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew,
Simon’s brother, casting a net in the sea, for they were fishermen.
17 Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become
fishers of men.”
18 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
19 Going a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his
brother John, who were also in the boat mending the nets.
20 Immediately he called them. They left their father Zebedee in the
boat with the hired workers and went after him.
21 They entered Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he
taught in the synagogue.
22 They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one
who had authority, and not as the scribes.
23 Just then a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue,
and he cried out,
24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus the Nazarene? Have you
come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”

25 Jesus rebuked it, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”
26 The unclean spirit convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, then came out of him.
27 They were all amazed and discussed it among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching! With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”
28 Immediately the news about him spread everywhere throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.
29 Immediately after leaving the synagogue, they went into the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.
30 Simon's mother-in-law was lying down with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.
31 He came, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them.
32 When evening came, after the sun had set, they brought him all who were ill and those possessed by demons.
33 The whole town was gathered at the door.
34 He healed many who were ill with various diseases and cast out many demons. He would not let the demons speak, because they knew him.
35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and departed to a deserted place. There he prayed.
36 Simon and those with him searched for him,
37 and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.”
38 He said to them, “Let us go elsewhere, to the nearby towns, so that I may preach there too, for that is why I came out.”
39 He went throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.
40 A man with leprosy came to him, pleading with him and kneeling, saying to him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”
41 Moved to anger, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I am willing. Be clean!”
42 Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.
43 With a stern warning, he sent him away at once
44 and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”
45 But he went out and began to proclaim it widely and spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly. He stayed outside in deserted places, and people came to him from everywhere.

2

1 When he entered Capernaum again after some days, it became known that he was at home.
2 Many gathered, so that there was no more room, not even by the door, and he spoke the word to them.
3 They came bringing him a paralyzed man carried by four people.
4 Since they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above where he was. After digging through it, they lowered the mat on which the paralyzed man was lying.

5 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “Child, your sins
are forgiven.”
6 Some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts,
7 “Why does this man speak this way? He is blaspheming! Who can
forgive sins except God alone?”
8 Immediately Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were reasoning
this way within themselves and said to them, “Why do you reason
these things in your hearts?
9 Which is easier, to say to the paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are
forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat, and walk’?
10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on
earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralyzed man,
11 “I tell you, get up, take your mat, and go home.”
12 He got up, immediately took the mat, and went out before
everyone. They were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have
never seen anything like this!”

13 He went out again beside the sea. The whole crowd came to him,
and he taught them.
14 As he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax
booth and said to him, “Follow me.” He got up and followed him.

15 While he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and
sinners reclined with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and
they followed him.
16 When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with
sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat
with tax collectors and sinners?”
17 When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well have
no need of a physician, but those who are ill. I did not come to call the
righteous, but sinners.”

18 John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. People came and
said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees
fast, but your disciples do not fast?”
19 Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the
bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with
them, they cannot fast.
20 But days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from
them, and then they will fast on that day.

21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment.
Otherwise the new patch pulls away from the old, and a worse tear is
made.
22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the
wine will burst the skins, and the wine and the skins are ruined. But
new wine goes into fresh wineskins.”

23 On a Sabbath he was passing through the grainfields, and as his
disciples made their way, they began to pick heads of grain.
24 The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not
lawful on the Sabbath?”
25 He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he
was in need and he and his companions were hungry,

26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high
priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which only the priests are
allowed to eat, and also gave some to those with him?"
27 And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not
man for the Sabbath.
28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

3

1 He entered a synagogue again, and a man with a withered hand
was there.
2 They watched him to see whether he would heal him on the
Sabbath, so that they could accuse him.
3 He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and stand in
the middle."
4 Then he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to
do evil, to save a life or to kill?" But they were silent.
5 He looked around at them with anger, grieved at the hardness of
their hearts, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He
stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
6 The Pharisees went out and immediately began plotting with the
Herodians against him, to kill him.
7 Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude
from Galilee followed. Also from Judea,
8 Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and around Tyre and
Sidon, a great multitude came to him when they heard all he was
doing.
9 He told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him because of
the crowd, so that they would not crush him.
10 For he had healed many, so that all who had afflictions pressed
upon him to touch him.
11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him
and cried out, "You are the Son of God!"
12 But he sternly warned them not to make him known.
13 He went up the mountain and called to him those he wanted, and
they came to him.
14 He appointed twelve, so that they might be with him and that he
might send them out to preach
15 and have authority to cast out demons.
16 He appointed the twelve: Simon, to whom he gave the name Peter;
17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom
he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder;
18 Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of
Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,
19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.
20 Then he came into a house, and the crowd gathered again, so that
they could not even eat bread.
21 When those close to him heard, they went out to take hold of him,
for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."
22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has
Beelzebul," and, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

23 He called them to him and spoke to them in parables: “How can
Satan cast out Satan?
24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.
25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able
to stand.
26 And if Satan has risen against himself and is divided, he cannot
stand, but has come to an end.
27 But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his
goods unless he first binds the strong man. Then he can plunder his
house.
28 Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven all their sins and whatever
blasphemies they speak.
29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has
forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.”
30 He said this because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”
31 His mother and his brothers came, and standing outside, they
sent word to him, calling him.
32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Look, your
mother and your brothers are outside seeking you.”
33 He answered them, “Who is my mother, or who are my brothers?”
34 Looking around at those sitting in a circle about him, he said,
“Here are my mother and my brothers.
35 For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and
mother.”

4

1 Again he began to teach beside the sea. A very large crowd
gathered around him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea,
while the whole crowd was on the land beside the sea.
2 He taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching he
said to them,
3 “Listen! Look, a sower went out to sow.
4 As he sowed, some seed fell beside the path, and the birds came
and ate it.
5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.
Immediately it sprang up because the soil was not deep.
6 But when the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root,
it withered.
7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked
it, and it yielded no fruit.
8 Other seeds fell into good soil and yielded fruit, growing up and
increasing, producing thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.”
9 And he said, “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen.”
10 When he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him
about the parables.
11 He said to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the
kingdom of God, but for those outside everything comes in parables,
12 so that seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may
hear and not understand, lest they turn and be forgiven.”
13 He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then
will you understand all the parables?
14 The sower sows the word.

15 These are the ones beside the path, where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word sown in them.
16 In the same way, these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy,
17 but have no root in themselves and last only a little while. Then, when trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they immediately fall away.
18 Others are the ones sown among thorns. These are the ones who have heard the word,
19 but the worries of the age, the deceitfulness of wealth, and desires for other things enter and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
20 But those sown on good soil are the ones who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold."
21 He said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be put on a lampstand?
22 For nothing is hidden except to be revealed, nor has anything been concealed except to come into the open.
23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen."
24 He said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and more will be added to you.
25 For whoever has will be given more, and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."
26 He said, "The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground.
27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows, though he himself does not know how.
28 The earth bears fruit of itself: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head.
29 When the crop is ready, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."
30 He said, "How shall we compare the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we describe it?
31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown in the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on the earth.
32 Yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants, and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the sky can nest in its shade."
33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.
34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately he explained everything to his own disciples.
35 That day, when evening came, he said to them, "Let us cross to the other side."
36 Leaving the crowd, they took him with them just as he was in the boat. Other boats were with him.
37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.
38 He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

39 He awoke, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!”
The wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
40 He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
41 They were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who
then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

5

1 They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the
Gerasenes.
2 As soon as he stepped out of the boat, a man with an unclean spirit
met him from the tombs.
3 He lived among the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore,
not even with a chain.
4 For he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he had
torn the chains apart and broken the shackles in pieces. No one was
strong enough to subdue him.
5 Continually, night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains,
he cried out and cut himself with stones.
6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed before him.
7 He cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have you to do with
me, Jesus, Son of God Most High? I put you under oath by God: do not
torment me!”
8 For Jesus had been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you
unclean spirit!”
9 He asked him, “What is your name?” He said to him, “My name is
Legion, for we are many.”
10 He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region.
11 A large herd of pigs was feeding there near the mountain.
12 They begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs, so that we may
enter them.”
13 He permitted them. The unclean spirits came out and entered the
pigs, and the herd, about two thousand pigs, rushed down the steep
slope into the sea and drowned in the sea.
14 The herdsmen fled and reported it in the town and the
countryside, and people came to see what had happened.
15 They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been possessed by
demons, the one who had the legion, sitting clothed and in his right
mind. And they were afraid.
16 Those who had seen it told them what had happened to the man
possessed by demons, and about the pigs.
17 They began to beg him to leave their territory.
18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed
by demons begged him that he might be with him.
19 He did not allow him, but said to him, “Go home to your own
people and tell them all the Lord has done for you, and how he has
had mercy on you.”
20 He went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis all that
Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

21 When Jesus crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large
crowd gathered around him, and he was beside the sea.

22 One of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came and, seeing him,
fell at his feet
23 and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at
the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may
be made well and live.”
24 He went with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed
around him.
25 A woman had suffered from bleeding for twelve years.
26 She had suffered much under many physicians and spent all she
had, but had not improved at all. Instead, she had grown worse.
27 Having heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd
and touched his cloak.
28 For she said, “If I touch even his clothes, I will be made well.”
29 Immediately the flow of her blood dried up, and she knew in her
body that she had been healed of her affliction.
30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out
from him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched my
clothes?”
31 His disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you,
and you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ”
32 But he looked around to see the woman who had done this.
33 The woman, afraid and trembling, knowing what had happened
to her, came and fell before him and told him the whole truth.
34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in
peace, and be healed of your affliction.”
35 While he was still speaking, people came from the synagogue
ruler’s house and said, “Your daughter has died. Why trouble the
Teacher any longer?”
36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being said, told the synagogue
ruler, “Do not be afraid; only believe.”
37 He allowed no one to accompany him except Peter, James, and
John the brother of James.
38 They came to the synagogue ruler’s house, and he saw a
commotion, with people weeping and wailing loudly.
39 He went in and said to them, “Why are you making a commotion
and weeping? The child is not dead, but sleeping.”
40 They laughed at him. But he put them all outside, took the child’s
father and mother and those with him, and went in where the child
was.
41 Taking the child by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha koum,” which
means, “Little girl, I tell you, get up.”
42 Immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve
years old. Immediately they were overcome with great amazement.
43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know about this and
told them to give her something to eat.

6

1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples
followed him.
2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue.
Many who heard him were astonished and said, “Where did this man

get these things? What is this wisdom given to him? And how are such
miracles done through his hands?
3 Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and
Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And
they took offense at him.
4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his
hometown, among his relatives, and in his own house."
5 He could do no miracle there, except that he laid his hands on a
few sick people and healed them.
6 He marveled at their unbelief. Then he went around the
surrounding villages, teaching.
7 He called the twelve to him and began to send them out two by
two, giving them authority over the unclean spirits.
8 He instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a
staff—no bread, no bag, no copper coins in their belts—
9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.
10 He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until
you leave that place.
11 If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, shake off the
dust beneath your feet as you leave there, as a testimony to them."
12 They went out and proclaimed that people should repent.
13 They cast out many demons, anointed many sick people with oil,
and healed them.
14 King Herod heard of him, for his name had become known.
People were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead,
and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."
15 Others said, "He is Elijah." Still others said, "He is a prophet, like
one of the prophets."
16 But when Herod heard, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has
been raised."
17 For Herod himself had sent and seized John and bound him in
prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, for he had
married her.
18 For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to
have your brother's wife."
19 Herodias held a grudge against him and wanted to kill him, but
could not.
20 For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy
man, and protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly
perplexed, yet he listened to him gladly.
21 An opportune day came when Herod gave a birthday dinner for
his high officials, military commanders, and the leading men of
Galilee.
22 The daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, pleasing
Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for
whatever you want, and I will give it to you."
23 He swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half
my kingdom."
24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She
said, "The head of John the Baptist."

25 Immediately she hurried in to the king and asked, saying, “I want
you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”
26 The king was deeply grieved, but because of his oaths and his
dinner guests he did not want to refuse her.
27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and ordered him to
bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,
28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl, and the girl
gave it to her mother.
29 When his disciples heard, they came, took his body, and laid it in
a tomb.
30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they
had done and all they had taught.
31 He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a little.” For many were coming and going, and they did not
even have time to eat.
32 They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.
33 But many saw them going and recognized them. They ran there
together on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.
34 When he came ashore, he saw a large crowd and had compassion
on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he
began to teach them many things.
35 When it was already very late, his disciples came to him and said,
“This is a deserted place, and it is already very late.
36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and
villages and buy themselves something to eat.”
37 He answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to
him, “Are we to go and buy bread for two hundred denarii—about two
hundred days’ wages—and give them something to eat?”
38 He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”
When they found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”
39 He ordered them to have everyone recline in groups on the green
grass.
40 They reclined in groups of a hundred and of fifty.
41 He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven,
spoke a blessing, and broke the loaves. He kept giving them to his
disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among
them all.
42 They all ate and were filled.
43 They took up twelve baskets full of pieces, and also some of the
fish.
44 Those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.
45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead
to the other side toward Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.
46 After saying farewell to them, he went up the mountain to pray.
47 When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he
was alone on the land.
48 He saw them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them.
About three in the morning he came toward them, walking on the sea,
and he intended to pass by them.
49 When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a
ghost and cried out,

50 for they all saw him and were alarmed. But immediately he spoke
to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
51 He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. They were
utterly astonished within themselves,
52 for they had not understood about the loaves, but their heart was
hardened.
53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and
moored the boat.
54 When they stepped out of the boat, people immediately
recognized him
55 and ran throughout that whole region. They began carrying the
sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.
56 Wherever he entered villages or towns or countryside, they laid
the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch
even the fringe of his cloak. And all who touched him were made well.

7

1 The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from
Jerusalem gathered around him.
2 They saw some of his disciples eating bread with defiled hands,
that is, unwashed hands.
3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their
hands thoroughly, holding to the tradition of the elders.
4 And when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless
they wash. There are many other things they have received and hold
to, such as washings of cups, jugs, copper vessels, and dining couches.
5 The Pharisees and scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not
live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with defiled
hands?”
6 He said to them, “Isaiah rightly prophesied about you hypocrites,
as it is written,
‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
7 They worship me in vain, teaching human commandments as
doctrines.’
8 You leave God’s commandment and hold to human tradition.”
9 He said to them, “How well you reject God’s commandment to keep
your tradition!
10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and,
‘Whoever curses father or mother must be put to death.’
11 But you say that if a man tells his father or mother, ‘Whatever
help you might have received from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering),
12 you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or mother,
13 nullifying the word of God by the tradition you have handed
down. And you do many similar things.”
14 He called the crowd to him again and said to them, “Listen to me,
all of you, and understand.
15 Nothing outside a person that enters him can defile him, but the
things that come out of a person are what defile him.”
16 [“If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen.”]
17 When he left the crowd and entered a house, his disciples asked
him about the parable.

18 He said to them, “Are you too so lacking in understanding? Do you
not realize that nothing entering a person from outside can defile him,
19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and goes out
into the latrine?” In this way he declared all foods clean.
20 He said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him.
21 For from within, out of people’s hearts, come evil thoughts, acts of
sexual immorality, thefts, murders,
22 adulteries, acts of greed and wickedness, deceit, debauchery,
envy, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness.
23 All these evil things come from within and defile a person.”
24 He rose and went away from there to the region of Tyre. He
entered a house and did not want anyone to know, but he could not
remain hidden.
25 Immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit
heard about him, came, and fell at his feet.
26 The woman was Greek, Syrophoenician by birth, and she begged
him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
27 He said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not right to
take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”
28 She answered him, “Lord, even the little dogs under the table eat
the children’s crumbs.”
29 He said to her, “Because of this answer, go. The demon has gone
out of your daughter.”
30 She went home and found the child lying on the bed and the
demon gone.
31 Leaving the region of Tyre again, he went through Sidon to the
Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis.
32 They brought him a deaf man who had difficulty speaking and
begged him to lay his hand on him.
33 He took him aside from the crowd privately, put his fingers into
his ears, spat, and touched his tongue.
34 Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,”
which means, “Be opened.”
35 His ears were opened, the bond of his tongue was released, and
he spoke plainly.
36 He ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the
more widely they proclaimed it.
37 They were utterly astonished and said, “He has done all things
well. He makes even the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

8

1 In those days, when a large crowd had gathered again and had
nothing to eat, Jesus called the disciples to him and said to them,
2 “I feel compassion for the crowd, because they have already stayed
with me for three days and have nothing to eat.
3 If I send them home hungry, they will faint on the way; some of
them have come from far away.”
4 His disciples answered him, “Where could anyone find enough
bread here in this deserted place to feed these people?”
5 He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said,
“Seven.”

6 He directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the
seven loaves, gave thanks, broke them, and kept giving them to his
disciples to set before the people. They served the crowd.
7 They also had a few small fish. He blessed them and said to serve
these as well.
8 They ate and were satisfied, and they collected seven large baskets
of leftover pieces.
9 There were about four thousand people. Then he sent them away.
10 At once he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the
region of Dalmanutha.
11 The Pharisees came out and began to argue with him. To test him,
they asked him for a sign from heaven.
12 He sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation
seek a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.”
13 He left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side.
14 The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one
loaf with them in the boat.
15 He warned them, “Be careful! Watch out for the leaven of the
Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”
16 They began discussing with one another that they had no bread.
17 Aware of this, he said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact
that you have no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are
your hearts hardened?
18 Do you have eyes and fail to see, and ears and fail to hear? And
do you not remember?
19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many
baskets full of pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.”
20 “And when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many
large baskets full of pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Seven.”
21 He said to them, “Do you still not understand?”
22 They came to Bethsaida. People brought a blind man to him and
begged him to touch him.
23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village.
After spitting on his eyes and laying his hands on him, he asked him,
“Do you see anything?”
24 He looked up and said, “I see people, for they look like trees
walking around.”
25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again. The man saw clearly,
his sight was restored, and he could see everything distinctly.
26 Jesus sent him home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”
27 Jesus and his disciples went out to the villages of Caesarea
Philippi. On the way, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I
am?”
28 They answered him, “John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still
others, one of the prophets.”
29 He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered
him, “You are the Christ.”
30 He sternly warned them not to tell anyone about him.
31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer
many things, be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be
killed, and rise after three days.

32 He spoke about this openly. Peter took him aside and began to
rebuke him.
33 But Jesus turned, looked at his disciples, and rebuked Peter. He
said, “Get behind me, Satan! You are setting your mind on human
concerns instead of the things of God."
34 Calling the crowd to him along with his disciples, he said to them,
“If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me.
35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses
his life for my sake and for the gospel will save it.
36 For what does it profit a person to gain the whole world and
forfeit his life?
37 What could a person give in exchange for his life?
38 For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous
and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him
when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

9

1 He said to them, “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will
not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come in
power.”
2 Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led
them up a high mountain, apart by themselves. There he was
transfigured before them.
3 His clothes became dazzling, intensely white, whiter than any
launderer on earth could make them.
4 Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with
Jesus.
5 Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make
three shelters: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
6 For he did not know what to say, because they were terrified.
7 A cloud came and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the
cloud: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!”
8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone
with them except Jesus alone.
9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell
no one what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the
dead.
10 They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what rising from
the dead meant.
11 They asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come
first?”
12 He said to them, “Elijah does come first and restore all things. And
how is it written about the Son of Man that he must suffer many
things and be treated with contempt?
13 But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him
whatever they wanted, just as it is written about him.”
14 When they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around
them and scribes arguing with them.
15 As soon as the whole crowd saw Jesus, they were greatly amazed
and ran to greet him.
16 He asked them, “What are you arguing about among yourselves?”

17 Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my
son to you. He has a spirit that makes him unable to speak.
18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down. He foams at the
mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to
cast it out, but they could not.”
19 He answered them, “O faithless generation, how long will I be
with you? How long must I bear with you? Bring him to me.”
20 They brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it
immediately threw the boy into violent convulsions. He fell to the
ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.
21 Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to
him?” He said, “Since childhood.
22 It has often thrown him into fire and into water to destroy him.
But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”
23 Jesus said to him, “ ‘If you can’? All things are possible for the one
who believes.”
24 Immediately the child's father cried out, “I believe! Help my
unbelief!”
25 When Jesus saw a crowd running together, he rebuked the
unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you:
come out of him and never enter him again.”
26 It cried out, convulsed the boy violently, and came out. The boy
became like a corpse, so that most of the people said, “He is dead.”
27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up, and he stood.
28 After Jesus went into a house, his disciples asked him privately,
“Why could we not cast it out?”
29 He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing except
prayer.”
30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not
want anyone to know,
31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son
of Man is being handed over into human hands. They will kill him,
and after he is killed, he will rise after three days.”
32 But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask
him.
33 They came to Capernaum. Once he was in the house, he asked
them, “What were you discussing on the way?”
34 They kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another
about who was the greatest.
35 He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone
wants to be first, he will be last of all and servant of all.”
36 He took a child and stood him among them. Taking him in his
arms, he said to them,
37 “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent
me.”
38 John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in
your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.”
39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him. For no one who does a miracle in
my name can soon afterward speak evil of me.
40 For whoever is not against us is for us.

41 Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink on the grounds that
you belong to Christ—truly I tell you, he will certainly not lose his
reward.
42 And it would be better for anyone who causes one of these little
ones who believe in me to stumble to have a millstone turned by a
donkey hung around his neck and to be thrown into the sea.
43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to
enter life maimed than to have two hands and go to hell, to the
unquenchable fire,
44 [where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.]
45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for
you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell,
46 [where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.]
47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out. It is better for
you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes
and be thrown into hell,
48 where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.
49 For everyone will be salted with fire.
50 Salt is good, but if salt becomes tasteless, how will you season it?
Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

10

1 Jesus left that place and came to the region of Judea and beyond
the Jordan. Crowds gathered around him again, and, as was his
custom, he taught them again.
2 They asked him whether a man was permitted to divorce his wife,
testing him.
3 He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"
4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce
and send her away."
5 Jesus said to them, "He wrote this commandment for you because
of your hardness of heart.
6 But from the beginning of creation, 'He made them male and
female.'
7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be
joined to his wife,
8 and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but
one flesh.
9 Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."
10 In the house, the disciples asked him about this again.
11 He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another
commits adultery against her.
12 And if she divorces her husband and marries another, she
commits adultery."
13 People were bringing children to him so that he would touch
them, but the disciples rebuked them.
14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the
children come to me. Do not stop them, for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.
15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like
a child will never enter it."

16 He took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on
them.
17 As he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up, knelt before
him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal
life?”
18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good
except God alone.
19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder; do not commit
adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor
your father and mother.’ ”
20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth.”
21 Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one
thing. Go, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will
have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”
22 But his face fell at these words, and he went away grieving, for he
had many possessions.
23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be
for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”
24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them
again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!
25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a
rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”
26 They were utterly astonished and said to one another, “Then who
can be saved?”
27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With human beings it is
impossible, but not with God, for all things are possible with God.”
28 Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and
followed you.”
29 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, no one who has left house or brothers
or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for
the sake of the gospel
30 will fail to receive a hundredfold now, in this time: houses,
brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields, with persecutions; and
in the age to come, eternal life.
31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”
32 They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was
walking ahead of them. They were amazed, and those who followed
were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them
what was going to happen to him:
33 “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be
handed over to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn
him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles.
34 They will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him, and after
three days he will rise.”
35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said,
“Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”
36 He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”
37 They said to him, “Grant that we may sit, one at your right and
one at your left, in your glory.”
38 Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can
you drink the cup I drink, or be baptized with the baptism I undergo?”

39 They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “You will drink the
cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism I undergo.
40 But to sit at my right or my left is not mine to grant; it is for those
for whom it has been prepared.”
41 When the ten heard this, they began to be indignant with James
and John.
42 Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those
regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great
ones exercise authority over them.
43 But it is not so among you. Whoever wants to become great
among you will be your servant,
44 and whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all.
45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
46 They came to Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his
disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a blind
beggar, was sitting beside the road.
47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out,
“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
48 Many rebuked him, telling him to be quiet, but he cried out all the
more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” They called the blind man,
saying to him, “Take heart! Get up; he is calling you.”
50 He threw off his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.
51 Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind
man said to him, “Rabbouni, let me regain my sight.”
52 Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he
regained his sight and followed him on the road.

11

1 As they approached Jerusalem, near Bethphage and Bethany at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples
2 and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you
enter it, you will find a colt tied there that no one has ever ridden.
Untie it and bring it.
3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs
it and will send it back here at once.’ ”
4 They went and found a colt tied outside by a doorway in the street,
and they untied it.
5 Some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing,
untying the colt?”
6 They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the people let them
go.
7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks on it, and he sat
on it.
8 Many spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread leafy
branches they had cut from the fields.
9 Those going ahead and those following were crying out, “Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!”

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After looking
around at everything, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve, since it
was already late.
12 The next day, as they were leaving Bethany, he was hungry.
13 Seeing a fig tree in leaf from a distance, he went to see whether he
might find anything on it. When he reached it, he found nothing but
leaves, for it was not the season for figs.
14 He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” His
disciples heard him.
15 They came to Jerusalem. Jesus entered the temple and began to
drive out those selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of
the money changers and the seats of those selling doves,
16 and he would not allow anyone to carry any object through the
temple.
17 He taught them, saying, “Is it not written, ‘My house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a den of
robbers.”
18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this and sought a way to
destroy him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was
astonished at his teaching.
19 Whenever evening came, they would go out of the city.
20 In the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered
from the roots.
21 Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you
cursed has withered.”
22 Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God.
23 Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and
thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that
what he says will happen, will have it.
24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you pray and ask for, believe that
you have received it, and it will be yours.
25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive if you have anything
against anyone, so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you
your trespasses.”
26 [“But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven
forgive your trespasses.”]
27 They came to Jerusalem again. While Jesus was walking in the
temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him
28 and asked him, “By what authority are you doing these things? Or
who gave you this authority to do them?”
29 Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I
will tell you by what authority I do these things.
30 Was John's baptism from heaven or from human beings? Answer
me.”
31 They discussed it among themselves, saying, “What should we
say? If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Then why did you not
believe him?’
32 But should we say, ‘From human beings’?” They feared the crowd,
for everyone regarded John as truly a prophet.
33 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” Jesus said to them,
“Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

12

1 Jesus began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a
vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built
a tower. He leased it to tenants and went away.
2 At the proper season, he sent a slave to the tenants to receive from
them a share of the vineyard's fruit.
3 But they seized him, beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.
4 Again he sent another slave to them. They wounded him in the
head and treated him shamefully.
5 He sent another, and they killed him. He sent many others; some
they beat and some they killed.
6 He still had one left, a beloved son. He sent him to them last of all,
saying, ‘They will respect my son.’
7 But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us
kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’
8 They seized him, killed him, and threw him outside the vineyard.
9 What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy
the tenants and give the vineyard to others.
10 Have you not even read this Scripture:
‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
11 this came from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”
12 They wanted to arrest him but were afraid of the crowd, for they
knew that he had spoken the parable against them. So they left him
and went away.
13 They sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to him to trap him
in what he said.
14 They came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are
truthful and are not swayed by anyone, for you show no partiality but
teach the way of God truthfully. Is it lawful to pay the tax to Caesar or
not? Should we pay or should we not?”
15 But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you
testing me? Bring me a denarius so I can see it.”
16 They brought one, and he said to them, “Whose image and
inscription are these?” They said to him, “Caesar's.”
17 Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God.” They were greatly amazed at him.
18 Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him
and asked him,
19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and
leaves a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up
offspring for his brother.
20 There were seven brothers. The first married and died without
leaving offspring.
21 The second married her and died without leaving offspring, and
the third did likewise.
22 None of the seven left offspring. Last of all, the woman also died.
23 In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For
all seven had her as their wife.”
24 Jesus said to them, “Is this not why you are mistaken, because you
know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?

25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are
given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.
26 And concerning the dead being raised, have you not read in the
book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I
am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?
27 He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are greatly
mistaken."
28 One of the scribes came up and heard them debating. Seeing that
Jesus had answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment
is first of all?"
29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the
Lord is one.
30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all
your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'
31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these."
32 The scribe said to him, "Well said, Teacher. You have truly said
that he is one, and there is no other besides him,
33 and that to love him with all the heart, with all the understanding,
and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is
more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You
are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to question
him any further.
35 As Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say
that the Christ is David's son?
36 David himself said by the Holy Spirit,
'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I put your
enemies beneath your feet." '
37 David himself calls him Lord. How, then, is he his son?" The large
crowd listened to him gladly.
38 In his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk
around in long robes, receive greetings in the marketplaces,
39 and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor
at banquets.
40 They devour widows' houses and make long prayers for a
pretense. They will receive a more severe condemnation."
41 He sat down opposite the treasury and watched how the crowd
put money into it. Many rich people put in large sums.
42 A poor widow came and put in two lepta, which make one
quadrans.
43 He called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly I tell you,
this poor widow has put in more than all those putting money into the
treasury.
44 For they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her
poverty, put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

13

1 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him,
"Teacher, look! What stones and what buildings!"

2 Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone
will be left here on another that will not be thrown down.”
3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James,
John, and Andrew asked him privately,
4 “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign
when all these things are about to be fulfilled?”
5 Jesus began to say to them, “Be careful that no one leads you astray.
6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will lead many
astray.
7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed.
These things must happen, but the end is not yet.
8 For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom.
There will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be
famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.
9 But watch yourselves. They will hand you over to councils, and
you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand before governors
and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them.
10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.
11 When they lead you away to hand you over, do not worry
beforehand about what to say. Say whatever is given to you in that
hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.
12 Brother will hand over brother to death, and a father his child.
Children will rise against parents and have them put to death.
13 You will be hated by all because of my name, but the one who
endures to the end will be saved.
14 But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where
it should not be (let the reader understand), then let those in Judea
flee to the mountains.
15 Let the one on the housetop not go down or enter his house to
take anything out.
16 And let the one in the field not turn back to take his cloak.
17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those nursing infants in
those days!
18 Pray that it does not happen in winter.
19 For those days will be a tribulation unlike any that has occurred
from the beginning of the creation God created until now, or ever will
occur.
20 If the Lord had not shortened the days, no one would be saved.
But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.
21 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘Look,
there he is!’ do not believe it.
22 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs
and wonders to lead the elect astray, if possible.
23 But you must be on your guard. I have told you everything
beforehand.
24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light.
25 The stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the
heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great
power and glory.

27 Then he will send the angels and gather the elect from the four
winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.
28 Learn the lesson from the fig tree: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts out leaves, you know that summer is near.
29 So also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near,
at the doors.
30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things happen.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass
away.
32 But concerning that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels
in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.
33 Be on your guard; stay awake, for you do not know when the time
will come.
34 It is like a man going away who leaves his house, gives his slaves
authority, each with his own work, and commands the doorkeeper to
keep watch.
35 Therefore keep watch, for you do not know when the master of
the house is coming: in the evening, at midnight, when the rooster
crows, or at dawn.
36 Otherwise he may come suddenly and find you sleeping.
37 What I say to you I say to all: Keep watch!"

14

1 The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were two days
away. The chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to seize
Jesus by deceit and kill him,
2 for they said, “Not during the feast, or there may be an uproar
among the people."

3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the house of
Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly
perfume made of pure nard. She broke the jar open and poured it
over his head.
4 Some were indignant with one another: “Why has this perfume
been wasted?
5 For it could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii,
roughly three hundred days' wages, and the proceeds given to the
poor." And they scolded her harshly.
6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you troubling her? She
has done a beautiful thing for me.
7 For you always have the poor with you and can do good for them
whenever you wish, but you do not always have me.
8 She has done what she could. She has anointed my body
beforehand for burial.
9 Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole
world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to
hand Jesus over to them.
11 They were glad when they heard this and promised to give him
money. So he sought an opportunity to hand him over.

12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb
was sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go
and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”
13 He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city. A
man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him,
14 and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The
Teacher says, “Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover
with my disciples?” ’
15 He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make
preparations for us there.”
16 The disciples went out, came into the city, and found things just as
he had told them. They prepared the Passover.
17 When evening came, he arrived with the Twelve.
18 As they reclined at the table and ate, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you,
one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”
19 They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, “Surely
not I?”
20 He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who dips with me
into the dish.
21 For the Son of Man goes just as it is written about him, but woe to
that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been
better for that man not to have been born.”
22 As they were eating, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it
to them, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”
23 He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all
drank from it.
24 He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is
poured out for many.
25 Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine
until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."
26 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
27 Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will
strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’
28 But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”
29 Peter said to him, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”
30 Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, today, this very night, before
the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”
31 But Peter insisted all the more, “Even if I must die with you, I will
never deny you.” And they all said the same.
32 They came to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his
disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”
33 He took Peter, James, and John with him, and began to be deeply
troubled and distressed.
34 He said to them, “My soul is deeply sorrowful, even to death.
Remain here and keep watch.”
35 He went a little farther, fell to the ground, and prayed that, if
possible, the hour might pass from him.
36 He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Take this
cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”
37 He came and found them sleeping and said to Peter, “Simon, are
you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?

38 Keep watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The
spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
39 Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.
40 He came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were
heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.
41 He came the third time and said to them, “Sleep on now and take
your rest. Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is being
handed over into the hands of sinners.
42 Get up; let us go. Look, my betrayer has drawn near."

43 Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the
Twelve, arrived. With him was a crowd with swords and clubs, sent
by the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.
44 His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, “The one I kiss is the
man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.”
45 When he arrived, he went straight up to Jesus, said, “Rabbi!” and
kissed him.
46 They laid hands on him and seized him.
47 But one of those standing nearby drew his sword, struck the high
priest's slave, and cut off his ear.
48 Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to
arrest me as though I were a robber?
49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did
not seize me. But this is so that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.”
50 And they all left him and fled.

51 A young man was following him, wearing only a linen cloth over
his naked body. They seized him,
52 but he left the linen cloth behind and fled naked.

53 They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests,
the elders, and the scribes gathered.
54 Peter followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's
courtyard. He sat with the guards and warmed himself by the fire.
55 The chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony
against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none.
56 For many gave false testimony against him, but their testimonies
did not agree.
57 Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,
58 “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands,
and in three days I will build another not made with hands.’ ”
59 But even then their testimony did not agree.
60 The high priest stood up in their midst and asked Jesus, “Have you
no answer? What is this testimony they bring against you?”
61 But he kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest
asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”
62 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.”
63 The high priest tore his tunics and said, “What further need do we
have of witnesses?
64 You have heard the blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They all
condemned him as deserving death.

65 Some began to spit on him, cover his face, and strike him with
their fists, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him
with slaps.
66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's
slave girls came.
67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him
and said, “You too were with Jesus of Nazareth.”
68 But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you
are talking about.” He went outside into the forecourt, and a rooster
crowed.
69 The slave girl saw him and began again to say to those standing
nearby, “This man is one of them.”
70 But again he denied it. A little later, those standing nearby said to
Peter again, “Surely you are one of them, for you too are a Galilean,
and your speech is like theirs.”
71 He began to curse and swear, “I do not know this man you are
talking about.”
72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. Peter remembered
what Jesus had said to him: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will
deny me three times.” And as he thought about it, he wept.

15

1 Early in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the
elders, the scribes, and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him
away, and handed him over to Pilate.
2 Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered
him, “You say so.”
3 The chief priests accused him of many things.
4 Pilate questioned him again, “Have you no answer? See how many
accusations they bring against you.”
5 But Jesus gave no further answer, so Pilate was amazed.
6 At the feast, Pilate used to release for them one prisoner whom
they requested.
7 A man called Barabbas was imprisoned with the rebels who had
committed murder in the uprising.
8 The crowd came up and began to ask him to do as he usually did
for them.
9 Pilate answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King
of the Jews?”
10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed him over out of
envy.
11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release
Barabbas for them instead.
12 Pilate said to them again, “Then what do you want me to do with
the one you call the King of the Jews?”
13 They shouted again, “Crucify him!”
14 Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they
shouted all the more, “Crucify him!”
15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them.
After having Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

16 The soldiers led him inside the courtyard, that is, the Praetorium,
and called together the whole cohort.
17 They dressed him in purple, wove a crown of thorns, and put it on
him.
18 They began to salute him: “Hail, King of the Jews!”
19 They kept striking his head with a reed and spitting on him. They
knelt and bowed before him.
20 After mocking him, they took off the purple robe, put his own
clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.
21 They compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in
from the countryside, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his
cross.
22 They brought him to the place called Golgotha, which means
Place of a Skull.
23 They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.
24 They crucified him and divided his clothes, casting lots for them
to decide what each would take.
25 It was about nine in the morning when they crucified him.
26 The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the
Jews.”
27 With him they crucified two robbers, one at his right and one at
his left.
28 [And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “And he was numbered
with the transgressors.”]
29 Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,
“Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days,
30 save yourself by coming down from the cross!”
31 Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among
themselves, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself.
32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross,
so that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also
insulted him.
33 Around noon, darkness came over the whole land until about
three in the afternoon.
34 At about three, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema
sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?”
35 When some of those standing nearby heard this, they said, “Look,
he is calling Elijah.”
36 Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and
gave him a drink, saying, “Wait; let us see whether Elijah comes to
take him down.”
37 But Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed his last.
38 The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
39 When the centurion standing opposite him saw how he breathed
his last, he said, “Truly this man was God's Son!”
40 There were also women watching from a distance. Among them
were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and
Joses, and Salome.
41 They had followed him and served him when he was in Galilee.
Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were
there as well.

42 Evening had already come, and since it was Preparation Day, that
is, the day before the Sabbath,
43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was
himself waiting for the kingdom of God, came and boldly went in to
Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
44 Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. He called the
centurion and asked whether he had been dead for some time.
45 After learning this from the centurion, he granted the corpse to
Joseph.
46 Joseph bought a linen cloth, took him down, wrapped him in the
cloth, and laid him in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone
against the entrance of the tomb.
47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching
where he was laid.

16

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of
James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint him.
2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb after
the sun had risen.
3 They were saying to one another, “Who will roll the stone away
from the entrance of the tomb for us?”
4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled
away, for it was very large.
5 They entered the tomb and saw a young man sitting on the right,
dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.
6 He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of
Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. See
the place where they laid him.
7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to
Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’ ”
8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and
astonishment had seized them. They said nothing to anyone, for they
were afraid.
9 [After Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared
first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.]
10 [She went and told those who had been with him, who were
mourning and weeping.]
11 [When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her,
they did not believe.]
12 [After this, he appeared in another form to two of them as they
were walking into the countryside.]
13 [They went and told the rest, but they did not believe them either.]
14 [Later he appeared to the Eleven as they reclined at the table. He
rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not
believed those who had seen him risen.]
15 [He said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to
all creation.]
16 [Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever
does not believe will be condemned.]
17 [These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they
will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues;]

18 [they will pick up snakes, and even if they drink anything deadly,
it will certainly not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and
they will get well."]
19 [So then, after speaking to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into
heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.]
20 [They went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked
with them and confirmed the word through the signs that
accompanied it.]

Luke

1 Since many have undertaken to compile an account of the events
fulfilled among us,
2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and
servants of the word handed them down to us,
3 I too, having carefully investigated everything from the beginning,
decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent
Theophilus,
4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been
taught.
5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named
Zechariah, from the division of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of
Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
6 Both were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all
the Lord's commandments and ordinances.
7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both
were advanced in years.
8 When his division was on duty, Zechariah was serving as priest
before God,
9 he was chosen by lot, according to the priestly custom, to enter the
Lord's sanctuary and burn incense.
10 The whole crowd of people was praying outside at the hour of
incense.
11 An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the
altar of incense.
12 When Zechariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon
him.
13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your
prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and
you are to name him John.
14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth,
15 for he will be great before the Lord. He will never drink wine or
strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his
mother's womb.
16 He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.
17 He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the
hearts of fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom
of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."
18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know this? For I am an old
man, and my wife is advanced in years."
19 The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the
presence of God. I was sent to speak to you and bring you this good
news.
20 And now you will be silent and unable to speak until the day
these things happen, because you did not believe my words, which
will be fulfilled at their appointed time."
21 The people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he
stayed so long in the sanctuary.

22 When he came out, he could not speak to them, and they realized
that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept making signs to
them and remained unable to speak.
23 When his days of service were completed, he went home.
24 After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived and kept herself
secluded for five months. She said,
25 “This is what the Lord has done for me in these days when he
looked on me to take away my disgrace among the people.”
26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town
in Galilee named Nazareth,
27 to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man named Joseph, of the
house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.
28 He came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is
with you.”
29 She was deeply troubled by his words and wondered what this
greeting could mean.
30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found
favor with God.
31 Look, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you
are to name him Jesus.
32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The
Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,
33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom
will have no end.”
34 Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I have not had
relations with a man?”
35 The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and
the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child
to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
36 And look, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her
old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren.
37 For no word from God will fail.”
38 Mary said, “Here I am, the Lord's servant. May it happen to me
according to your word.” Then the angel left her.
39 In those days Mary set out and went in haste to the hill country, to
a town in Judah.
40 She entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth.
41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her
womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
42 She cried out with a loud voice, “Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
43 Why has this come to me, that the mother of my Lord should visit
me?
44 For as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the
baby in my womb leaped for joy.
45 Blessed is she who believed that what the Lord had spoken to her
would be fulfilled.”

46 And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked on the lowly condition of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him, from generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought rulers down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.
53 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy,
55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever."
56 Mary stayed with her about three months and then returned home.
57 The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.
58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they rejoiced with her.
59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father.
60 But his mother answered, "No! He is to be called John."
61 They said to her, "None of your relatives has that name."
62 Then they made signs to his father to find out what he wanted the child to be called.
63 He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they were all amazed.
64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, blessing God.
65 Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the hill country of Judea.
66 All who heard kept these things in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child become?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.
67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:
68 "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people and brought them redemption.
69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from long ago:
71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us,
72 to show mercy to our fathers and remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
74 that, rescued from the hand of our enemies, we might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the dawn from on high will visit us,

79 to shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to
guide our feet into the way of peace."
80 The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he lived in the
wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

2

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the
whole inhabited world should be registered.
2 This was the first census, taken while Quirinius was governing
Syria.
3 Everyone went to be registered, each to his own town.
4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to
Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he belonged to
the house and family of David.
5 He went to be registered with Mary, who was pledged in marriage
to him and was pregnant.
6 While they were there, the time came for her to give birth.
7 She bore her firstborn son, wrapped him in cloths, and laid him in
a manger, because there was no room for them in the lodging place.
8 In the same region there were shepherds staying out in the fields
and keeping watch over their flock at night.
9 An angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord
shone around them, and they were filled with fear.
10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you
good news of great joy for all the people:
11 today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you, who is
Christ the Lord.
12 This will be the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a manger."
13 Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly
army, praising God and saying,
14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those on
whom his favor rests."
15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the
shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see
this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."
16 They hurried there and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby
lying in the manger.
17 When they saw him, they made known what they had been told
about this child.
18 All who heard were amazed at what the shepherds told them.
19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.
20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they
had heard and seen, just as they had been told.
21 When eight days had passed and it was time to circumcise him, he
was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was
conceived in the womb.
22 When the days of their purification according to the law of Moses
were completed, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to
the Lord,

23 as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens
the womb shall be called holy to the Lord,”
24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the
Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”
25 There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. This man was
righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the
Holy Spirit was upon him.
26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not
see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.
27 He came into the temple in the Spirit. When the parents brought
in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law,
28 Simeon took him into his arms, blessed God, and said,
29 “Now, Sovereign Lord, you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word,
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people
Israel.”
33 His father and mother were amazed at what was being said about
him.
34 Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Look, this
child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a
sign that will be spoken against
35 (and a sword will pierce your own soul too), so that the thoughts
of many hearts may be revealed.”
36 There was also a prophetess, Anna, daughter of Phanuel, of the
tribe of Asher. She was very advanced in years, having lived with her
husband seven years after her marriage,
37 and then as a widow until the age of eighty-four. She never left
the temple, serving with fasting and prayers night and day.
38 She came up at that very hour and gave thanks to God, and spoke
about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of
Jerusalem.
39 When they had completed everything required by the law of the
Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
40 The child grew and became strong, being filled with wisdom, and
the grace of God was upon him.
41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year for the Feast of Passover.
42 When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the
custom of the feast.
43 When the days were over and they were returning, the boy Jesus
stayed behind in Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it.
44 Thinking he was in the traveling company, they went a day's
journey and began looking for him among their relatives and
acquaintances.
45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking
for him.
46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the
teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
47 All who heard him were astonished at his understanding and his
answers.

48 When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to
him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been
anxiously looking for you.”
49 He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not
know that I must be in my Father’s house?”
50 But they did not understand what he said to them.
51 He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and he was
obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.
52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and
people.

3

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius
Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother
Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias
tetrarch of Abilene,
2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of
God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.
3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:
“A voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill brought low.
The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth,
6 and all flesh will see the salvation of God.’ ”
7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You
brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to
yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able
to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.
9 Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Every tree that does
not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”
10 The crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”
11 He answered them, “Whoever has two tunics should share with
someone who has none, and whoever has food should do the same.”
12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher,
what should we do?”
13 He told them, “Collect no more than you have been instructed to.”
14 Soldiers also asked him, “And what should we do?” He said to
them, “Do not extort money from anyone or make false accusations,
and be content with your wages.”
15 The people were waiting expectantly, and all were wondering in
their hearts whether John might be the Christ.
16 John answered them all, “I baptize you with water, but one more
powerful than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his
sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and
gather the wheat into his storehouse, but he will burn the chaff with
unquenchable fire.”

18 With many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to
the people.
19 But Herod the tetrarch, whom John rebuked because of Herodias,
his brother's wife, and all the evil things Herod had done,
20 added this to them all: he locked John in prison.
21 When all the people had been baptized, Jesus too was baptized.
As he was praying, heaven opened,
22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.
A voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; in you I am well
pleased.”
23 Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He
was the son, as people supposed, of Joseph, son of Heli,
24 son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of
Joseph,
25 son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of
Naggai,
26 son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son
of Joda,
27 son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel,
son of Neri,
28 son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of
Er,
29 son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of
Levi,
30 son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of
Eliakim,
31 son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of
David,
32 son of Jesse, son of Jobel, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon,
33 son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son
of Perez, son of Judah,
34 son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of
Nahor,
35 son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah,
36 son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of
Lamech,
37 son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalalel,
son of Cainan,
38 son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God.

4

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led
by the Spirit in the wilderness
2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during
those days, and when they ended, he was hungry.
3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to
become bread.”
4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread
alone.’ ”
5 Then the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of
the inhabited world in an instant.

6 The devil said to him, “I will give you all this authority and their
glory, because it has been handed over to me, and I give it to
whomever I wish.
7 So if you worship before me, it will all be yours.”
8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord
your God and serve him alone.’ ”
9 Then he led him to Jerusalem, stood him on the pinnacle of the
temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself
down from here,
10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to
guard you,’
11 and, ‘They will bear you up in their hands, so that you will not
strike your foot against a stone.’ ”
12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your
God to the test.’ ”
13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from
him until an opportune time.
14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news
about him spread throughout the surrounding region.
15 He taught in their synagogues and was glorified by all.
16 He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. On the
Sabbath he entered the synagogue, as was his custom, and stood up to
read.
17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled
the scroll and found the place where it was written,
18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovery of
sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
20 He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat
down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him.
21 Then he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been
fulfilled in your hearing.”
22 Everyone spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words
coming from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”
23 He said to them, “You will surely quote this proverb to me,
‘Physician, heal yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your hometown too
what we have heard happened in Capernaum.’ ”
24 Then he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his
hometown.
25 But I tell you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in
Elijah’s days, when heaven was shut for three years and six months
and a great famine came over all the land.
26 Yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to a widow in
Zarephath in the region of Sidon.
27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the
prophet, yet none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”
28 When they heard these things, everyone in the synagogue was
filled with rage.

29 They rose, drove him out of the town, and led him to the edge of
the hill on which their town was built, intending to throw him down.
30 But he passed through their midst and went on his way.

31 He went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and was teaching
them on the Sabbaths.
32 They were astonished at his teaching, because his word had
authority.
33 In the synagogue there was a man with an unclean demonic
spirit. He cried out in a loud voice,
34 "Ah! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you
come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"
35 Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" The
demon threw the man down in their midst and came out of him
without harming him at all.
36 Amazement came over them all, and they said to one another,
"What is this word? With authority and power he commands the
unclean spirits, and they come out!"
37 Reports about him spread to every place in the surrounding
region.

38 He left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Simon's
mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they pleaded with
him for her.
39 He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. At once
she got up and began serving them.

40 As the sun was setting, all who had people suffering from various
diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each one and
healed them.
41 Demons also came out of many, crying out, "You are the Son of
God!" But he rebuked them and would not let them speak, because
they knew he was the Christ.

42 At daybreak he went out to a deserted place. The crowds kept
looking for him, and when they came to him, they tried to keep him
from leaving them.
43 But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the
kingdom of God to the other towns as well, because I was sent for this
purpose."
44 And he continued preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

5

1 While Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret, the crowd
pressed around him to hear the word of God.
2 He saw two boats at the edge of the lake. The fishermen had left
them and were washing their nets.
3 He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked
him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught
the crowds from the boat.
4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into
deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."
5 Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught
nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets."

6 When they did this, they enclosed a great number of fish, and their
nets began to tear.
7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help
them. They came and filled both boats until they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave
me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"
9 For amazement had seized him and all who were with him at the
catch of fish they had taken,
10 and likewise James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's
partners. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will
catch people alive."
11 They brought the boats to shore, left everything, and followed
him.
12 While he was in one of the towns, a man covered with leprosy
saw Jesus, fell facedown, and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing,
you can make me clean."
13 Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I am willing.
Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him.
14 He ordered him to tell no one, but said, "Go, show yourself to the
priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a
testimony to them."
15 But the news about him spread all the more, and large crowds
gathered to hear him and to be healed of their illnesses.
16 Yet he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.
17 One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law
were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and
Judea, and from Jerusalem. The Lord's power was with him to heal.
18 Some men brought a paralyzed man on a bed and tried to take
him inside and lay him before Jesus.
19 Finding no way to take him in because of the crowd, they went up
on the roof and lowered him on his bed through the tiles into the
midst of the crowd, in front of Jesus.
20 When he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins have been
forgiven."
21 The scribes and Pharisees began to reason, "Who is this who
speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
22 Jesus knew their thoughts and answered them, "What are you
thinking in your hearts?
23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven,' or to say,
'Get up and walk'?
24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on
earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralyzed man—"I tell you, get
up, take your bed, and go home."
25 Immediately he stood up before them, picked up what he had
been lying on, and went home, glorifying God.
26 Amazement seized them all, and they glorified God. Filled with
fear, they said, "We have seen extraordinary things today!"
27 After this Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi
sitting at the tax booth. He said to him, "Follow me."
28 Leaving everything, he got up and followed him.

29 Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house. A large crowd of
tax collectors and others were reclining at the table with them.
30 The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples, “Why
do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”
31 Jesus answered them, “Those who are well do not need a
physician, but those who are sick do.
32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”
33 They said to him, “John’s disciples fast often and offer prayers,
and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.”
34 Jesus said to them, “Can you make the wedding guests fast while
the bridegroom is with them?
35 But days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from
them. Then they will fast in those days.”
36 He also told them a parable: “No one tears a patch from a new
garment and puts it on an old garment. Otherwise he will tear the
new one, and the patch from the new will not match the old.
37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the
new wine will burst the skins, and it will spill out, and the skins will
be ruined.
38 New wine must be put into new wineskins.
39 And no one who has drunk old wine wants new, for he says, ‘The
old is good.’ ”

6

1 On a Sabbath Jesus was walking through grainfields. His disciples
were plucking heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating.
2 Some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful
on the Sabbath?”
3 Jesus answered them, “Have you not even read what David did
when he and those with him were hungry?
4 How he entered the house of God, took and ate the bread of the
Presence, and gave some to those with him, although only the priests
are permitted to eat it?”
5 He said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”
6 On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. A
man was there whose right hand was withered.
7 The scribes and Pharisees were watching him closely to see
whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so they could find grounds to
accuse him.
8 But he knew their thoughts and said to the man with the withered
hand, “Get up and stand in the middle.” He got up and stood there.
9 Jesus said to them, “I ask you: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do
good or to do harm, to save a life or to destroy it?”
10 After looking around at them all, he said to the man, “Stretch out
your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored.
11 But they were filled with rage and discussed with one another
what they might do to Jesus.
12 In those days Jesus went out to the mountain to pray, and he spent
the whole night in prayer to God.
13 When day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them,
whom he also named apostles:

14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother,
James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,
15 Matthew and Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon who
was called the Zealot,
16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place. There was a
large crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all
Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon,
18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.
Those troubled by unclean spirits were also being healed.
19 The whole crowd tried to touch him, because power was going
out from him and healing them all.

20 He looked up at his disciples and said, “Blessed are you who are
poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled. Blessed
are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you, insult you,
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for your reward is great in
heaven. That is how their fathers treated the prophets.
24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your comfort.
25 Woe to you who are full now, for you will hunger. Woe to you who
laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

26 Woe when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their
fathers treated the false prophets.

27 But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to
those who hate you;
28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.
29 If someone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also. If
someone takes your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.
30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if someone takes what is
yours, do not demand it back.
31 As you want people to do to you, do the same to them.

32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even
sinners love those who love them.
33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is
that to you? Even sinners do the same.
34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit
is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to receive the same
amount back.
35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend without expecting
anything in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be
children of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.
36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and
you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour a good measure
into your lap—pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing. For
the measure you use will be measured back to you.”

39 He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person lead a blind
person? Will they not both fall into a pit?
40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully
trained will be like his teacher.
41 Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to notice
the beam in your own eye?
42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck
out of your eye,' when you yourself do not see the beam in your eye?
Hypocrite! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will
see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
43 For no good tree bears rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear
good fruit.
44 Each tree is known by its own fruit. People do not gather figs
from thorns or harvest grapes from a bramble.
45 A good person brings forth good from the good treasure of his
heart, and an evil person brings forth evil from the evil treasure. For
his mouth speaks from the abundance of his heart.
46 Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?
47 Everyone who comes to me, hears my words, and does them—I
will show you what he is like.
48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a
foundation on the rock. When a flood came, the river crashed against
that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.
49 But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a
house on the ground without a foundation. The river crashed against
it, and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”

7

1 When Jesus had finished all his words in the hearing of the people,
he entered Capernaum.
2 A centurion had a slave whom he valued highly, who was sick and
about to die.
3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent Jewish elders to him, asking
him to come and save his slave.
4 They came to Jesus and urged him earnestly, saying, “He deserves
to have you do this for him,
5 for he loves our nation, and he himself built our synagogue for us.”
6 Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the
centurion sent friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for
I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.
7 That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you.
But say the word, and let my servant be healed.
8 For I too am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under
me. I say to one, ‘Go,' and he goes; to another, ‘Come,' and he comes;
and to my slave, ‘Do this,' and he does it.”
9 When Jesus heard this, he marveled at him. Turning to the crowd
following him, he said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such
great faith.”
10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found
the slave well.

11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples
and a large crowd went with him.
12 As he approached the town gate, a dead man was being carried
out, the only son of his mother, who was a widow. A considerable
crowd from the town was with her.
13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said, “Do
not weep.”
14 He went up and touched the bier, and those carrying it stood still.
He said, “Young man, I tell you, get up!”
15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to
his mother.
16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great
prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!”
17 This report about him spread throughout Judea and all the
surrounding region.
18 John’s disciples told him about all these things. John called two of
his disciples
19 and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come,
or should we expect another?”
20 When the men came to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent
us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect
another?’ ”
21 At that very hour he healed many of diseases, afflictions, and evil
spirits, and granted sight to many who were blind.
22 He answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and
heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy
are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor receive
good news.
23 And blessed is the one who does not stumble because of me.”
24 When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the
crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A
reed shaken by the wind?
25 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?
Those who wear splendid clothing and live in luxury are in royal
palaces.
26 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and
more than a prophet.
27 This is the one about whom it is written, ‘Look, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’
28 I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than
John. Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”
29 (All the people who heard, including the tax collectors,
acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with John's
baptism.
30 But the Pharisees and experts in the law rejected God's purpose
for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)
31 “To what then shall I compare the people of this generation? What
are they like?
32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to
one another,
‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we sang a lament, and you did not weep.'
33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine,
and you say, 'He has a demon.'
34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'
35 Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."
36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him. He entered the
Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.
37 A woman in the town who was a sinner learned that he was
reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, and brought an alabaster
flask of perfume.
38 Standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his
feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kept kissing his feet,
and anointed them with the perfume.
39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to
himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what
sort of woman is touching him, for she is a sinner."
40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." He
replied, "Say it, Teacher."
41 "A moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii,
and the other fifty.
42 When they had nothing to repay him with, he canceled both their
debts. Which of them will love him more?"
43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one whose larger debt he
canceled." Jesus said to him, "You have judged correctly."
44 Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this
woman? I entered your house, and you gave me no water for my feet.
But she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in, she has not
stopped kissing my feet.
46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet
with perfume.
47 Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven, for she
loved much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little."
48 Then he said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."
49 Those reclining at the table with him began to say among
themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"
50 But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

8

1 Afterward Jesus traveled through towns and villages, proclaiming
and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were
with him,
2 along with some women who had been healed of evil spirits and
illnesses: Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had
gone out;
3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward; Susanna; and many
others, who provided for them from their own resources.
4 As a large crowd gathered and people from town after town came
to him, he spoke in a parable:

5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell beside
the path, where it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky
ate it.
6 Some fell on rock, and when it grew, it withered because it had no
moisture.
7 Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and
choked it.
8 And some fell into good soil, grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” As
he said these things, he called out, “Let anyone who has ears to hear
listen!”
9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant.
10 He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the
kingdom of God, but to the rest I speak in parables, so that ‘seeing they
may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’
11 This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.
12 Those beside the path are the ones who have heard. Then the
devil comes and takes the word from their hearts, so that they may
not believe and be saved.
13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy
when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a time, and
in a time of testing they fall away.
14 What fell among thorns stands for those who have heard, but as
they go on their way, they are choked by the worries, riches, and
pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.
15 What fell in the good soil stands for those who hear the word with
a noble and good heart, hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.
16 No one lights a lamp and covers it with a container or puts it
under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who
enter may see the light.
17 For nothing is hidden that will not become visible, nor is anything
concealed that will not be known and come to light.
18 So take care how you listen. For whoever has will be given more,
and from whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be
taken away.”
19 His mother and brothers came to him, but they could not reach
him because of the crowd.
20 He was told, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside,
wanting to see you.”
21 But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those
who hear the word of God and do it.”
22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples and said to them, “Let
us cross to the other side of the lake.” So they set out.
23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the
lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.
24 They went to him and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are
perishing!” He awoke and rebuked the wind and the surging water.
They ceased, and there was a calm.
25 He said to them, “Where is your faith?” Frightened and amazed,
they said to one another, “Who then is this? He commands even the
winds and the water, and they obey him!”

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across from
Galilee.
27 When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the town who had
demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothing and lived
not in a house but among the tombs.
28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell before him, saying in a
loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High
God? I beg you, do not torment me!”
29 For Jesus was commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the
man. It had seized him many times, and he was bound with chains
and shackles and kept under guard. But he would break the bonds
and be driven by the demon into deserted places.
30 Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” because
many demons had entered him.
31 They begged him not to command them to go into the abyss.

32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. They
begged him to allow them to enter the pigs, and he allowed them.
33 The demons came out of the man and entered the pigs. The herd
rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and
reported it in the town and the countryside.
35 People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus
and found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at
Jesus’ feet, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.
36 Those who had seen it told them how the man who had been
possessed by demons had been saved.
37 All the people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked
him to leave them, for they were overcome with great fear. He got into
a boat and returned.
38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to be with
him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,
39 “Return home and tell all that God has done for you.” He went
throughout the town, proclaiming all that Jesus had done for him.

40 When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all
waiting for him.
41 A man named Jairus, who was a leader of the synagogue, came
and fell at Jesus' feet, begging him to come to his house,
42 because his only daughter, about twelve years old, was dying. As
Jesus went, the crowds pressed around him.
43 A woman had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years.
Though she had spent all she had on physicians, she could not be
healed by anyone.
44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, and
immediately her flow of blood stopped.
45 Jesus said, “Who touched me?” When everyone denied it, Peter
said, “Master, the crowds are surrounding you and pressing against
you.”
46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I knew that power had
gone out from me.”

47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came
trembling and fell before him. In front of all the people she told why
she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately.
48 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”
49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the synagogue
leader's house and said, “Your daughter has died. Do not trouble the
Teacher any longer.”
50 But when Jesus heard this, he answered him, “Do not be afraid.
Only believe, and she will be saved.”
51 When he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him
except Peter, John, James, and the child's father and mother.
52 Everyone was weeping and mourning for her. But he said, “Do not
weep, for she has not died but is sleeping.”
53 They laughed at him, knowing that she had died.
54 But he took her hand and called out, “Child, get up!”
55 Her spirit returned, and she got up immediately. He ordered that
she be given something to eat.
56 Her parents were astonished, but he instructed them to tell no
one what had happened.

9

1 Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power and
authority over all demons and to heal diseases.
2 He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the
sick.
3 He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey: no staff, no bag, no
bread, no money, and do not have two tunics each.
4 Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there.
5 Wherever people do not welcome you, shake the dust from your
feet as you leave that town, as a testimony against them.”
6 They set out and went through the villages, proclaiming the good
news and healing everywhere.
7 Herod the tetrarch heard about everything that was happening
and was perplexed, because some were saying that John had been
raised from the dead,
8 others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the
ancient prophets had risen.
9 Herod said, “I beheaded John. Who then is this about whom I hear
such things?” And he kept trying to see him.
10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus all they had done. He
took them with him and withdrew privately to a town called
Bethsaida.
11 But the crowds learned of it and followed him. He welcomed
them, spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who
needed healing.
12 The day began to draw to a close. The Twelve came to him and
said, “Send the crowd away so that they can go to the surrounding
villages and countryside to find lodging and food, because we are in a
deserted place here.”

13 He said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We
have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy
food for all these people.”
14 For there were about five thousand men. He said to his disciples,
“Have them recline in groups of about fifty.”
15 They did so and had everyone recline.
16 He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven,
blessed them, and broke them. Then he kept giving them to the
disciples to set before the crowd.
17 They all ate and were satisfied, and twelve baskets of leftover
pieces were gathered up.
18 While he was praying in private, his disciples were with him. He
asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”
19 They answered, “John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and others
say that one of the ancient prophets has risen.”
20 He said to them, “But who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “The
Christ of God.”
21 He sternly commanded them to tell this to no one,
22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, be rejected by
the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and on the third day be
raised.”
23 He said to all, “If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny
himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.
24 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses
his life for my sake will save it.
25 What does a person gain by winning the whole world but
destroying or forfeiting himself?
26 For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will
be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and the glory of the
Father and the holy angels.
27 But truly I tell you, some standing here will not taste death until
they see the kingdom of God.”
28 About eight days after these words, he took Peter, John, and James
with him and went up the mountain to pray.
29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his
clothing became dazzling white.
30 Two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory and spoke about his departure, which he
was about to accomplish in Jerusalem.
32 Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep, but when they
were fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with
him.
33 As the men were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is
good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for
Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what he was saying.
34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them,
and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.
35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, the Chosen
One. Listen to him!”
36 When the voice came, Jesus was found alone. They kept silent and
told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

37 The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large
crowd met him.
38 A man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my
son, for he is my only child.
39 A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams. It convulses him
and makes him foam at the mouth, and scarcely leaves him, battering
him.
40 I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”
41 Jesus answered, “Faithless and perverse generation! How long
must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”
42 While the boy was still coming, the demon threw him down and
convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child,
and gave him back to his father.
43 They were all astonished at the majesty of God. While everyone
was marveling at all he was doing, he said to his disciples,
44 “Let these words sink into your ears: the Son of Man is about to be
handed over into human hands.”
45 But they did not understand this saying. It was concealed from
them so that they would not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him
about it.
46 An argument arose among them about which of them was
greatest.
47 Jesus knew the reasoning of their hearts. He took a child and had
him stand at his side,
48 and said to them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent
me. For the one who is least among you all is great.”
49 John answered, “Master, we saw someone driving out demons in
your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with
us.”
50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop him, for whoever is not against
you is for you.”
51 As the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go
to Jerusalem.
52 He sent messengers ahead of him. They went into a Samaritan
village to make preparations for him.
53 But the people did not welcome him, because he was headed for
Jerusalem.
54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do
you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and
consume them?”
55 But he turned and rebuked them.
56 Then they went to another village.
57 As they were traveling along the road, someone said to him, “I will
follow you wherever you go.”
58 Jesus said to him, “Foxes have dens, and the birds of the sky have
nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”
59 He said to another, “Follow me.” But the man said, “Lord, let me
first go and bury my father.”
60 He said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead. But you, go
and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

61 Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell
to those in my house.”
62 Jesus said, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back
is fit for the kingdom of God.”

10

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them
ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself was
about to go.
2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.
3 Go! Look, I am sending you as lambs among wolves.
4 Carry no money pouch, no bag, and no sandals, and greet no one
along the road.
5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’
6 If a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; otherwise it
will return to you.
7 Stay in that same house, eating and drinking what they provide,
for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move from house to house.
8 Whatever town you enter where people welcome you, eat what is
set before you.
9 Heal the sick in it and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has drawn
near to you.’
10 But whatever town you enter where people do not welcome you,
go out into its streets and say,
11 ‘Even the dust of your town that has clung to our feet we wipe off
against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has drawn near.’
12 I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom on that day than for
that town.
13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty
works done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would
have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
14 Yet it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment
than for you.
15 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to heaven? You will be
brought down to Hades.
16 Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you
rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”
17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the
demons submit to us in your name!”
18 He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
19 Look, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions
and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will harm you.
20 Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you. Rejoice that your
names are written in heaven.”
21 At that very hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I praise
you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these
things from the wise and discerning and revealed them to little
children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.”

22 “All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one
knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except
the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”
23 Turning to the disciples, he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes
that see what you see!
24 For I tell you, many prophets and kings wanted to see what you
see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”
25 An expert in the law stood up to test him and said, “Teacher, what
must I do to inherit eternal life?”
26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”
27 He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your
mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”
28 Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you
will live.”
29 But wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my
neighbor?”
30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho
and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and
went away, leaving him half dead.
31 By chance a priest was going down that road. When he saw him,
he passed by on the other side.
32 Likewise a Levite came to the place, saw him, and passed by on
the other side.
33 But a Samaritan who was traveling came upon him, and when he
saw him, he had compassion.
34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and
wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and
cared for him.
35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper,
and said, ‘Take care of him. Whatever more you spend, I will repay
you when I return.’
36 Which of these three do you think became a neighbor to the man
who fell into the hands of robbers?”
37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go,
and do the same.”
38 As they continued on their way, Jesus entered a village, and a
woman named Martha welcomed him.
39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to
his word.
40 But Martha was distracted by the many tasks of serving. She came
up and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve
alone? Tell her to help me.”
41 The Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and
troubled about many things,
42 but few things are needed, or just one. For Mary has chosen the
good portion, which will not be taken from her.”

11

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his
disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his
disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Father, hallowed be your
name. Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who owes
us. And do not lead us into temptation.’ ”

5 He said to them, “Which of you, having a friend, would go to him at
midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,
6 because a friend of mine has arrived from a journey, and I have
nothing to set before him,’
7 and have him answer from within, ‘Do not trouble me. The door is
already shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and
give you anything’?
8 I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because
he is his friend, yet because of his shameless persistence he will rise
and give him as much as he needs.

9 So I tell you: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will
find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and
to the one who knocks it will be opened.
11 Which father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a
snake instead of a fish?
12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he give him a scorpion?
13 If you, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your
children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy
Spirit to those who ask him!”

14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon
had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the crowds marveled.
15 But some of them said, “He drives out demons by Beelzebul, the
ruler of the demons.”
16 Others tested him by seeking a sign from heaven.
17 But he knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom
divided against itself is laid waste, and house falls upon house.
18 If Satan too is divided against himself, how will his kingdom
stand? For you say that I drive out demons by Beelzebul.
19 If I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive
them out? Therefore they will be your judges.
20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom
of God has come upon you.
21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own residence, his
possessions are safe.
22 But when someone stronger attacks and defeats him, he takes
away the armor in which he trusted and distributes his plunder.
23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not
gather with me scatters.

24 When an unclean spirit comes out of a person, it passes through
waterless places seeking rest. Finding none, it says, ‘I will return to my
house from which I came.’
25 When it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.

26 Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than itself.
They enter and live there, and that person's last state becomes worse
than the first."
27 As he was saying these things, a woman in the crowd raised her
voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the
breasts at which you nursed!"
28 But he said, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God
and keep it."
29 As the crowds grew, he began to say, "This generation is an evil
generation. It seeks a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the
sign of Jonah.
30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so the Son of Man
will be to this generation.
31 The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of
this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends
of the earth to hear Solomon's wisdom. And look, something greater
than Solomon is here.
32 The men of Nineveh will rise at the judgment with this generation
and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching. And
look, something greater than Jonah is here.
33 No one lights a lamp and puts it in a hidden place or under a
basket, but on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see its light.
34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is sound, your
whole body is full of light. But when it is bad, your body is also dark.
35 So take care that the light within you is not darkness.
36 If, then, your whole body is full of light, with no dark part, it will
be wholly bright, as when a lamp shines on you with its radiance."
37 When he had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him. He
went in and reclined at the table.
38 The Pharisee was surprised to see that he had not first washed
before the meal.
39 The Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the
cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.
40 Fools! Did not the one who made the outside also make the inside?
41 But give what is inside as alms, and look, everything is clean for
you.
42 But woe to you Pharisees! You give a tenth of mint and rue and
every garden plant, but pass over justice and the love of God. You
should have practiced these without neglecting the others.
43 Woe to you Pharisees! You love the seats of honor in the
synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.
44 Woe to you! You are like unmarked graves, and people walk over
them without knowing it."
45 One of the experts in the law answered him, "Teacher, when you
say these things, you insult us too."
46 He said, "Woe to you experts in the law as well! You load people
with burdens hard to bear, but you yourselves do not touch those
burdens with even one of your fingers.
47 Woe to you! You build the tombs of the prophets, but your fathers
killed them.

48 So you are witnesses and approve of your fathers' deeds, for they killed them, and you build.
49 That is why the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'
50 so that this generation may be held accountable for the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world,
51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held accountable.
52 Woe to you experts in the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

53 When he went out from there, the scribes and Pharisees began to oppose him fiercely and question him about many things,
54 lying in wait to catch something he said.

12

1 Meanwhile, a crowd of tens of thousands gathered, so that they were trampling one another. He began by saying to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.
2 Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.
3 So whatever you have said in darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in inner rooms will be proclaimed from the rooftops.

4 I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body and afterward can do nothing more.
5 But I will show you whom to fear: Fear the one who, after killing, has authority to throw into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him.
6 Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God.
7 Even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

8 I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before people will also be acknowledged by the Son of Man before the angels of God.
9 But whoever denies me before people will be denied before the angels of God.
10 Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.
11 When they bring you before synagogues, rulers, and authorities, do not worry about how or what to answer in your defense, or what to say,
12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you must say."

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
14 But he said to him, "Man, who appointed me a judge or divider over you?"

15 He said to them, “Watch out and guard against every kind of
greed, for a person's life does not consist in an abundance of
possessions.”
16 He told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced
abundantly.
17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have nowhere to store
my crops.’
18 Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and
build larger ones, and there I will store all the grain and my goods,
19 and I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for
many years. Rest, eat, drink, and be merry.” ’
20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This very night your life is demanded
from you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’
21 So it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not
rich toward God.”
22 He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about
your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.
23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.
24 Consider the ravens: They neither sow nor reap, and they have no
storeroom or barn, yet God feeds them. How much more valuable you
are than the birds!
25 Which of you by worrying can add a single moment to his life?
26 If, then, you cannot do even the smallest thing, why worry about
the rest?
27 Consider how the lilies grow: They neither labor nor spin. Yet I
tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of
these.
28 If God so clothes the grass that is in the field today and thrown
into the oven tomorrow, how much more will he clothe you, you of
little faith!
29 Do not keep seeking what you will eat and what you will drink,
and do not be anxious.
30 For the nations of the world seek all these things, but your Father
knows you need them.
31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.
32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to
give you the kingdom.
33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make yourselves money
pouches that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where
no thief approaches and no moth destroys.
34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
35 Keep your clothing belted at the waist and your lamps burning,
36 and be like people waiting for their master to return from the
wedding, so that when he comes and knocks, they may open for him
immediately.
37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds awake when he
comes. Truly I tell you, he will belt his clothing, have them recline at
the table, and come and serve them.
38 If he comes in the second watch or in the third and finds them so,
blessed are they.

39 But know this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour
the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be
broken into.
40 You too must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour
you do not expect."

41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us, or for
everyone as well?"
42 The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward whom
the master will put over his household servants, to give them their
food allowance at the proper time?
43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds doing so when he
comes.
44 Truly I tell you, he will put him over all his possessions.
45 But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master is taking a long time
to come,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, to eat and
drink and get drunk,
46 that slave's master will come on a day he does not expect and at
an hour he does not know. He will cut him in two and assign him a
place with the unfaithful.
47 The slave who knew his master's will, yet neither prepared nor
acted according to it, will receive many blows.
48 But the one who did not know and did things deserving blows will
receive few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be
required, and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, more
will be demanded.

49 I came to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already
kindled!
50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it
is accomplished!
51 Do you think I came to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but
division.
52 For from now on five in one house will be divided, three against
two and two against three.
53 They will be divided: father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law
against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against
mother-in-law."
54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the
west, you immediately say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it happens.
55 And when the south wind blows, you say, 'There will be scorching
heat,' and it happens.
56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth
and sky, but how is it that you do not know how to interpret this time?

57 Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?
58 As you go with your adversary before the magistrate, make every
effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you before the
judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer
throw you into prison.
59 I tell you, you will not get out of there until you have paid even
the last small coin."

13

1 At that very time some people were present who told him about
the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.
2 He answered them, “Do you think these Galileans were worse
sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these
things?
3 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.
4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed
them—do you think they were more guilty than all the other people
living in Jerusalem?
5 No, I tell you. But unless you repent, you will all perish in the same
way.”
6 He told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard.
He came looking for fruit on it but found none.
7 He said to the vine grower, ‘Look, for three years I have come
looking for fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down! Why
should it keep making the ground unproductive?’
8 But he answered him, ‘Sir, leave it this year also, until I dig around
it and put on manure.
9 If it bears fruit later, good; if not, you will cut it down.’ ”
10 He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.
11 A woman was there who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen
years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called her and said, “Woman, you are
freed from your infirmity.”
13 He laid his hands on her, and immediately she was straightened,
and she glorified God.
14 But the synagogue leader, indignant because Jesus had healed on
the Sabbath, said to the crowd, “There are six days on which work
should be done. Come on those days to be healed, and not on the
Sabbath day.”
15 The Lord answered him, “Hypocrites! Does not each of you untie
his ox or donkey from the manger on the Sabbath and lead it away to
water?
16 And this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has bound
for eighteen years, should she not be freed from this bond on the
Sabbath day?”
17 As he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, and
the whole crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things he was doing.
18 Then he said, “What is the kingdom of God like? To what shall I
compare it?
19 It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in his
garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in
its branches.”
20 Again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?
21 It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of
flour, until all of it was leavened.”
22 He went through towns and villages, teaching and making his
way to Jerusalem.
23 Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few being saved?” He said
to them,

24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will
seek to enter and will not be able.
25 Once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, you will
begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for
us.’ But he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’
26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence,
and you taught in our streets.’
27 But he will tell you, ‘I do not know where you are from. Depart
from me, all you workers of unrighteousness!’
28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God,
but you yourselves thrown out.
29 People will come from east and west, from north and south, and
recline at the table in the kingdom of God.
30 And look, some who are last will be first, and some who are first
will be last.”
31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Leave
and go away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”
32 He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Look, I drive out demons
and perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will
finish my work.’
33 Yet I must go on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day,
for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside Jerusalem.
34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those
sent to you! How often I wanted to gather your children as a hen
gathers her brood under her wings, and you were unwilling!
35 Look, your house is left to you. I tell you, you will not see me until
the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord.’ ”

14

1 On a Sabbath Jesus went into the house of one of the leaders of the
Pharisees to eat bread, and they were watching him closely.
2 There before him was a man suffering from fluid retention.
3 Jesus asked the experts in the law and the Pharisees, “Is it lawful to
heal on the Sabbath, or not?”
4 But they remained silent. He took hold of the man, healed him,
and sent him away.
5 Then he said to them, “Which of you, if his son or ox falls into a
well, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?”
6 They could not answer these things.
7 Noticing how the guests were choosing the places of honor, he told
them a parable:
8 “When someone invites you to a wedding, do not recline in the
place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been
invited,
9 and the host who invited both of you comes and says to you, ‘Give
this man your place.’ Then you will begin in shame to take the lowest
place.
10 Instead, when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place,
so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up

higher.' Then you will have honor before all who are reclining at the table with you.
11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
12 He also said to the man who had invited him, "When you give a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends, brothers, relatives, or rich neighbors, lest they invite you in return and you receive your repayment.
13 Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind.
14 Then you will be blessed because they have nothing with which to repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
15 When one of those reclining at the table heard this, he said to him, "Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"
16 Jesus said to him, "A man was giving a great dinner and invited many.
17 At the dinner hour he sent his slave to tell those invited, 'Come, for it is now ready.'
18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field and need to go out and see it. Please excuse me.'
19 Another said, 'I have bought five pairs of oxen, and I am going to test them. Please excuse me.'
20 Another said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'
21 The slave returned and reported these things to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go quickly into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in here the poor, the maimed, the blind, and the lame.'
22 The slave said, 'Master, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'
23 The master said to the slave, 'Go out to the roads and hedges and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.
24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.' "
25 Large crowds were traveling with him. He turned and said to them,
26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.
28 For which of you who wants to build a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?
29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and cannot finish, everyone who sees it will begin to mock him,
30 saying, 'This man began to build and could not finish.'
31 Or what king going to war against another king will not first sit down and consider whether, with ten thousand, he can face the one coming against him with twenty thousand?
32 If he cannot, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

33 So then, any of you who does not renounce all he possesses
cannot be my disciple.
34 Salt is good, but if even salt loses its flavor, with what will it be
seasoned?
35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. They throw it
out. Let anyone who has ears to hear listen!”

15

1 All the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to hear him.
2 The Pharisees and scribes were grumbling, saying, “This man
welcomes sinners and eats with them.”
3 So he told them this parable:
4 “Which of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them,
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost
one until he finds it?
5 When he finds it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
6 When he comes home, he calls his friends and neighbors together,
saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’
7 I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over
one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who
have no need of repentance.
8 Or what woman who has ten silver coins and loses one does not
light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?
9 When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together,
saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin I lost.’
10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.”
11 He said, “A man had two sons.
12 The younger said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the
property that falls to me.’ So he divided his property between them.
13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered everything and
went away to a distant country. There he squandered his property in
reckless living.
14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine arose throughout
that country, and he began to be in need.
15 He went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that
country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.
16 He longed to fill his belly with the carob pods the pigs were
eating, but no one gave him anything.
17 When he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s
hired workers have more than enough bread, while I am perishing
here from hunger!
18 I will get up and go to my father and say to him, “Father, I have
sinned against heaven and before you.
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of
your hired workers.” ’
20 He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his
father saw him and had compassion. He ran, embraced him, and
kissed him warmly.
21 The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and
before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe
and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.
23 Bring the fattened calf and slaughter it. Let us eat and celebrate,
24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was
lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.
25 His older son was in the field. As he came near the house, he
heard music and dancing.
26 He called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.
27 He told him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has
slaughtered the fattened calf, because he has received him back in
good health.'
28 But he became angry and would not go in. His father came out
and pleaded with him.
29 He answered his father, ‘Look, I have slaved for you all these
years and never disobeyed a command of yours. Yet you never gave
me a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends.
30 But when this son of yours came, who devoured your property
with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.'
31 He said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine
is yours.
32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours
was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

16

1 He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a
steward, and the steward was accused before him of squandering his
possessions.
2 He called him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an
account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'
3 The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is
taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig,
and I am ashamed to beg.
4 I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from the
stewardship, people will welcome me into their homes.'
5 He called in each of his master's debtors and said to the first, ‘How
much do you owe my master?'
6 He said, ‘About eight hundred gallons of oil.' He told him, ‘Take
your bill, sit down quickly, and write about four hundred gallons.'
7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?' He said,
‘About a thousand bushels of wheat.' He told him, ‘Take your bill and
write about eight hundred bushels.'
8 The master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted
shrewdly. For the children of this age are shrewder in dealing with
their own generation than the children of light.
9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of
unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into
eternal dwellings.
10 Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much, and
whoever is unrighteous in very little is unrighteous also in much.

11 So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous wealth, who
will entrust you with true riches?
12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is your own?
13 No household servant can serve two masters, for he will either
hate the one and love the other, or hold to the one and despise the
other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and
ridiculed him.
15 He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before
people, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among people
is an abomination before God.

16 The law and the prophets were until John. Since then the good
news of the kingdom of God has been proclaimed, and everyone
presses into it.
17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for a single
stroke of the law to fall.

18 Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits
adultery, and whoever marries a woman divorced from her husband
commits adultery.

19 There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and
feasted splendidly every day.
20 A poor man named Lazarus had been laid at his gate, covered
with sores,
21 longing to be filled with what fell from the rich man's table. Even
the dogs came and licked his sores.
22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's
bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.
23 In Hades, being in torment, he lifted his eyes and saw Abraham
far away and Lazarus in his bosom.
24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send
Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I
am in anguish in this flame.'
25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you received your good
things in your lifetime, and Lazarus likewise his bad things. Now he is
comforted here, and you are in anguish.
26 Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you,
so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can
anyone cross from there to us.'
27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house,
28 for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too
come to this place of torment.'
29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them
listen to them.'
30 He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from
the dead, they will repent.'
31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets,
neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.' "

17

1 He said to his disciples, “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks will
come, but woe to the one through whom they come!
2 It would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his
neck and be thrown into the sea than to cause one of these little ones
to stumble.
3 Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he
repents, forgive him.
4 Even if he sins against you seven times in a day and seven times
returns to you saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”
5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”
6 The Lord said, “If you have faith like a mustard seed, you could say
to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it
would obey you.
7 Which of you who has a slave plowing or tending a flock will say to
him when he comes in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at the
table’?
8 Will he not rather say, ‘Prepare my dinner, belt your clothing, and
serve me until I have eaten and drunk. Afterward you may eat and
drink’?
9 Does he thank the slave because he did what was commanded?
10 So you too, when you have done all that you were commanded,
say, ‘We are unprofitable slaves; we have done what we ought to have
done.’ ”
11 On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing between Samaria and
Galilee.
12 As he entered a village, ten men with leprosy met him. They stood
at a distance
13 and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”
14 When he saw them, he said, “Go and show yourselves to the
priests.” As they went, they were cleansed.
15 One of them, seeing that he had been healed, returned, glorifying
God with a loud voice.
16 He fell facedown at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a
Samaritan.
17 Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?
18 Was no one found who returned to give glory to God except this
foreigner?”
19 Then he said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has saved you.”
20 When the Pharisees asked him when the kingdom of God would
come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God does not come in a
way that can be observed,
21 nor will people say, ‘Look, here!’ or ‘There!’ For look, the kingdom
of God is in your midst.”
22 He said to the disciples, “Days will come when you will long to see
one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.
23 They will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out
or follow after them.
24 For as lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the
other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.
25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this
generation.

26 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man.
27 They were eating, drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage until the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.
28 Likewise, as it was in the days of Lot: They were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building.
29 But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all.
30 It will be the same on the day the Son of Man is revealed.
31 On that day, whoever is on the roof, with his belongings in the house, must not come down to take them. Likewise, whoever is in the field must not turn back.
32 Remember Lot's wife.
33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will keep it alive.
34 I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken, and the other left.
35 Two women will be grinding together. One will be taken, and the other left.
36 [Two will be in the field. One will be taken, and the other left."]
37 They answered him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the body is, there the eagles will gather."

18

1 He told them a parable about their need to pray always and not lose heart.
2 He said, "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people.
3 A widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'
4 For a time he refused. But afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God or respect people,
5 yet because this widow keeps troubling me, I will give her justice, so that she does not wear me out by continually coming.' "
6 The Lord said, "Listen to what the unrighteous judge says.
7 Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long in their case?
8 I tell you, he will give them justice swiftly. Yet when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"
9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised everyone else:
10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed these things to himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, the unrighteous, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.
12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of everything I acquire.'
13 But the tax collector stood far away and would not even lift his eyes to heaven. He kept beating his chest and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than
the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the
one who humbles himself will be exalted."
15 People were bringing even infants to him so that he might touch
them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked the people bringing
them.
16 But Jesus called the children to him, saying, "Let the children
come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these.
17 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like
a child will never enter it."
18 A ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit
eternal life?"
19 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good
except God alone.
20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery; do not
murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; honor your father and
mother.' "
21 He said, "I have kept all these things from my youth."
22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack:
Sell all you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
23 But when he heard these things, he became deeply sorrowful, for
he was very rich.
24 Jesus looked at him and said, "How difficult it is for those who
have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!
25 For it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle
than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."
26 Those who heard said, "Then who can be saved?"
27 He said, "What is impossible with people is possible with God."
28 Peter said, "Look, we have left what is our own and followed you."
29 He said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left
house, wife, brothers, parents, or children for the sake of the kingdom
of God,
30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age
to come eternal life."
31 He took the Twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up
to Jerusalem, and everything written through the prophets about the
Son of Man will be fulfilled.
32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles, mocked, insulted, and
spat upon.
33 After flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will
rise."
34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden
from them, and they did not grasp what was being said.
35 As he drew near Jericho, a blind man was sitting beside the road,
begging.
36 Hearing a crowd passing by, he asked what was happening.
37 They told him, "Jesus the Nazarene is passing by."
38 He cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
39 Those leading the way rebuked him to make him quiet, but he
cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When
he came near, Jesus asked him,
41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me
receive my sight."
42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you."
43 Immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying
God. All the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

19

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it.
2 There was a man named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector
and was rich.
3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the
crowd, for he was short in stature.
4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore fig tree to see him,
because he was about to pass that way.
5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him,
"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your
house."
6 He hurried down and welcomed him with joy.
7 Everyone who saw it grumbled, saying, "He has gone in to stay
with a sinful man."
8 Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half my
possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I
repay it fourfold."
9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because
he too is a son of Abraham.
10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."
11 While they were listening to these things, he went on to tell a
parable, because he was near Jerusalem and they thought the
kingdom of God was about to appear immediately.
12 He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a
kingdom for himself and return.
13 He called ten of his slaves, gave them about ten pounds of silver,
and said to them, 'Do business with this until I come.'
14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying,
'We do not want this man to reign over us.'
15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered the
slaves to whom he had given the money to be called, so that he might
learn what they had gained by trading.
16 The first came and said, 'Master, your silver—about a pound—has
earned about ten pounds.'
17 He said to him, 'Well done, good slave! Because you have been
faithful in very little, have authority over ten cities.'
18 The second came and said, 'Master, your silver—about a
pound—has produced about five pounds.'
19 He said to this one also, 'You too are to be over five cities.'
20 Another came and said, 'Master, here is your silver, about a
pound, which I kept stored in a cloth.
21 For I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take
what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow.'

22 He said to him, ‘By your own mouth I judge you, wicked slave. Did
you know that I am a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and
reaping what I did not sow?
23 Then why did you not put my money in a bank? When I returned,
I could have collected it with interest.’
24 He said to those standing there, ‘Take the silver from him, about a
pound, and give it to the one who has about ten pounds.’
25 They said to him, ‘Master, he has about ten pounds!’
26 ‘I tell you, to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the
one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.
27 But bring here these enemies of mine who did not want me to
reign over them, and slaughter them before me.’ ”
28 After saying this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mountain
called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,
30 saying, “Go to the village opposite you. As you enter it, you will
find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring
it.
31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say this: ‘The Lord
needs it.’ ”
32 Those who were sent went and found it just as he had told them.
33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are
you untying the colt?”
34 They said, “The Lord needs it.”
35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put
Jesus on it.
36 As he went along, they spread their cloaks on the road.
37 As he drew near, already at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the
whole multitude of disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a
loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,
38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”
39 Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your
disciples.”
40 He answered, “I tell you, if these are silent, the stones will cry out.”
41 As he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,
42 saying, “If only you too had known on this day what makes for
peace! But now it is hidden from your eyes.
43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will raise a
barricade against you, surround you, and hem you in on every side.
44 They will dash you and your children within you to the ground,
and will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not
recognize the time of your visitation.”
45 He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were
selling,
46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘And my house will be a house of
prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”
47 He was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, scribes,
and leaders of the people were seeking to destroy him,

48 but they could not find what to do, for all the people hung on his
words, listening.

20

1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and
proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and scribes came up with
the elders
2 and said to him, “Tell us, by what authority are you doing these
things, or who gave you this authority?”
3 He answered them, “I too will ask you a question. Tell me:
4 Was John’s baptism from heaven or from people?”
5 They discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From
heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’
6 But if we say, ‘From people,’ all the people will stone us, for they
are convinced that John was a prophet.”
7 So they answered that they did not know where it was from.
8 Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do
these things.”
9 He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a
vineyard, leased it to farmers, and went away for a long time.
10 At the proper season he sent a slave to the farmers, so they would
give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him
and sent him away empty-handed.
11 He sent another slave, but they beat and dishonored him too, and
sent him away empty-handed.
12 He sent a third, but they wounded him and threw him out.
13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send
my beloved son. Perhaps they will respect him.’
14 But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned with one another,
saying, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him so that the inheritance may be
ours.’
15 They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then
will the owner of the vineyard do to them?
16 He will come and destroy those farmers and give the vineyard to
others.” When they heard this, they said, “May it never happen!”
17 He looked at them and said, “What then does this writing mean:
‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?
18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be shattered, but it will
crush anyone on whom it falls.”
19 The scribes and chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that
very hour, but they feared the people, for they knew he had told this
parable against them.
20 They watched him and sent spies who pretended to be righteous,
so that they could catch him in something he said and hand him over
to the rule and authority of the governor.
21 They asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach
rightly and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God.
22 Is it lawful for us to pay tribute to Caesar, or not?”
23 But he perceived their craftiness and said to them,

24 “Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it bear?”
They answered, “Caesar’s.”
25 He said to them, “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God
what is God’s.”
26 They could not catch him in anything he said before the people.
Amazed at his answer, they became silent.
27 Some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection,
came up and asked him,
28 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a
wife but no children, his brother must take the wife and raise up
offspring for his brother.
29 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died
childless;
30 and the second
31 and the third took her. Likewise all seven left no children and
died.
32 Finally the woman also died.
33 In the resurrection, then, whose wife does she become? For all
seven had her as wife.”
34 Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and are given
in marriage.
35 But those considered worthy to attain that age and the
resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.
36 For they can no longer die, since they are equal to angels, and
they are children of God, being children of the resurrection.
37 That the dead are raised, even Moses showed in the passage about
the bush, where he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’
38 He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”
39 Some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.”
40 For they no longer dared ask him anything.
41 He said to them, “How do they say that the Christ is David’s son?
42 For David himself says in the book of Psalms,
‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand
43 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ’
44 David therefore calls him Lord. How then is he his son?”
45 As all the people were listening, he said to the disciples,
46 “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk about in long robes and
love greetings in the marketplaces, the seats of honor in the
synagogues, and places of honor at dinners.
47 They devour widows’ houses and make long prayers for a
pretense. They will receive greater condemnation.”

21

1 He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.
2 He also saw a poor widow putting in two small coins.
3 He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all
of them.
4 For all these gave their gifts from their surplus, but she, out of her
poverty, put in all she had to live on.”
5 As some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with
beautiful stones and dedicated gifts, he said,

6 “As for these things you see, days will come when not one stone
will be left upon another that will not be torn down.”
7 They asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And
what will be the sign when they are about to take place?”
8 He said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my
name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Do not follow
them.
9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be terrified. For these
things must happen first, but the end will not come immediately.”
10 Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and
kingdom against kingdom.
11 There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines
and plagues. There will be terrifying sights and great signs from
heaven.
12 But before all these things, they will lay hands on you and
persecute you, handing you over to synagogues and prisons. You will
be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.
13 This will be an opportunity for you to bear witness.
14 So settle it in your hearts not to prepare your defense beforehand,
15 for I will give you speech and wisdom that none of your
opponents will be able to resist or contradict.
16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and
friends, and they will put some of you to death.
17 You will be hated by all because of my name.
18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish.
19 Through your endurance, gain your lives.
20 When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that
its desolation has drawn near.
21 Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, those inside the
city must leave, and those in the countryside must not enter it,
22 for these are days of vengeance, so that all that is written may be
fulfilled.
23 Woe to those who are pregnant and those nursing infants in those
days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath against
this people.
24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all
nations. Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of
the Gentiles are fulfilled.
25 There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and on the earth
distress among nations, perplexed at the roaring of the sea and its
surging.
26 People will faint from fear and expectation of what is coming
upon the inhabited world, for the powers of the heavens will be
shaken.
27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power
and great glory.
28 When these things begin to happen, stand upright and lift up your
heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”
29 He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.
30 When they begin to sprout, you see for yourselves and know that
summer is already near.

31 So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.
32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.
33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
34 Watch yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with overindulgence, drunkenness, and the worries of life, and that day come upon you suddenly
35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to happen and to stand before the Son of Man."
37 By day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and stayed on the mountain called the Mount of Olives.
38 All the people came to him early in the morning to hear him in the temple.

22

1 The Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was drawing near.
2 The chief priests and scribes were seeking a way to kill him, for they feared the people.
3 Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve.
4 He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers about how he might betray Jesus to them.
5 They were glad and agreed to give him money.
6 He consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them away from the crowd.
7 The day of Unleavened Bread came, when the Passover sacrifice had to be offered.
8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us to eat."
9 They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"
10 He said to them, "Look, when you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house he enters,
11 and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" '
12 He will show you a large furnished room upstairs. Prepare it there."
13 They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.
14 When the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him.
15 He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
16 For I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 He received a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it
among yourselves.
18 For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes.”
19 He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
“This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
20 Likewise, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the
new covenant in my blood, poured out for you.
21 But look, the hand of the one betraying me is with me on the table.
22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to
that man through whom he is betrayed!”
23 They began to question among themselves which of them was
about to do this.
24 A dispute also arose among them about which of them was
considered greatest.
25 He said to them, “The kings of the nations lord it over them, and
those exercising authority over them are called benefactors.
26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, let the greatest among you
become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who
serves.
27 For who is greater, the one reclining at the table or the one
serving? Is it not the one reclining? Yet I am among you as the one
who serves.
28 You are those who have remained with me in my trials.
29 And I grant you a kingdom, just as my Father granted one to me,
30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and
you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
31 Simon, Simon, look, Satan has demanded to have all of you, to sift
you like wheat.
32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And you,
when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”
33 He said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison
and to death.”
34 Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until
you have denied three times that you know me.”
35 He said to them, “When I sent you out without a money pouch,
bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.”
36 He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money pouch should
take it, and likewise a bag. Whoever has no sword should sell his
cloak and buy one.
37 For I tell you, this writing must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was
numbered with the lawless.’ For what concerns me is reaching its
fulfillment.”
38 They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He said to them, “It is
enough.”
39 He went out and made his way, as was his custom, to the Mount of
Olives, and the disciples followed him.
40 When he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may
not enter into temptation.”
41 He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and
prayed,

42 saying, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me. Yet not
my will, but yours be done.”
43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.
44 Being in agony, he prayed more earnestly. His sweat became like
thick drops of blood falling to the ground.
45 When he rose from prayer and came to the disciples, he found
them sleeping from sorrow.
46 He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray, so that
you may not enter into temptation.”
47 While he was still speaking, a crowd appeared, and the one called
Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He drew near Jesus to kiss
him.
48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man
with a kiss?”
49 When those around him saw what was about to happen, they
said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”
50 One of them struck the high priest’s slave and cut off his right ear.
51 But Jesus answered, “Enough of this!” He touched the ear and
healed him.
52 Jesus said to the chief priests, temple officers, and elders who had
come against him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as
against a robber?
53 Day after day I was with you in the temple, and you did not lay
hands on me. But this is your hour and the authority of darkness.”
54 They seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high
priest’s house. Peter followed at a distance.
55 They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down
together, and Peter sat among them.
56 A servant girl saw him sitting in the firelight, looked closely at
him, and said, “This man too was with him.”
57 But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”
58 A little later someone else saw him and said, “You too are one of
them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.”
59 About an hour later, another insisted, “Certainly this man too was
with him, for he is a Galilean.”
60 But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying.”
Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.
61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the
Lord’s word, how he had said to him, “Before a rooster crows today,
you will deny me three times.”
62 He went outside and wept bitterly.
63 The men who were holding Jesus mocked and beat him.
64 They blindfolded him and asked, “Prophesy! Who is it that struck
you?”
65 They said many other things against him, blaspheming.
66 When day came, the council of elders of the people assembled,
both chief priests and scribes. They brought him before their council,
67 saying, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” He said to them, “If I tell you,
you will not believe,
68 and if I ask, you will not answer.

69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand
of the power of God."
70 They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" He said to them, "You
say that I am."
71 They said, "What further testimony do we need? We ourselves
have heard it from his mouth."

23

1 The whole assembly rose and brought him before Pilate.
2 They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading
our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that
he himself is the Christ, a king."
3 Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered
him, "You say so."
4 Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no grounds
for a charge against this man."
5 But they insisted, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee and reaching here."
6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.
7 Learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to
Herod, who was also in Jerusalem in those days.
8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long wanted
to see him because of what he had heard about him, and hoped to see
him perform some sign.
9 He questioned him at length, but Jesus gave him no answer.
10 The chief priests and scribes stood there, vehemently accusing
him.
11 Herod, together with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and
mocked him. He dressed him in a splendid robe and sent him back to
Pilate.
12 Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, for previously
they had been at enmity with one another.
13 Pilate called together the chief priests, rulers, and people,
14 and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who misleads
the people. Look, I have examined him before you and found no basis
for the charges you bring against this man.
15 Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, he has done
nothing deserving death.
16 So I will punish him and release him."
17 [He was required to release one prisoner to them at the feast.]
18 But they all cried out together, "Away with this man! Release
Barabbas for us!"
19 He had been thrown into prison for an uprising in the city and for
murder.
20 Pilate addressed them again, wanting to release Jesus.
21 But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"
22 For the third time he said to them, "What evil has this man done?
I have found nothing in him deserving death. So I will punish him and
release him."
23 But they pressed him with loud cries, demanding that he be
crucified, and their cries prevailed.

24 Pilate decided that their demand should be carried out.
25 He released the man they had asked for, who had been thrown into prison for uprising and murder, but handed Jesus over to their will.
26 As they led him away, they seized a man named Simon of Cyrene, coming from the countryside, and laid the cross on him to carry behind Jesus.
27 A great multitude of the people followed him, including women who were beating their breasts and lamenting him.
28 Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children.
29 For look, days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’
30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!'
31 For if they do these things to green wood, what will happen to the dry?”
32 Two others, who were criminals, were also being led away to be put to death with him.
33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.
34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” They divided his clothing by casting lots.
35 The people stood watching. The rulers also ridiculed him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”
36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,
37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”
38 There was also an inscription over him: “This is the King of the Jews.”
39 One of the criminals hanging there blasphemed him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”
40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence?
41 We are sentenced justly, for we are receiving what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”
42 He said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”
43 He said to him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
44 It was already about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,
45 as the sun’s light failed. The curtain of the sanctuary was torn down the middle.
46 Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit.” After saying this, he breathed his last.
47 When the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Truly this man was righteous.”
48 All the crowds who had gathered for this sight, when they saw what had happened, returned beating their breasts.

49 All his acquaintances stood at a distance, along with the women
who had followed him from Galilee, watching these things.
50 There was a man named Joseph, a member of the council, a good
and righteous man.
51 He had not agreed with their decision or action. He was from
Arimathea, a town of the Jews, and was waiting for the kingdom of
God.
52 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.
53 He took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid him in a tomb cut in
rock, where no one had yet been laid.
54 It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was about to begin.
55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and
saw the tomb and how his body was laid.
56 They returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the
Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

24

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came
to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared.
2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,
3 but when they entered, they did not find the body.
4 While they were perplexed about this, two men stood beside them
in dazzling clothing.
5 They became afraid and bowed their faces to the ground. The men
said to them, “Why do you seek the living one among the dead?
6 He is not here, but has been raised. Remember how he spoke to
you while he was still in Galilee,
7 saying that the Son of Man must be handed over into the hands of
sinful people, be crucified, and rise on the third day.”
8 They remembered his words,
9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the
Eleven and all the others.
10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and
the other women with them who told these things to the apostles.
11 But these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not
believe the women.
12 Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Stooping to look in, he saw only
the linen cloths. He went home, marveling at what had happened.
13 That same day two of them were going to a village named
Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.
14 They were talking with one another about all these things that
had happened.
15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself drew near
and walked with them,
16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
17 He said to them, “What are these words you are exchanging with
one another as you walk?” They stood still, looking sad.
18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only
visitor in Jerusalem who does not know what has happened there in
these days?”

19 He said to them, “What things?” They said to him, “The things
about Jesus the Nazarene, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed
and word before God and all the people,
20 and how our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be
condemned to death and crucified him.
21 But we had hoped that he was the one who was to redeem Israel.
Besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.
22 Some women from our group also astonished us. They were at
the tomb early,
23 and when they did not find his body, they came saying that they
had also seen a vision of angels, who say that he is alive.
24 Some of those with us went to the tomb and found it just as the
women had said, but him they did not see.”
25 He said to them, “Foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that
the prophets have spoken!
26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and enter
into his glory?”
27 Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them
in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
28 They drew near the village where they were going, and he acted
as though he would go farther.
29 But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for evening is
near and the day is already ending.” So he went in to stay with them.
30 When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread,
blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them.
31 Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he
vanished from their sight.
32 They said to one another, “Was not our heart burning within us
while he spoke to us on the road, while he opened the Scriptures to
us?”
33 They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They
found the Eleven and those with them gathered together,
34 saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to
Simon!”
35 Then they related what had happened on the road, and how he
had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.
36 While they were speaking about these things, he himself stood in
their midst.
37 Startled and frightened, they thought they were seeing a spirit.
38 He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise
in your heart?
39 Look at my hands and my feet: It is I myself. Touch me and see,
for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have.”
40 After saying this, he showed them his hands and feet.
41 While they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to
them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”
42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
43 and he took it and ate it before them.
44 He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I
was still with you: Everything written about me in the law of Moses,
the prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
46 and said to them, “This is what is written: The Christ is to suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day,
47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins are to be proclaimed in
his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 And look, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But
remain in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
50 He led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, lifted his hands, and
blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he parted from them and was
carried up into heaven.
52 They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
53 and were continually in the temple, blessing God.

John

1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made through him, and without him nothing was
made that has been made.
4 In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity.
5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome
it.
6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, so that all
might believe through him.
8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.
9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the
world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the
world did not know him.
11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not receive
him.
12 But to all who received him, who believe in his name, he gave the
right to become children of God,
13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of a
man's will, but of God.

14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
We beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten Son from the
Father.
15 John bears witness about him and has cried out, "This was the one
of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me, because
he was before me.' "
16 For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
17 For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
18 No one has ever seen God.
The only begotten God, who is in the Father's bosom, has made
him known.
19 This is John's testimony when the Jews sent priests and Levites
from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"
20 He confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the
Christ."
21 They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."
22 Then they said to him, "Who are you? We must give an answer to
those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"
23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make
straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."
24 Those who had been sent were from the Pharisees.

25 They asked him, “Why, then, do you baptize if you are not the
Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”
26 John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands
one you do not know,
27 the one coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to
untie.”
28 These things happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John
was baptizing.
29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold
the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
30 This is the one of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks
ahead of me, because he was before me.’
31 I did not know him, but for this reason I came baptizing with
water: so that he might be revealed to Israel.”
32 John bore witness, saying, “I have seen the Spirit descending from
heaven like a dove, and he remained on him.
33 I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with
water told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descending and
remaining is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’
34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Chosen
One of God.”
35 The next day John was standing there again with two of his
disciples.
36 He looked at Jesus walking by and said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”
37 The two disciples heard him speak and followed Jesus.
38 Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, “What are
you seeking?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher),
“where are you staying?”
39 He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw
where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about
four in the afternoon.
40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard
John and followed Jesus.
41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have
found the Messiah” (which means Christ).
42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are
Simon, the son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which means
Peter).
43 The next day Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He found Philip
and said to him, “Follow me.”
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one
Moses wrote about in the law, and the prophets also wrote about:
Jesus, the son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”
46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”
Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him,
“Behold, a true Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!”
48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered
him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw
you.”

49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are
the King of Israel!”
50 Jesus answered him, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw
you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”
51 He said to him, “Truly, truly, I tell all of you, you will see heaven
opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son
of Man.”

2

1 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Jesus’
mother was there.
2 Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
3 When the wine ran out, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no
wine.”
4 Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with you and
me? My hour has not yet come.”
5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”
6 Six stone water jars were standing there for the Jewish rites of
purification, each holding about twenty to thirty gallons.
7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” They filled them to the
brim.
8 Then he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the
master of the banquet.” They took it.
9 When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had become
wine, he did not know where it came from, though the servants who
had drawn the water knew. He called the bridegroom
10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when
people have become drunk, the inferior wine. You have kept the good
wine until now.”
11 Jesus performed this, the first of his signs, at Cana in Galilee. He
revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.
12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, brothers,
and disciples, and they stayed there a few days.
13 The Jewish Passover was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
14 In the temple he found those selling oxen, sheep, and doves, and
the money changers sitting there.
15 He made a whip of cords and drove them all out of the temple,
both the sheep and the oxen. He poured out the money changers’
coins and overturned their tables.
16 He said to those selling doves, “Take these things away! Do not
make my Father’s house a house of trade.”
17 His disciples remembered that it is written, “Zeal for your house
will consume me.”
18 The Jews answered him, “What sign do you show us, since you do
these things?”
19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I
will raise it up.”
20 The Jews said, “This sanctuary was built in forty-six years, and
you will raise it up in three days?”
21 But he was speaking about the sanctuary of his body.

22 So when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered
that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word
Jesus had spoken.
23 While he was in Jerusalem at the Passover feast, many believed in
his name when they saw the signs he was doing.
24 But Jesus himself did not entrust himself to them, because he
knew everyone
25 and did not need anyone to testify about humanity, for he himself
knew what was in a human being.

3

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the
Jews.
2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that
you have come from God as a teacher, for no one can do these signs
you do unless God is with him.”
3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless someone is
born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a person be born when he is old?
Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?”
5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless someone is born of
water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is
spirit.
7 Do not marvel that I told you, ‘All of you must be born again.’
8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you
do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with
everyone born of the Spirit.”
9 Nicodemus answered him, “How can these things be?”
10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do
not understand these things?
11 Truly, truly, I tell you, we speak what we know and bear witness
to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.
12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will
you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended
from heaven, the Son of Man.
14 Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the
Son of Man be lifted up,
15 so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.
16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so
that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal
life.
17 For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the
world, but so that the world might be saved through him.
18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not
believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the
name of the only begotten Son of God.
19 This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and
people loved darkness rather than light, because their works were
evil.

20 For everyone who does evil hates the light and does not come to
the light, so that his works will not be exposed.
21 But whoever practices the truth comes to the light, so that his
works may be revealed as having been done in God."
22 After this Jesus and his disciples came into the Judean
countryside, and he stayed there with them and was baptizing.
23 John too was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was
much water there. People were coming and being baptized,
24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.
25 A dispute arose between John's disciples and a Jew about
purification.
26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with
you beyond the Jordan, about whom you testified—look, he is
baptizing, and everyone is going to him."
27 John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it
has been given to him from heaven.
28 You yourselves bear witness that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I
have been sent ahead of him.'
29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The bridegroom's
friend, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's
voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete.
30 He must increase, but I must decrease.
31 The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is from
the earth belongs to the earth and speaks from the earth. The one who
comes from heaven is above all.
32 He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one
receives his testimony.
33 Whoever receives his testimony has set his seal on this: God is
true.
34 For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God, for he gives
the Spirit without measure.
35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.
36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever
disobeys the Son will not see life; the wrath of God remains on him."

4

1 When Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was
making and baptizing more disciples than John—
2 although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples were—
3 he left Judea and went back to Galilee.
4 He had to pass through Samaria.
5 So he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land Jacob
had given his son Joseph.
6 Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from the journey, sat down by
the well just as he was. It was about noon.
7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her,
"Give me a drink."
8 His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.
9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a
Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews do not associate with
Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is who
says to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he
would have given you living water.”
11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and
the well is deep. Where, then, do you get that living water?
12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and
drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock?”
13 Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be
thirsty again,
14 but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never thirst.
The water I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling
up to eternal life.”
15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so I will not be
thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”
16 He said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back here.”
17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her,
“You are right to say, ‘I have no husband,’
18 for you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not
your husband. What you have said is true.”
19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.
20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that
Jerusalem is the place where people must worship.”
21 Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, an hour is coming when
you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in
Jerusalem.
22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know,
for salvation is from the Jews.
23 But an hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers
will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such
people to worship him.
24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit
and truth.”
25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming, who is
called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us everything.”
26 Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking to you.”
27 Just then his disciples arrived. They were amazed that he was
speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do you want?” or
“Why are you speaking with her?”
28 So the woman left her water jar, went into the town, and said to
the people,
29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I have done. Could
this be the Christ?”
30 They left the town and were coming to him.
31 Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.”
32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing
about.”
33 So the disciples said to one another, “Has someone brought him
something to eat?”
34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me
and to finish his work.

35 Do you not say, ‘There are still four months, and then comes the
harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes and see the fields: they are
already white for harvest.
36 The reaper receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so
that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together.
37 For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’
38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have
worked, and you have entered into their labor.”
39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the
woman’s testimony: “He told me everything I have done.”
40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with
them, and he stayed there two days.
41 Many more believed because of his word,
42 and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of
what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this
truly is the Savior of the world.”
43 After those two days, he left there for Galilee.
44 For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his
own country.
45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having
seen everything he had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they too
had gone to the feast.
46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water
wine. There was a royal official whose son was sick in Capernaum.
47 When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he
went to him and pleaded with him to come down and heal his son,
who was about to die.
48 Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will
never believe.”
49 The royal official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child
dies.”
50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son lives.” The man believed the word
Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.
51 While he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that
his child was alive.
52 He asked them what time he began to get better. They told him,
“Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.”
53 Then the father realized that this was the very hour when Jesus
had told him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, along with his
whole household.
54 This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from
Judea to Galilee.

5

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to
Jerusalem.
2 In Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool called Bethesda in
Hebrew, with five colonnades.
3 In these lay a crowd of sick people—blind, lame, and with
withered limbs.

4 [For an angel would come down into the pool from time to time
and stir the water. The first to enter after the water was stirred would
be made well, whatever disease afflicted him.]
5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.
6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already
been that way a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made
well?”
7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the
pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get there,
someone else goes down before me.”
8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.”
9 At once the man was made well, picked up his mat, and began to
walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.
10 So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the
Sabbath, and you are not permitted to carry your mat.”
11 But he answered them, “The one who made me well told me, ‘Pick
up your mat and walk.’ ”
12 They asked him, “Who is the man who told you, ‘Pick it up and
walk’?”
13 But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for
Jesus had slipped away into the crowd there.
14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “Look,
you have been made well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse
happens to you.”
15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had
made him well.
16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he was doing
these things on the Sabbath.
17 But he answered them, “My Father is still working, and I am
working too.”
18 For this reason the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because
he was not only breaking the Sabbath but also calling God his own
Father, making himself equal with God.
19 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do
nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. For
whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise.
20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he himself
does. And he will show him greater works than these, so that you may
marvel.
21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the
Son gives life to whomever he wishes.
22 The Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the
Son,
23 so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.
Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent
him.
24 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him
who sent me has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but
has passed from death to life.
25 Truly, truly, I tell you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when
the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will
live.

26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son
to have life in himself.
27 And he has given him authority to carry out judgment, because he
is the Son of Man.
28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in
the tombs will hear his voice
29 and come out—those who have done good to a resurrection of
life, and those who have practiced evil to a resurrection of judgment.
30 I can do nothing on my own. I judge as I hear, and my judgment is
just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.
31 If I bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.
32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the
testimony he gives about me is true.
33 You sent messengers to John, and he has borne witness to the
truth.
34 But I do not receive testimony from a human being; I say these
things so that you may be saved.
35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to
rejoice in his light for a time.
36 But the testimony I have is greater than John's. For the works the
Father has given me to finish—the very works I am doing—bear
witness about me that the Father has sent me.
37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me.
You have never heard his voice or seen his form,
38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not
believe the one he sent.
39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you
have eternal life, and these are the very Scriptures that bear witness
about me.
40 Yet you are unwilling to come to me to have life.
41 I do not receive glory from people.
42 But I know you: you do not have the love of God in yourselves.
43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If
another comes in his own name, you will receive him.
44 How can you believe when you receive glory from one another
and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?
45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser
is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.
46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote
about me.
47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my
words?"

6

1 After this Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of
Tiberias.
2 A large crowd followed him because they saw the signs he was
performing on the sick.
3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat there with his disciples.
4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.
5 When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him,
he said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?"

6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was about to
do.
7 Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would
not be enough for each of them to get even a little.”
8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,
9 “There is a boy here with five barley loaves and two small fish, but
what are they for so many?”
10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass
in that place, so the men sat down, about five thousand in number.
11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to
those seated there. He did the same with the fish, as much as they
wanted.
12 When they had eaten their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the
leftover pieces so that nothing is lost.”
13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from
the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.
14 When the people saw the sign he had performed, they said, “This
truly is the Prophet who is coming into the world.”
15 Then Jesus, knowing that they were about to come and seize him
to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself.
16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,
17 got into a boat, and started across the sea toward Capernaum. It
was already dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.
18 A strong wind was blowing, and the sea grew rough.
19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus
walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were afraid.
20 But he said to them, “It is I. Do not be afraid.”
21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the
boat reached the shore where they were going.
22 The next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the
sea saw that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not
entered the boat with his disciples, but his disciples had left alone.
23 Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they had
eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.
24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were
there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for
Jesus.
25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to
him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”
26 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, you are looking for
me because you ate the loaves and had your fill, not because you saw
signs.
27 Work for the food that endures to eternal life, rather than for the
food that perishes. The Son of Man will give it to you, for God the
Father has set his seal on him.”
28 Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of
God?”
29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in
the one he sent.”
30 So they said to him, “Then what sign will you perform so that we
may see and believe you? What work will you do?

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He
gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”
32 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who
gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true
bread from heaven.
33 For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.”
34 Then they said to him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”
35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me
will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.
36 But I told you that you have seen me and still do not believe.
37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes
to me I will never cast out.
38 For I have come down from heaven to do the will of him who sent
me, not my own will.
39 And this is the will of him who sent me: that I lose nothing of all
he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.
40 For this is my Father's will: that everyone who sees the Son and
believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the
last day.”
41 Then the Jews grumbled about him because he said, “I am the
bread that came down from heaven.”
42 They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and
mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from
heaven’?”
43 Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.
44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him,
and I will raise him up on the last day.
45 It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’
Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.
46 Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from
God; he has seen the Father.
47 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.
48 I am the bread of life.
49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and died.
50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone
may eat of it and not die.
51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats
of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread I will give for the life
of the world is my flesh.”
52 Then the Jews argued with one another, saying, “How can this
man give us his flesh to eat?”
53 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh
of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves.
54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I
will raise him up on the last day.
55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in
him.
57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. It is not like what
the fathers ate: they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."
59 He said these things while teaching in a synagogue in Capernaum.
60 When many of his disciples heard this, they said, "This is a hard
saying. Who can listen to it?"
61 But Jesus, knowing within himself that his disciples were
grumbling about this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?
62 Then what if you see the Son of Man ascending to where he was
before?
63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no benefit. The words I
have spoken to you are spirit and life.
64 But there are some among you who do not believe." For Jesus
knew from the beginning who did not believe and who would betray
him.
65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me
unless it has been granted to him by the Father."
66 From that time, many of his disciples turned back and no longer
walked with him.
67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"
68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have
the words of eternal life.
69 And we have believed and come to know that you are the Holy
One of God."
70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? Yet one
of you is a devil."
71 He was speaking of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for he was
going to betray him, though he was one of the Twelve.

7

1 After this Jesus traveled around Galilee. He did not want to travel
in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.
2 Now the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near.
3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, so that
your disciples too may see the works you are doing.
4 For no one does things in secret while seeking to be known
publicly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world."
5 For even his brothers did not believe in him.
6 Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is
always ready.
7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about
it that its works are evil.
8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, because my
time has not yet been fulfilled."
9 After saying these things, he stayed in Galilee.
10 But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, he too went up,
not publicly but as if in secret.
11 The Jews were looking for him at the feast and saying, "Where is
he?"
12 There was much whispering about him among the crowds. Some
said, "He is good." Others said, "No, he leads the crowd astray."
13 Yet no one spoke openly about him for fear of the Jews.

14 When the feast was already halfway over, Jesus went up to the
temple and began to teach.
15 The Jews marveled and said, “How does this man have such
learning when he has not studied?”
16 Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent
me.
17 If anyone is willing to do his will, he will know whether the
teaching is from God or whether I speak on my own.
18 Whoever speaks on his own seeks his own glory. But whoever
seeks the glory of the one who sent him is true, and there is no
unrighteousness in him.
19 Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law.
Why are you seeking to kill me?”
20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill
you?”
21 Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel.
22 For this reason Moses gave you circumcision—not that it comes
from Moses, but from the fathers—and you circumcise a man on the
Sabbath.
23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of
Moses will not be broken, are you angry with me because I made a
whole man well on the Sabbath?
24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with righteous judgment.”
25 Then some of the people of Jerusalem said, “Is this not the man
they are seeking to kill?
26 Look, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. Could the
rulers have truly recognized that he is the Christ?
27 But we know where this man comes from. When the Christ
comes, no one will know where he comes from.”
28 So Jesus cried out as he taught in the temple, “You know me and
know where I come from. Yet I have not come on my own. The one
who sent me is true, and you do not know him.
29 I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.”
30 Then they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him,
because his hour had not yet come.
31 But many in the crowd believed in him and said, “When the Christ
comes, will he perform more signs than this man has?”
32 The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering these things about
him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.
33 Then Jesus said, “I am with you a little while longer, and then I am
going to the one who sent me.
34 You will look for me and not find me, and where I am you cannot
come.”
35 The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go
that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to those dispersed
among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?
36 What does he mean by saying, ‘You will look for me and not find
me, and where I am you cannot come’?”
37 On the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried
out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living
water will flow from within him."
39 He said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him
were going to receive. For the Spirit had not yet been given, because
Jesus had not yet been glorified.
40 When some of the crowd heard these words, they said, "This truly
is the Prophet."
41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Surely the Christ
does not come from Galilee?
42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from David's
descendants and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"
43 So there was a division in the crowd because of him.
44 Some of them wanted to seize him, but no one laid hands on him.
45 Then the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, who
asked them, "Why did you not bring him?"
46 The officers answered, "No one has ever spoken like this!"
47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been led
astray?
48 Has any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in him?
49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."
50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before and was one of them,
said to them,
51 "Does our law judge a man without first hearing from him and
learning what he is doing?"
52 They answered him, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see
that no prophet arises from Galilee."
53 Then each went to his own home.

8

1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
2 At dawn he returned to the temple, and all the people came. He sat
down and taught them.
3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought him a woman caught in
adultery and stood her in the midst.
4 To test him, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in
the very act of adultery.
5 In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. What,
then, do you say?"
6 They said this to test him, so that they would have grounds to
accuse him. But Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his
finger, paying them no attention.
7 When they kept questioning him, he straightened up and said to
them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw
a stone at her."
8 Then he bent down again and wrote on the ground.
9 When they heard this, convicted by their conscience, they began to
leave one by one, starting with the oldest. Jesus was left alone, with
the woman still in the midst.
10 Jesus straightened up and, seeing no one but the woman, said to
her, "Where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"
11 She said, "No one, Lord." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and sin no more."

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the
world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have
the light of life.”
13 The Pharisees said to him, “You bear witness about yourself; your
testimony is not true.”
14 Jesus answered them, “Even if I bear witness about myself, my
testimony is true, because I know where I came from and where I am
going. But you do not know where I come from or where I am going.
15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.
16 Yet even if I judge, my judgment is true, because I am not alone,
but I and the Father who sent me.
17 In your own law it is written that the testimony of two people is
true.
18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who
sent me bears witness about me.”
19 Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered,
“You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would
know my Father too.”
20 He spoke these words in the treasury as he taught in the temple.
No one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

21 Then he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will look
for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot
come.”
22 So the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am
going you cannot come’?”
23 He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of
this world; I am not of this world.
24 That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For unless
you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.”
25 Then they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Why
do I speak to you at all?
26 I have much to say about you and much to judge. But the one who
sent me is true, and I speak to the world what I have heard from him.”
27 They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the
Father.
28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will
know that I am, and that I do nothing on my own, but speak these
things as the Father taught me.
29 The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone,
because I always do what pleases him.”
30 As he spoke these things, many believed in him.

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in
my word, you truly are my disciples,
32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have
never been slaves to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will become free’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave to sin.
35 A slave does not remain in the household forever; a son remains
forever.
36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants, yet you seek to kill
me, because my word finds no room in you.
38 I speak of what I have seen with the Father, and you do what you
have heard from the father."
39 They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them,
"If you are Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of
Abraham.
40 But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth I
heard from God. Abraham did not do this.
41 You do the works of your father." They said to him, "We were not
born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—God."
42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me,
for I came forth from God and have come here. I did not come on my
own, but he sent me.
43 Why do you not understand what I say? Because you cannot
listen to my word.
44 You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your
father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and has not
stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a
lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of
lies.
45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.
46 Which of you can convict me of sin? If I speak the truth, why do
you not believe me?
47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. This is why you do not
hear: you are not of God."
48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a
Samaritan and have a demon?"
49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father,
and you dishonor me.
50 I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks it and judges.
51 Truly, truly, I tell you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see
death."
52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon.
Abraham died, and so did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps
my word, he will never taste death.'
53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The
prophets died too. Who do you make yourself out to be?"
54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my
Father who glorifies me, the one of whom you say, 'He is our God.'
55 Yet you have not known him, but I know him. If I were to say that
I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I know him and
keep his word.
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it
and was glad."
57 Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and
have you seen Abraham?"
58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, before Abraham came
to be, I am."
59 Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself
and went out of the temple.

9

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.
2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his
parents, that he was born blind?”
3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents,
but that the works of God might be revealed in him.
4 We must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is
coming, when no one can work.
5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
6 After saying this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva,
and spread the mud on the man's eyes.
7 He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means
Sent). So he went, washed, and came back seeing.
8 Then the neighbors and those who had seen him before as a
beggar said, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?”
9 Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he looks like him.” He
kept saying, “I am the one.”
10 So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”
11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my
eyes, and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and
I received my sight.”
12 They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”
13 They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees.
14 Now the day Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes was a
Sabbath.
15 So the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He
told them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see.”
16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he
does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a sinful man
perform such signs?” And there was division among them.
17 So they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him,
since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”
18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received
his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his
sight.
19 They asked them, “Is this your son, whom you say was born blind?
How, then, does he now see?”
20 His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he
was born blind.
21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who
opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”
22 His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews
had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Christ
would be put out of the synagogue.
23 That is why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”
24 So they called the man who had been blind a second time and
said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”
25 He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I
know: I was blind, and now I see.”
26 They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your
eyes?”

27 He answered them, “I already told you, and you did not listen.
Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his
disciples too?”
28 They insulted him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are
disciples of Moses.
29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we
do not know where he comes from.”
30 The man answered them, “Now that is amazing! You do not know
where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.
31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone
worships God and does his will, he listens to him.
32 Never has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person
born blind.
33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."
34 They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you
teaching us?” And they threw him out.
35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found
him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”
36 He answered, “Who is he, sir, so that I may believe in him?”
37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with
you is he.”
38 He said, “I believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.
39 Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who
do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”
40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to
him, “Are we blind too?”
41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin. But
now you say, ‘We see.’ Your sin remains.”

10

1 “Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever does not enter the sheepfold
through the door but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber.
2 But the one who enters through the door is the shepherd of the
sheep.
3 The doorkeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his voice. He
calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
4 When he has brought all his own out, he goes ahead of them, and
the sheep follow him because they know his voice.
5 They will never follow a stranger, but will flee from him, because
they do not know the voice of strangers.”
6 Jesus told them this figure of speech, but they did not understand
what he was saying to them.
7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I tell you, I am the door
for the sheep.
8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did
not listen to them.
9 I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and
will go in and out and find pasture.
10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they
may have life and have it abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for
the sheep.
12 The hired hand, who is not a shepherd and does not own the
sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and flees—and the wolf
snatches them and scatters them—
13 because he is a hired hand and does not care about the sheep.
14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me,
15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay
down my life for the sheep.
16 I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them too,
and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock, with one
shepherd.
17 This is why the Father loves me: because I lay down my life to
take it up again.
18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I
have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This
command I received from my Father."

19 Again there was a division among the Jews because of these
words.
20 Many of them said, "He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why
listen to him?"
21 Others said, "These are not the words of someone possessed by a
demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It
was winter,
23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's Colonnade.
24 Then the Jews surrounded him and said to him, "How long will
you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."
25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The
works I do in my Father's name bear witness about me.
26 But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep.
27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one
will snatch them out of my hand.
29 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all,
and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand.
30 I and the Father are one."

31 The Jews again picked up stones to stone him.
32 Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from
the Father. For which of them are you stoning me?"
33 The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work,
but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."
34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are
gods'?
35 If he called those to whom the word of God came gods—and the
Scripture cannot be broken—
36 do you say to the one the Father sanctified and sent into the
world, 'You blaspheme,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?
37 If I do not do the works of my Father, do not believe me.

38 But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the
works, so that you may come to know and continue to know that the
Father is in me and I am in the Father."
39 Then they tried again to seize him, but he escaped from their
hands.
40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John
had first been baptizing, and he stayed there.
41 Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but
everything John said about this man was true."
42 And many believed in him there.

11

1 Now a man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and
her sister Martha.
2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped
his feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick.
3 So the sisters sent word to him, "Lord, look, the one you love is
sick."
4 When Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness is not for death, but for
the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed two days in the
place where he was.
7 After that he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."
8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just seeking to
stone you, and are you going there again?"
9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone
walks in the daytime, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of
this world.
10 But if anyone walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not
in him."
11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen
asleep, but I am going to wake him."
12 Then the disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he
will recover."
13 Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought he was speaking
of rest in sleep.
14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died,
15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may
believe. But let us go to him."
16 Then Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us
go too, so that we may die with him."
17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in
the tomb four days.
18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away,
19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort
them about their brother.
20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him,
while Mary remained seated in the house.
21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother
would not have died.

22 Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give
you."
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the
resurrection on the last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever
believes in me, though he dies, will live,
26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you
believe this?"
27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have believed that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."
28 After saying this, she went and called her sister Mary, telling her
privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."
29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.
30 Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still in the place
where Martha had met him.
31 When the Jews who were with Mary in the house comforting her
saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her, thinking she was
going to the tomb to weep there.
32 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his
feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would
not have died."
33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with
her weeping, he was indignant in spirit and became troubled.
34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord,
come and see."
35 Jesus wept.
36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"
37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the blind
man's eyes, have kept this man from dying?"
38 Then Jesus, again indignant within himself, came to the tomb. It
was a cave, and a stone lay against it.
39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister,
said to him, "Lord, by now there is a stench, for it has been four days."
40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see
the glory of God?"
41 So they took away the stone. Jesus lifted his eyes upward and
said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.
42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this because of the
crowd standing around, so that they may believe that you sent me."
43 After saying this, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come
out!"
44 The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with strips of
cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him
and let him go."
45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he
did believed in him.
46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus
had done.
47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and
said, "What are we doing? This man is performing many signs.

48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the
Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."
49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to
them, "You know nothing at all,
50 nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man die for
the people than that the whole nation perish."
51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he
prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,
52 and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the
children of God who were scattered.
53 So from that day on they plotted to kill him.

54 Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but
went away from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town
called Ephraim. There he stayed with the disciples.

55 Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many went up from the
countryside to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.
56 They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they
stood in the temple, "What do you think? Will he not come to the
feast?"
57 The chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone
who knew where he was should report it, so that they could arrest
him.

12

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where
Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.
2 They gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was
one of those reclining at the table with him.
3 Then Mary took about twelve ounces of very costly perfume of
pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. The
house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, who was going to betray
him, said,
5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the
money given to the poor?"
6 He said this because he was a thief, not because he cared about the
poor. He had charge of the money bag and used to take what was put
into it.
7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of
my burial.
8 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always
have me."
9 A large crowd of the Jews learned that he was there and came, not
only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised
from the dead.
10 But the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too,
11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and
believing in Jesus.

12 The next day, the large crowd that had come to the feast heard
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, crying out,
“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King
of Israel!”
14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written,
15 “Do not fear, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.”
16 His disciples did not understand these things at first. But when
Jesus was glorified, they remembered that these things had been
written about him and had been done to him.
17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of
the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness.
18 For this reason the crowd also went to meet him, because they
had heard that he had performed this sign.
19 Then the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are
accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”
20 Now some Greeks were among those who went up to worship at
the feast.
21 They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and
asked him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”
22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told
Jesus.
23 Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to
be glorified.
24 Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth
and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.
25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this
world will keep it for eternal life.
26 If anyone serves me, let him follow me, and where I am, there my
servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.
27 Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me
from this hour. But for this very reason I came to this hour.
28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I
have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”
29 The crowd standing there heard it and said it had thundered.
Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”
30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.
31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world
will be cast out.
32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to
myself.”
33 He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.
34 Then the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that
the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must
be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”
35 Jesus said to them, “The light is among you a little while longer.
Walk while you have the light, so that darkness does not overtake you.
Whoever walks in darkness does not know where he is going.
36 While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may
become sons of light.” Jesus said these things, then went away and hid
himself from them.

37 Though he had performed so many signs before them, they did
not believe in him,
38 so that the word spoken by Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:
“Lord, who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”
39 For this reason they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,
40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they
may not see with their eyes or understand with their heart or
turn, and I would heal them.”
41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke about
him.
42 Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him. But
because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, so that they would
not be put out of the synagogue,
43 for they loved the glory that comes from people more than the
glory that comes from God.
44 Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me believes not in
me but in the one who sent me.
45 And whoever sees me sees the one who sent me.
46 I have come into the world as light, so that everyone who believes
in me may not remain in darkness.
47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge
him, for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
48 Whoever rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge:
the word I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
49 For I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has
himself given me a command about what to say and what to speak.
50 And I know that his command is eternal life. So what I speak, I
speak just as the Father has told me.”

13

1 Before the Feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to
depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were
in the world, he loved them to the end.
2 During supper, the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas,
the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him.
3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands,
and that he had come from God and was going to God,
4 rose from supper, laid aside his outer garments, and took a towel
and tied it around himself.
5 Then he poured water into the basin and began to wash the
disciples’ feet and dry them with the towel tied around him.
6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you washing
my feet?”
7 Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am doing now,
but you will understand afterward.”
8 Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered
him, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”
9 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands
and my head!”

10 Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed needs only to wash his
feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you.”
11 For he knew who would betray him; that is why he said, “Not all
of you are clean.”
12 When he had washed their feet, put on his outer garments, and
reclined at the table again, he said to them, “Do you understand what I
have done for you?
13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.
14 If I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you too ought to
wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, so that you too should do as I
have done for you.
16 Truly, truly, I tell you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor a
messenger greater than the one who sent him.
17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.
18 I am not speaking about all of you. I know whom I have chosen.
But this is so that the Scripture may be fulfilled: ‘The one who eats my
bread has lifted his heel against me.’
19 I am telling you now, before it happens, so that when it happens
you may believe that I am.
20 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever receives anyone I send receives
me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”
21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in spirit and
testified, “Truly, truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.”
22 The disciples looked at one another, uncertain whom he meant.
23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining close to
Jesus' chest.
24 Simon Peter motioned to him to find out whom he was speaking
about.
25 So that disciple leaned back against Jesus' chest and said to him,
“Lord, who is it?”
26 Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give the piece of
bread after dipping it.” Then he dipped the piece and gave it to Judas,
the son of Simon Iscariot.
27 After the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said
to him, “What you are doing, do quickly.”
28 But no one reclining at the table understood why he said this to
him.
29 Since Judas had charge of the money bag, some thought Jesus was
telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give
something to the poor.
30 So after taking the piece of bread, he went out immediately. And
it was night.
31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been
glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in
himself, and will glorify him immediately.
33 Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will look
for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I now tell you: ‘Where I am going
you cannot come.’

34 A new command I give you: love one another. Just as I have loved
you, you too are to love one another.
35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have
love for one another."
36 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus
answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will
follow afterward."
37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay
down my life for you."
38 Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly,
I tell you, the rooster will not crow until you have denied me three
times."

14

1 "Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in
me.
2 In my Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I
would have told you, for I am going to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take
you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.
4 You know the way to where I am going."
5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through me.
7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father too. From
now on you know him and have seen him."
8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that is enough for
us."
9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you have not
known me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How
can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who
abides in me does his works.
11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.
Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.
12 Truly, truly, I tell you, whoever believes in me will also do the
works I do, and he will do greater works than these, because I am
going to the Father.
13 And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father
may be glorified in the Son.
14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.
15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to
be with you forever:
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it
neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides
with you and will be in you.
18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.
19 A little while longer, and the world will no longer see me, but you
will see me. Because I live, you too will live.

20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me,
and I in you.
21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them is the one who
loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will
love him and reveal myself to him."
22 Judas, not Iscariot, said to him, "Lord, what has happened that
you are going to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"
23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our
home with him.
24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the
word you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.
25 I have spoken these things to you while abiding with you.
26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in
my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I
have said to you.
27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as
the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid.
28 You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and coming to you.' If
you loved me, you would have rejoiced that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.
29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens
you may believe.
30 I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is
coming. He has no claim on me,
31 but I do just as the Father commanded me, so that the world may
know that I love the Father. Get up; let us go from here."

15

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and
every branch that bears fruit he prunes so that it may bear more fruit.
3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
4 Abide in me, and I in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its
own unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in
me.
5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me, and I
in him, bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
6 If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown out like a branch and
withers. Such branches are gathered and thrown into the fire, and
they burn.
7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you
wish, and it will be done for you.
8 By this my Father is glorified: that you bear much fruit and
become my disciples.
9 Just as the Father has loved me, I have loved you. Abide in my love.
10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as
I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
11 I have spoken these things to you so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.
12 This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down his life for his
friends.
14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.
15 I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what
his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have
made known to you everything I heard from my Father.
16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go
and bear fruit, and for your fruit to abide, so that whatever you ask
the Father in my name he may give you.
17 These things I command you, so that you may love one another.
18 If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before you.
19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But
because you are not of the world, and I chose you out of the world, the
world hates you.
20 Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A slave is not greater than
his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too. If they
kept my word, they will keep yours too.
21 But they will do all these things to you because of my name, for
they do not know the one who sent me.
22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin.
But now they have no excuse for their sin.
23 Whoever hates me hates my Father too.
24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they
would have no sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and
my Father.
25 But this is so that the word written in their law may be fulfilled:
'They hated me without cause.'
26 When the Advocate comes, whom I will send you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness
about me.
27 And you too bear witness, because you have been with me from
the beginning."

16

1 "I have spoken these things to you so that you may not stumble.
2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming
when everyone who kills you will think he is offering service to God.
3 They will do these things because they have known neither the
Father nor me.
4 But I have spoken these things to you so that when their hour
comes, you may remember that I told you about them. I did not tell
you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.
5 But now I am going to the one who sent me, and none of you asks
me, 'Where are you going?'
6 Rather, sorrow has filled your heart because I have spoken these
things to you.
7 Yet I tell you the truth: it is better for you that I go away. For if I do
not go away, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send
him to you.
8 When he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and
righteousness and judgment:

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;
10 concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and
you will no longer see me;
11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has
been judged.
12 I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now.
13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you in all the
truth. For he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he
hears, and he will declare to you the things to come.
14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare
it to you.
15 All that the Father has is mine. That is why I said that he takes
what is mine and will declare it to you.
16 A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little
while, and you will see me."
17 Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he
mean by telling us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a
little while, and you will see me,' and, 'Because I am going to the
Father'?"
18 So they said, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not
know what he is saying."
19 Jesus knew that they wanted to question him, and said to them,
"Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant by saying, 'A little
while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will
see me'?
20 Truly, truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world
will rejoice. You will grieve, but your sorrow will turn into joy.
21 When a woman gives birth, she has pain because her hour has
come. But after she has given birth to the child, she no longer
remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born
into the world.
22 So you too have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your
heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy from you.
23 On that day you will ask me no questions. Truly, truly, I tell you,
whatever you ask the Father, he will give you in my name.
24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask and you will
receive, so that your joy may be complete.
25 I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. An hour is
coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but
will tell you plainly about the Father.
26 On that day you will ask in my name. I do not tell you that I will
ask the Father on your behalf,
27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and
have believed that I came from God.
28 I came from the Father and have come into the world. Again I am
leaving the world and going to the Father."
29 His disciples said, "Look, now you are speaking plainly and not
using any figure of speech.
30 Now we know that you know all things and have no need for
anyone to question you. By this we believe that you came from God."
31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?

32 Look, an hour is coming, and has come, when you will be
scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not
alone, because the Father is with me.
33 I have spoken these things to you so that in me you may have
peace. In the world you have tribulation. But take heart; I have
overcome the world."

17

1 Jesus spoke these things, then lifted his eyes to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son may
glorify you,
2 just as you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give
eternal life to all those you have given him.
3 And this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and
Jesus Christ, whom you sent.
4 I glorified you on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had
with you before the world existed.
6 I have revealed your name to the people you gave me out of the
world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept
your word.
7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,
8 because I have given them the words you gave me. They received
them and truly knew that I came from you, and they believed that you
sent me.
9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for those you have
given me, because they are yours.
10 All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine, and I have
been glorified in them.
11 I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am
coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have
given me, so that they may be one, just as we are.
12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have
given me. I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son
of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world
so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.
14 I have given them your word, and the world hated them because
they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
15 I do not pray that you take them out of the world, but that you
keep them from the evil one.
16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
18 Just as you sent me into the world, I sent them into the world.
19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, so that they too may be
sanctified in truth.
20 I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me
through their word,
21 so that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I in
you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you
sent me.

22 I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may
be one, just as we are one:
23 I in them and you in me, so that they may be made perfectly one,
so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them just as
you loved me.
24 Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am,
so that they may see my glory, which you have given me, because you
loved me before the foundation of the world.
25 Righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known
you, and these have known that you sent me.
26 I made your name known to them and will make it known, so that
the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

18

1 After saying these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across
the Kidron stream. There was a garden there, which he and his
disciples entered.
2 Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus had
often met there with his disciples.
3 So Judas took the detachment of soldiers, along with officers from
the chief priests and Pharisees, and came there with lanterns, torches,
and weapons.
4 Then Jesus, knowing everything that was coming upon him,
stepped forward and said to them, "Whom are you looking for?"
5 They answered him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am
he." Judas, who betrayed him, was also standing with them.
6 When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the
ground.
7 So he asked them again, "Whom are you looking for?" They said,
"Jesus the Nazarene."
8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for
me, let these men go."
9 This was so that the word he had spoken might be fulfilled: "Of
those you have given me, I have lost none."
10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high
priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.
11 Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into its sheath. Shall I not drink
the cup the Father has given me?"
12 Then the detachment, its commander, and the officers of the Jews
arrested Jesus, bound him,
13 and took him first to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of
Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.
14 It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it was better for
one man to die for the people.
15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That disciple
was known to the high priest and entered the high priest's courtyard
with Jesus.
16 But Peter was standing outside at the door. Then the other
disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the
woman keeping the door, and brought Peter in.

17 The slave girl keeping the door said to Peter, “Are you not also one
of this man's disciples?” He said, “I am not.”
18 The slaves and officers had made a charcoal fire because it was
cold, and they stood warming themselves. Peter too was standing with
them, warming himself.
19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his
teaching.
20 Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I always
taught in a synagogue and in the temple, where all the Jews gather,
and I said nothing in secret.
21 Why do you question me? Ask those who heard what I said to
them. Look, they know what I said.”
22 When he said this, one of the officers standing nearby slapped
Jesus and said, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”
23 Jesus answered him, “If I spoke wrongly, bear witness to the
wrong. But if rightly, why do you strike me?”
24 Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.
25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said
to him, “Are you not also one of his disciples?” He denied it and said, “I
am not.”
26 One of the high priest's slaves, a relative of the man whose ear
Peter had cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”
27 Again Peter denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.
28 Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's
headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter
the headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the
Passover.
29 So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What charge do you
bring against this man?”
30 They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would
not have handed him over to you.”
31 Then Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him
according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to
put anyone to death.”
32 This was so that the word Jesus had spoken might be fulfilled,
indicating what kind of death he was going to die.
33 Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, called Jesus, and
said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”
34 Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own, or did others tell
you about me?”
35 Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief
priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”
36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom
were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be
handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”
37 Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You
say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into
the world: to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth
hears my voice.”

38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After saying this, he went out
to the Jews again and said to them, “I find no ground for a charge
against him.
39 But you have a custom that I release someone to you at the
Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?”
40 Then they cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now
Barabbas was a robber.

19

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.
2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and
clothed him in a purple robe.
3 They kept coming up to him and saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”
And they slapped him.
4 Pilate went outside again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing
him out to you so that you may know that I find no ground for a
charge against him.”
5 Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple
robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”
6 When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,
“Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves
and crucify him, for I find no ground for a charge against him.”
7 The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law
he must die, because he made himself the Son of God.”
8 When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid.
9 He went back into the headquarters and said to Jesus, “Where are
you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.
10 Then Pilate said to him, “Will you not speak to me? Do you not
know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify
you?”
11 Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me
unless it had been given you from above. For this reason the one who
handed me over to you has the greater sin.”
12 From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,
“If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who
makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”
13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat
down on the judgment seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, and
in Hebrew, Gabbatha.
14 It was the day of Preparation for the Passover, about noon. He
said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”
15 Then they cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify
him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests
answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”
16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took
Jesus.
17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place called the Place
of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.
18 There they crucified him, and two others with him, one on each
side, with Jesus in the middle.

19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read,
“Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”
20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where
Jesus was crucified was near the city. It was written in Hebrew, Latin,
and Greek.
21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The
King of the Jews,’ but that he said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’ ”
22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”
23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his garments and
divided them into four parts, one for each soldier, and took the tunic
as well. The tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.
24 So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to
decide whose it will be.” This was so that the Scripture might be
fulfilled: “They divided my garments among themselves, and for my
clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things.
25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s
sister, Mary of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved
standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son.”
27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother.” And from that
hour the disciple took her into his own home.
28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had now been completed,
said, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “I thirst.”
29 A vessel full of sour wine was there. So they put a sponge filled
with sour wine on hyssop and held it to his mouth.
30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished.”
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews asked Pilate to have
the crucified men’s legs broken and their bodies taken away, so that
the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for that
Sabbath was a high day.
32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the
other who had been crucified with him.
33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,
they did not break his legs.
34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and
immediately blood and water came out.
35 The one who saw this has borne witness, and his testimony is
true. He knows that he speaks the truth, so that you too may believe.
36 For these things happened so that the Scripture might be fulfilled:
“Not one of his bones will be broken.”
37 And again another Scripture says, “They will look on the one they
pierced.”
38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus,
though secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away
Jesus’ body. Pilate gave permission, so he came and took away his
body.
39 Nicodemus, who had first come to him at night, also came,
bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about seventy-five
pounds.

40 So they took Jesus' body and wrapped it in linen cloths with the
spices, according to the Jewish burial custom.
41 There was a garden at the place where he was crucified, and in
the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.
42 So they laid Jesus there because it was the Jewish day of
Preparation and the tomb was nearby.

20

1 On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb
early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken
away from the tomb.
2 So she ran to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, whom Jesus
loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we do not know where they have laid him.”
3 Then Peter and the other disciple went out and headed for the
tomb.
4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter
and reached the tomb first.
5 He bent down and saw the linen cloths lying there, but did not go
in.
6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered the tomb. He
saw the linen cloths lying there,
7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen
cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.
8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went
in. He saw and believed.
9 For they did not yet understand the Scripture, that he must rise
from the dead.
10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.
11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she
bent down to look into the tomb
12 and saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus' body had lain,
one at the head and one at the feet.
13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to
them, “They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they
have laid him.”
14 After saying this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there,
but did not know it was Jesus.
15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you
looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you
have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will
take him away.”
16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew,
“Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).
17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended
to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to
my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”
18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have
seen the Lord,” and told them that he had said these things to her.
19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors
were closed where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came
and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

20 After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then
the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. Just as the Father
has sent me, I also send you.”
22 After saying this, he breathed and said to them, “Receive the Holy
Spirit.
23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, those sins have been forgiven; if you
retain anyone’s sins, they have been retained.”
24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with
them when Jesus came.
25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he
said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my
finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will
never believe.”
26 Eight days later his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was
with them. Jesus came, though the doors were closed, and stood
among them and said, “Peace be with you.”
27 Then he said to Thomas, “Bring your finger here and see my
hands. Bring your hand and put it into my side. Do not be
unbelieving, but believing.”
28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”
29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
30 Jesus also performed many other signs in the presence of the
disciples that are not written in this book.
31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his
name.

21

1 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of
Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way.
2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in
Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.
3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him,
“We are coming with you too.” They went out and got into the boat,
but that night they caught nothing.
4 When morning came, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples
did not know it was Jesus.
5 Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They
answered him, “No.”
6 He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you
will find some.” So they cast it, and they could no longer haul it in
because of the great number of fish.
7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”
When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer
garment around himself, for he was undressed, and threw himself
into the sea.
8 The other disciples came in the small boat, dragging the net full of
fish, for they were not far from land, but about a hundred yards away.

9 When they stepped ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish
laid on it, and bread.
10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”
11 So Simon Peter went up and hauled the net ashore, full of large
fish—one hundred fifty-three. Although there were so many, the net
was not torn.
12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast." None of the
disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.
13 Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and did the same
with the fish.
14 This was now the third time Jesus had been revealed to the
disciples after being raised from the dead.
15 When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon,
son of John, do you love me more than these?" Peter said to him, “Yes,
Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs."
16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you
love me?" Peter said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him, “Shepherd my sheep."
17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love
me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you
love me?" He said to him, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I
love you." Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.
18 Truly, truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten
your belt and walk where you wished. But when you grow old, you
will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt
around you and carry you where you do not wish to go."
19 He said this to indicate by what kind of death he would glorify
God. After saying this, he told him, “Follow me."
20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following
them, the one who had leaned back against his chest at supper and
said, “Lord, who is the one who will betray you?"
21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this
man?"
22 Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is
that to you? You follow me."
23 So the saying spread among the brothers that this disciple would
not die. But Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I
want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"
24 This is the disciple who bears witness about these things and who
wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.
25 Jesus also did many other things. If each one were written down, I
suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that
would be written.

Acts

1 In my first account, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began
to do and teach
2 until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the
Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.
3 After his suffering, he presented himself alive to them with many
convincing proofs, appearing to them over forty days and speaking
about the kingdom of God.
4 While gathered with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem,
but to wait for the Father's promise. "You heard about it from me.
5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit."
6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you
restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"
7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that
the Father has set by his own authority.
8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
9 After he said this, he was lifted up as they watched, and a cloud
took him from their sight.
10 As they were gazing into heaven while he went, suddenly two
men in white clothes stood beside them.
11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the
same way you saw him go into heaven."
12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which
is near Jerusalem, about half a mile away.
13 When they entered the city, they went up to the upstairs room
where they were staying: Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and
Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus, Simon
the Zealot, and Judas son of James.
14 All of them devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, along
with the women, Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.
15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and
sisters—there were about a hundred and twenty people
gathered—and said,
16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit
spoke beforehand through the mouth of David about Judas, who
became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.
17 For he was numbered among us and received a share in this
ministry."
18 Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness.
Falling headlong, he burst open in the middle, and all his intestines
spilled out.
19 This became known to everyone living in Jerusalem, so that in
their own language the field was called Akeldama, that is, Field of
Blood.

20 “For it is written in the book of Psalms,
‘Let his dwelling become desolate, and let no one live in it,’
and,
‘Let another take his office.’
21 So one of the men who accompanied us throughout the time the
Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
22 beginning with John’s baptism until the day he was taken up from
us, must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”
23 They put forward two men: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was
also named Justus, and Matthias.
24 Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show which
one of these two you have chosen
25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship that Judas
abandoned to go to his own place.”
26 They cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias, and he was
numbered with the eleven apostles.

2

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one
place.
2 Suddenly a sound like a violent rushing wind came from heaven
and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
3 Tongues like fire appeared to them and separated, and one rested
on each of them.
4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in
other tongues as the Spirit enabled them to speak.
5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every
nation under heaven.
6 When this sound arose, a crowd gathered in bewilderment,
because each person heard them speaking in his own language.
7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Look, aren’t all these
people who are speaking Galileans?
8 How is it that each of us hears them in our own native language?
9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea,
Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia,
10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene;
visitors from Rome,
11 both Jews and converts to Judaism; Cretans and Arabs—we hear
them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty works of God!”
12 They were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
“What does this mean?”
13 But others mocked them, saying, “They are full of sweet wine.”
14 Then Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice, and
addressed them: “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem,
understand this and listen to my words.
15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine in
the morning.
16 Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
17 ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will
see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my
Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs on the earth below:
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
20 The sun will turn to darkness and the moon to blood before the
great and glorious day of the Lord comes.
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'
22 Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth was a man
attested to you by God through mighty works, wonders, and signs that
God did through him among you, as you yourselves know.
23 This man, handed over according to God's determined plan and
foreknowledge, you killed by nailing him to a cross through the hands
of lawless men.
24 But God raised him up, freeing him from the pains of death,
because it was impossible for death to hold him.
25 For David says about him,
'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I
will not be shaken.
26 Therefore my heart was glad and my tongue rejoiced;
even my flesh will rest in hope,
27 because you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy
One see decay.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'
29 Brothers, I can speak freely to you about the patriarch David: he
died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
30 Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to
him to seat one of his descendants on his throne,
31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ: he was
not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see decay.
32 God raised this Jesus, and we are all witnesses of this.
33 So, exalted to the right hand of God and having received from the
Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you see
and hear.
34 For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,
'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand
35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." '
36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has
made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ."
37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to
Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"
38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are
far away—as many as the Lord our God calls."
40 With many other words he bore solemn witness and urged them,
saying, "Be saved from this crooked generation."
41 So those who received his word were baptized, and about three
thousand people were added that day.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
43 Awe came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were
done through the apostles.
44 All who believed were together and held everything in common.
45 They sold their property and possessions and distributed the
proceeds to all, according to each person's need.
46 Day by day they continued with one accord in the temple,
breaking bread in their homes and sharing food with gladness and
simplicity of heart,
47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And day by
day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

3

1 Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer,
three in the afternoon.
2 A man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being
carried there. Every day he was placed at the temple gate called
Beautiful to ask for alms from those entering the temple.
3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked
them for alms.
4 Peter, together with John, looked intently at him and said, "Look at
us."
5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from
them.
6 But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you:
in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."
7 He took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately
the man's feet and ankles were strengthened.
8 Leaping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple
with them, walking and leaping and praising God.
9 All the people saw him walking and praising God.
10 They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Beautiful
Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement
at what had happened to him.
11 While he held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to
them in the portico called Solomon's, utterly amazed.
12 When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel,
why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us as though we had
made him walk by our own power or godliness?
13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has
glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before
Pilate, though he had decided to release him.
14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a
murderer to be released to you.
15 You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. We
are witnesses of this.
16 Through faith in his name, his name has strengthened this man
whom you see and know. The faith that comes through him has given
this man complete health before you all.

17 And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did
your rulers.
18 But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the
mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer.
19 Repent, then, and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped away,
20 so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the
Lord, and he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed beforehand for you.
21 Heaven must receive him until the times of restoration of all
things, of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets
long ago.
22 Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me
from among your brothers. You must listen to him in everything he
tells you.
23 And everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be utterly
destroyed from among the people.'
24 All the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who
followed him onward, also proclaimed these days.
25 You are the children of the prophets and of the covenant God
made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'In your offspring all the
families of the earth will be blessed.'
26 God raised up his servant and sent him to you first, to bless you
by turning each of you away from your wicked ways."

4

1 While they were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of
the temple guard, and the Sadducees came up to them,
2 greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and
proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
3 They arrested them and held them in custody until the next day,
since it was already evening.
4 But many who had heard the word believed, and the number of
men came to about five thousand.
5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes gathered in
Jerusalem,
6 along with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and
all who belonged to the high-priestly family.
7 They had the apostles stand in their midst and asked, "By what
power or in what name did you do this?"
8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the
people and elders,
9 if we are being questioned today about a good deed done for a
disabled man and how he has been healed,
10 let all of you and all the people of Israel know that it is in the
name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God
raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healthy.
11 He is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the
cornerstone.
12 There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under
heaven given among people by which we must be saved."

13 When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated, ordinary men, they were amazed. They also recognized that they had been with Jesus.
14 But seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say against it.
15 So they ordered them to leave the council and conferred with one another,
16 saying, “What should we do with these men? It is clear to everyone living in Jerusalem that a remarkable sign has been done through them, and we cannot deny it.
17 But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us threaten them so that they no longer speak to anyone in this name.”
18 Then they called them in and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
19 But Peter and John answered them, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God.
20 For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”
21 After threatening them further, they released them, finding no way to punish them because of the people, since everyone was glorifying God for what had happened.
22 For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was over forty years old.

23 After their release, they went to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.
24 When they heard this, they raised their voices to God with one accord and said, “Sovereign Lord, you made heaven and earth and the sea and everything in them.

25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of our father David, your servant:

‘Why did the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
26 The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers gathered
together against the Lord and against his Christ.'

27 For in this city Herod and Pontius Pilate truly gathered with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed,
28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had determined beforehand would happen.
29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant your servants to speak your word with all boldness,
30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”
31 When they had prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.
32 The multitude of those who believed was of one heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common.
33 With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was no needy person among them, for all who owned fields
or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of the sales
35 and laid them at the apostles' feet. These were distributed to each
according to need.
36 Joseph, whom the apostles called Barnabas, which means Son of
Encouragement, was a Levite from Cyprus.
37 He sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid it at the
apostles' feet.

5

1 A man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, sold a
property.
2 With his wife's knowledge, he kept back part of the price, brought
a portion, and laid it at the apostles' feet.
3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to
the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land?
4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain yours? And after it was
sold, was the money not at your disposal? Why have you conceived
this deed in your heart? You have not lied to people, but to God."
5 When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. Great
fear came upon all who heard.
6 The younger men got up, wrapped his body, carried him out, and
buried him.
7 About three hours later his wife came in, unaware of what had
happened.
8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you sell the land for this amount?"
She said, "Yes, for that amount."
9 Then Peter said to her, "Why did you agree together to put the
Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who buried your
husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."
10 Immediately she fell at his feet and died. When the young men
came in, they found her dead, carried her out, and buried her beside
her husband.
11 Great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard
about these things.
12 Many signs and wonders were done among the people through
the hands of the apostles. They were all together with one accord in
Solomon's Portico.
13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in
high esteem.
14 Yet more and more believers in the Lord were added, multitudes
of both men and women.
15 As a result, people even carried the sick into the streets and laid
them on cots and mats, so that when Peter passed by, at least his
shadow might fall on some of them.
16 Crowds also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing
the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all
healed.
17 Then the high priest and all who were with him, the party of the
Sadducees, rose up, filled with jealousy,
18 and arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison
doors, led them out, and said,
20 “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of
this life.”
21 When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and
began to teach. When the high priest and those with him arrived, they
called together the council and the whole assembly of the elders of
Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.
22 But when the officers arrived, they did not find them in the
prison. They returned and reported,
23 “We found the jail securely locked and the guards standing at the
doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”
24 When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard
these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what would
come of this.
25 Then someone came and told them, “Look! The men you put in
prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”
26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them back
without violence, for they feared being stoned by the people.

27 They brought them in and stood them before the council. The
high priest questioned them,
28 saying, “We strictly ordered you not to teach in this name, and
look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring
this man’s blood upon us.”
29 Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than
people.
30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging
him on a tree.
31 God exalted him to his right hand as Leader and Savior, to grant
Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.
32 We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God
has given to those who obey him.”

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.
34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law respected by
all the people, stood up in the council and ordered the men to be
taken outside for a little while.
35 Then he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about
to do to these men.
36 For some time ago Theudas arose, claiming to be somebody, and
about four hundred men joined him. He was killed, and all who
followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.
37 After him Judas the Galilean arose in the days of the census and
drew people away after him. He too perished, and all who followed
him were scattered.
38 So now I tell you, keep away from these men and leave them
alone. For if this plan or this work is of human origin, it will be
overthrown.
39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You
may even find yourselves fighting against God.” They were persuaded
by him.

40 They called in the apostles and had them beaten, ordered them
not to speak in the name of Jesus, and released them.
41 So they left the council's presence rejoicing that they had been
considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name.
42 Every day, in the temple and in homes, they never stopped
teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

6

1 In those days, as the disciples increased in number, the
Greek-speaking Jews raised a complaint against the Hebrews because
their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution.
2 The twelve called the whole body of disciples together and said, "It
is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at tables.
3 So, brothers and sisters, choose from among you seven men of
good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we will appoint
to this task.
4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the
word."
5 The proposal pleased the whole gathering. They chose Stephen, a
man full of faith and the Holy Spirit; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor,
Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a convert to Judaism from Antioch.
6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid
their hands on them.
7 The word of God continued to grow, and the number of disciples in
Jerusalem increased greatly. A large number of priests also became
obedient to the faith.
8 Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and
signs among the people.
9 But some from the synagogue called the Synagogue of the
Freedmen, along with Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia
and Asia, rose up and debated with Stephen.
10 They could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which
he spoke.
11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak
blasphemous words against Moses and God."
12 They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes, came upon
him, seized him, and brought him before the council.
13 They put forward false witnesses who said, "This man never stops
speaking against the holy place and the law.
14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy
this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us."
15 All who sat in the council looked intently at him and saw that his
face was like the face of an angel.

7

1 Then the high priest asked, "Are these things so?"
2 Stephen replied, "Brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory
appeared to our father Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before
he settled in Haran,
3 and said to him, 'Leave your country and your relatives, and come
to the land I will show you.'

4 Then he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After
his father died, God moved him from there to this land where you
now live.
5 He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a place to set his foot,
but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring
after him, even though he had no child.
6 God spoke in this way: his offspring would live as foreigners in
another land, and they would be enslaved and mistreated for four
hundred years.
7 'But I will judge the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and
afterward they will come out and worship me in this place.'
8 He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham fathered
Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; Isaac fathered Jacob,
and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.
9 The patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt. But God was
with him
10 and delivered him from all his afflictions. He gave him favor and
wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over
Egypt and all his household.
11 Then famine and great affliction came upon all Egypt and Canaan,
and our fathers could find no food.
12 When Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers
on their first visit.
13 On the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers,
and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh.
14 Joseph sent for his father Jacob and all his relatives, seventy-five
people in all.
15 Jacob went down to Egypt, and he and our fathers died.
16 They were brought back to Shechem and laid in the tomb
Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in
Shechem.
17 As the time drew near for the promise God had made to Abraham,
the people grew and multiplied in Egypt
18 until another king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph.
19 He dealt craftily with our people and mistreated our fathers,
forcing them to abandon their infants so that they would not survive.
20 At that time Moses was born, and he was beautiful in God's sight.
He was brought up for three months in his father's house.
21 When he was abandoned, Pharaoh's daughter took him in and
brought him up as her own son.
22 Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he
was powerful in his words and deeds.
23 When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his
brothers, the children of Israel.
24 When he saw one of them being mistreated, he defended him and
avenged the oppressed man by striking down the Egyptian.
25 He thought his brothers would understand that God was giving
them deliverance through his hand, but they did not understand.
26 The next day he came upon some of them fighting and tried to
reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why are you wronging
one another?'

27 But the one who was wronging his neighbor pushed him away,
saying, 'Who appointed you ruler and judge over us?
28 Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?'
29 At these words Moses fled and became a foreign resident in the
land of Midian, where he fathered two sons.
30 After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the
wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush.
31 When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight. As he approached to
look more closely, the voice of the Lord came:
32 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob.' Moses trembled and did not dare to look.
33 The Lord said to him, 'Take the sandals off your feet, for the place
where you stand is holy ground.
34 I have surely seen the oppression of my people in Egypt and
heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. Now
come, I will send you to Egypt.'
35 This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who appointed you
ruler and judge?'—God sent this very man as ruler and deliverer, with
the help of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.
36 He led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of
Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness for forty years.
37 This is the Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'God will raise
up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers.'
38 He was with the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel who
spoke to him on Mount Sinai and with our fathers. He received living
words to give to us.
39 Our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they pushed him aside
and turned back to Egypt in their hearts,
40 saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us, for we do
not know what has happened to this Moses who led us out of the land
of Egypt.'
41 In those days they made a calf, offered sacrifice to the idol, and
rejoiced in the works of their own hands.
42 But God turned away and gave them over to worship the host of
heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets:
'Did you offer me slaughtered animals and sacrifices for forty years in
the wilderness, house of Israel?
43 You took up the tent of Moloch and the star of the god Rephan, the
images you made to worship them.
I will send you into exile beyond Babylon.'
44 Our fathers had the tent of the testimony in the wilderness, just as
the one who spoke to Moses directed him to make it according to the
pattern he had seen.
45 Our fathers received it in turn and brought it in with Joshua when
they took possession of the land of the nations God drove out before
them. It remained until the days of David,
46 who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the
God of Jacob.
47 But Solomon built him a house.

48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in places made by human hands,
as the prophet says:
49 ‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is a footstool for my feet.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what
is the place of my rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these things?’
51 You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in hearts and ears! You
always resist the Holy Spirit; you are just like your fathers.
52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed
those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have
now betrayed and murdered.
53 You received the law as ordained by angels, yet you did not keep
it.”
54 When they heard these things, they were enraged in their hearts
and gnashed their teeth at him.
55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, looked intently into heaven and saw
the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
56 He said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man
standing at the right hand of God.”
57 They shouted at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and
rushed at him together.
58 They drove him outside the city and began to stone him. The
witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul.
59 As they stoned Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my
spirit.”
60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not
hold this sin against them.” After saying this, he fell asleep.

8

1 Saul approved of his killing. On that day a great persecution arose
against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were
scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria.
2 Devout men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him.
3 But Saul was ravaging the church. Going from house to house, he
dragged off men and women and handed them over to prison.
4 Those who had been scattered went from place to place
proclaiming the good news of the word.
5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ
to them.
6 The crowds paid attention with one accord to what Philip said, as
they heard him and saw the signs he was doing.
7 For unclean spirits came out of many who had them, crying out
with a loud voice, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed.
8 So there was great joy in that city.
9 Now a man named Simon had been practicing magic in the city
and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great.
10 They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest,
saying, “This man is the power of God called Great.”
11 They paid attention to him because he had astonished them for a
long time with his magic.

12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news
about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and
women were baptized.
13 Simon himself also believed, and after being baptized he stayed
close to Philip. He was astonished as he saw signs and great miracles
being done.
14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received
the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.
15 They went down and prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit,
16 for he had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been
baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.
17 Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy
Spirit.
18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on
of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,
19 saying, "Give me this authority too, so that anyone on whom I lay
my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."
20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because
you thought you could acquire God's gift with money!
21 You have no part or share in this matter, for your heart is not
right before God.
22 Repent, then, of this wickedness of yours, and plead with the Lord
that perhaps you may be forgiven for the intent of your heart.
23 For I see that you are in bitter gall and in the bond of
unrighteousness."
24 Simon answered, "You yourselves pray to the Lord for me, so that
none of what you have said may happen to me."
25 After bearing solemn witness and speaking the word of the Lord,
they made their way back to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news in
many Samaritan villages.
26 Then an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Get up and go
south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a
wilderness road.
27 He got up and went. There was an Ethiopian man, a eunuch and
high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her
treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship
28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, reading the prophet
Isaiah.
29 The Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and stay beside this chariot."
30 Philip ran up and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He
asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"
31 He said, "How could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited
Philip to come up and sit with him.
32 The passage of Scripture he was reading was this:
"He was led like a sheep to slaughter, and as a lamb is silent before its
shearer, so he does not open his mouth.
33 In humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can tell of his descendants?
For his life is taken from the earth."
34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Please tell me, about whom does the
prophet say this? About himself or about someone else?"

35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this Scripture, he
told him the good news about Jesus.
36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the
eunuch said, “Look, water! What prevents me from being baptized?”
37 [Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” He
answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”]
38 He ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch
went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.
39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord
snatched Philip away. The eunuch saw him no more, for he went on
his way rejoicing.
40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through, he
proclaimed the good news in all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

9

1 Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the Lord’s
disciples, went to the high priest
2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if
he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he could
bring them bound to Jerusalem.
3 As he traveled and drew near Damascus, suddenly a light from
heaven flashed around him.
4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul,
why are you persecuting me?”
5 He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” He replied, “I am Jesus, whom you
are persecuting.
6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you must
do.”
7 The men traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice
but seeing no one.
8 Saul got up from the ground, but although his eyes were open, he
could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.
9 For three days he could not see, and he neither ate nor drank.
10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord
said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”
11 The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight,
and at Judas’s house ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. Look, he
is praying,
12 and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay
his hands on him so that he may regain his sight.”
13 Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this
man, how much harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.
14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who
call on your name.”
15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for this man is my chosen
instrument to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and the children
of Israel.
16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”
17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on him
and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the

road as you were coming here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
18 Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized,
19 and after taking food he regained his strength. He stayed for some days with the disciples in Damascus,
20 and immediately he began proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."
21 All who heard him were astonished and said, "Isn't this the man who devastated those in Jerusalem who call on this name? Hadn't he come here to bring them bound before the chief priests?"
22 But Saul grew stronger and stronger and confounded the Jews living in Damascus by demonstrating that Jesus is the Christ.
23 After many days had passed, the Jews plotted together to kill him,
24 but Saul learned of their plot. They were also watching the gates day and night to kill him.
25 But his disciples took him by night and lowered him through the wall, letting him down in a basket.
26 When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing he was a disciple.
27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road, how the Lord had spoken to him, and how he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus.
28 So he went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.
29 He spoke and debated with the Greek-speaking Jews, but they were trying to kill him.
30 When the brothers learned of this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.
31 So the church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was being built up. Walking in the fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it increased in number.
32 As Peter traveled through all those places, he also went down to the saints living in Lydda.
33 There he found a man named Aeneas who had been lying on a mat for eight years because he was paralyzed.
34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up.
35 All who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.
36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which translated is Dorcas. She abounded in good works and in the alms she gave.
37 In those days she became sick and died. After washing her body, they laid it in an upstairs room.
38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples heard that Peter was there and sent two men to urge him, "Do not delay in coming to us."
39 Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the tunics and cloaks Dorcas had made while she was with them.

40 Peter sent everyone outside, knelt down, and prayed. Then he
turned toward the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her
eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
41 He gave her his hand and helped her stand. Then he called the
saints and the widows and presented her alive.
42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the
Lord.
43 Peter stayed in Joppa for many days with a man named Simon, a
tanner.

10

1 In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in
what was called the Italian Cohort.
2 He was devout and feared God with all his household, gave
generously in alms to the people, and prayed to God continually.
3 About three in the afternoon he clearly saw in a vision an angel of
God come to him and say, “Cornelius.”
4 He stared at him in fear and asked, “What is it, sir?” The angel said
to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up as a memorial
before God.
5 Now send men to Joppa and send for a man named Simon who is
called Peter.
6 He is staying with Simon, a tanner, whose house is beside the sea.”
7 When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two
of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who
attended him.
8 He explained everything to them and sent them to Joppa.
9 The next day, as they traveled and approached the city, Peter went
up on the roof to pray about noon.
10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat. While they
were preparing it, he fell into a trance.
11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming
down, lowered to the earth by its four corners.
12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals, creatures that crawl on
the earth, and birds of the sky.
13 A voice said to him, “Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat.”
14 But Peter said, “Certainly not, Lord, for I have never eaten
anything defiled and unclean.”
15 The voice spoke to him again a second time: “What God has made
clean, you must not call defiled.”
16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken
up into heaven.
17 While Peter was inwardly perplexed about what the vision he had
seen might mean, the men sent by Cornelius had asked for Simon's
house and were standing at the gate.
18 They called out and asked whether Simon who was called Peter
was staying there.
19 As Peter pondered the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, men
are seeking you.
20 Get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation, for I have
sent them.”

21 Peter went down to the men and said, “Here I am, the one you are
looking for. Why have you come?”
22 They said, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous man who fears God
and is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was instructed by a
holy angel to send for you to come to his house and hear what you
have to say.”
23 So he invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got
up and went with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa
accompanied him.
24 The following day he entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting
them and had called together his relatives and close friends.
25 When Peter was about to enter, Cornelius met him, fell at his feet,
and bowed before him.
26 But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up. I too am a man.”
27 As he talked with him, he went inside and found many people
gathered.
28 He said to them, “You know that a Jewish man is not permitted to
associate with or visit a foreigner. But God has shown me that I must
not call any person defiled or unclean.
29 That is why I came without objection when you sent for me. So I
ask, why did you send for me?”
30 Cornelius said, “Four days ago, at this very hour, three in the
afternoon, I was praying in my house, and suddenly a man in bright
clothing stood before me
31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms
have been remembered before God.
32 Send to Joppa and call for Simon who is called Peter. He is staying
at the house of Simon the tanner beside the sea.’
33 So I sent for you at once, and you have done well to come. Now
we are all here before God to hear everything the Lord has
commanded you.”
34 Then Peter began to speak: “I truly understand that God shows no
partiality,
35 but in every nation whoever fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him.
36 He sent the word to the children of Israel, proclaiming the good
news of peace through Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.
37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee
after the baptism John proclaimed:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and
power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed
by the devil, because God was with him.
39 We are witnesses of all he did in the land of the Jews and in
Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree.
40 God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear,
41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen beforehand by God:
to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
42 He commanded us to proclaim to the people and bear solemn
witness that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and
the dead.

43 All the prophets bear witness about him: everyone who believes
in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell
upon all who were hearing the word.
45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were
astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on
the Gentiles,
46 for they heard them speaking in tongues and magnifying God.
Then Peter said,
47 "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who
have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"
48 He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then
they asked him to stay for a few days.

11

1 The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the
Gentiles too had received the word of God.
2 When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision
disputed with him,
3 saying, "You visited uncircumcised men and ate with them."
4 So Peter began to explain it to them in order, saying,
5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision:
something like a large sheet coming down, lowered from heaven by its
four corners. It came right down to me.
6 I looked intently into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth,
wild beasts, crawling creatures, and birds of the sky.
7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat.'
8 But I said, 'Certainly not, Lord, for nothing defiled or unclean has
ever entered my mouth.'
9 A voice answered from heaven a second time, 'What God has made
clean, you must not call defiled.'
10 This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up
into heaven.
11 Just then three men sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the
house where we were.
12 The Spirit told me to go with them without making any
distinction. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the
man's house.
13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and
saying, 'Send to Joppa and call for Simon who is called Peter.
14 He will speak words to you by which you and all your household
will be saved.'
15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as upon us
at the beginning.
16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John
baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'
17 So if God gave them the same gift he gave us when we believed in
the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to hinder God?"
18 When they heard this, they fell silent and glorified God, saying,
"Then God has granted even the Gentiles repentance that leads to life."

19 Now those scattered by the persecution that arose over Stephen
traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word
to no one except Jews.
20 But some of them, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, came to Antioch
and also spoke to the Greek-speaking people, proclaiming the good
news of the Lord Jesus.
21 The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number
believed and turned to the Lord.
22 News about them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem,
and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.
23 When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and
encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast
purpose of heart,
24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. And a
large number of people were added to the Lord.
25 Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul,
26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole
year they gathered with the church and taught a large number of
people. It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.
27 In those days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.
28 One of them, named Agabus, stood up and indicated through the
Spirit that there would be a great famine over the whole inhabited
world. This occurred in the time of Claudius.
29 The disciples decided, each according to his means, to send relief
to the brothers living in Judea.
30 This they did, sending it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas
and Saul.

12

1 About that time King Herod laid hands on some who belonged to
the church to mistreat them.
2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.
3 When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he went on to arrest Peter
as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.
4 After seizing him, he put him in prison and handed him over to
four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him
before the people after the Passover.
5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was praying earnestly
to God for him.
6 On the night before Herod was to bring him out, Peter was
sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, while guards
in front of the door kept watch over the prison.
7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood beside him, and a light shone
in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up
quickly.” And the chains fell from his hands.
8 The angel said to him, “Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.”
He did so. Then he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and
follow me.”
9 He went out and followed him, not knowing that what was being
done through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.

10 They passed the first guard post and the second and came to the
iron gate leading into the city, which opened for them by itself. They
went out and proceeded along one street, and immediately the angel
left him.
11 When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that
the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's hand and
from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”
12 When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother
of John who was called Mark, where many were gathered and praying.
13 When he knocked at the outer gate, a servant girl named Rhoda
came to answer.
14 She recognized Peter's voice, and in her joy she did not open the
gate but ran inside and announced that Peter was standing at the gate.
15 They said to her, “You are out of your mind.” But she kept insisting
that it was so. They said, “It is his angel.”
16 But Peter kept knocking. When they opened the door, they saw
him and were astonished.
17 He motioned with his hand for them to be silent and told them
how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. Then he said, “Tell
James and the brothers these things.” He left and went to another
place.
18 At daybreak there was no small commotion among the soldiers
over what had become of Peter.
19 After Herod searched for him and did not find him, he questioned
the guards and ordered them to be led away for execution. Then he
went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there.
20 Now he was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. They
came to him together and, after gaining the support of Blastus, the
king's chamberlain, asked for peace, because their country depended
on the king's country for food.
21 On an appointed day Herod put on royal robes, sat on the
judgment seat, and addressed them.
22 The crowd shouted, “The voice of a god, and not of a man!”
23 Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not
give the glory to God, and he was eaten by worms and died.
24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.
25 Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem after completing their
service, taking with them John who was called Mark.

13

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers:
Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had
been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 While they were serving the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said,
“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have
called them.”
3 Then, after fasting and praying, they laid their hands on them and
sent them off.
4 So, sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and
sailed from there to Cyprus.
5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in
the Jewish synagogues. They also had John as their helper.

6 They traveled through the whole island as far as Paphos and found
a Jewish magician and false prophet named Bar-Jesus.
7 He was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. The
proconsul summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word
of God.
8 But Elymas the magician—for that is how his name is
translated—opposed them, trying to turn the proconsul away from the
faith.
9 Then Saul, also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked
intently at him
10 and said, "You who are full of every kind of deceit and malice, son
of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, will you not stop twisting the
straight ways of the Lord?
11 And now, look, the Lord's hand is upon you, and you will be blind,
unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell
upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand.
12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed,
astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Paul and his companions sailed from Paphos and came to Perga
in Pamphylia. But John left them and returned to Jerusalem.
14 They continued on from Perga and came to Pisidian Antioch. On
the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down.
15 After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue
rulers sent word to them: "Brothers, if you have a word of
encouragement for the people, speak."
16 Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Men of Israel
and you who fear God, listen.
17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and exalted the
people during their stay as foreigners in the land of Egypt. With an
uplifted arm he brought them out of it,
18 and for about forty years he bore with them in the wilderness.
19 After destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave
them their land as an inheritance,
20 all this over about four hundred and fifty years. After that he
gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.
21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a
man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.
22 After removing him, he raised up David as their king, of whom he
testified, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart,
who will do all my will.'
23 From this man's offspring, according to promise, God brought
Israel a Savior, Jesus.
24 Before his coming, John proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all
the people of Israel.
25 As John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you suppose I
am? I am not the one. But look, one is coming after me whose sandals
I am not worthy to untie.'

26 Brothers, children of Abraham's family, and those among you
who fear God, the word of this salvation has been sent to us.

27 For the people living in Jerusalem and their rulers did not
recognize him or the voices of the prophets read every Sabbath, and
by condemning him they fulfilled them.
28 Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked
Pilate to have him killed.
29 When they had accomplished everything written about him, they
took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.
30 But God raised him from the dead.
31 For many days he appeared to those who had gone up with him
from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.
32 And we proclaim to you the good news of the promise made to
the fathers:
33 God has fulfilled it for our children by raising up Jesus, as it is
written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten
you.'
34 As for raising him from the dead, never again to return to decay,
he has spoken in this way: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings
of David.'
35 Therefore he also says in another place, 'You will not let your Holy
One see decay.'
36 For David, after serving his own generation according to God's
purpose, fell asleep, was gathered to his fathers, and saw decay.
37 But the one God raised did not see decay.
38 So let it be known to you, brothers, that through this man
forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; and from everything from
which you could not be justified by the law of Moses,
39 in him everyone who believes is justified.
40 Take care, then, that what was spoken in the prophets does not
come upon you:
41 'Look, you scoffers, be amazed and perish, for I am doing a work in
your days, a work you would never believe even if someone
told you about it.' "
42 As they went out, the people urged them to speak these words to
them the next Sabbath.
43 When the synagogue meeting ended, many Jews and devout
converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke with
them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.
44 The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word
of the Lord.
45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy
and contradicted what Paul was saying, speaking blasphemously.
46 Then Paul and Barnabas spoke boldly: "It was necessary for the
word of God to be spoken to you first. Since you reject it and judge
yourselves unworthy of eternal life, look, we are turning to the
Gentiles.
47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have appointed
you as a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the
ends of the earth.' "
48 When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and glorified the word
of the Lord, and all who had been appointed to eternal life believed.
49 The word of the Lord spread throughout the whole region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout women of high standing and
the leading men of the city, raised persecution against Paul and
Barnabas, and drove them out of their territory.
51 They shook the dust from their feet against them and went to
Iconium.
52 And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

14

1 In Iconium they entered the Jewish synagogue together and spoke
in such a way that a great multitude of both Jews and Greeks believed.
2 But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and
poisoned their minds against the brothers.
3 So they stayed a considerable time, speaking boldly in reliance on
the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace by granting signs
and wonders to be done through their hands.
4 But the people of the city were divided: some sided with the Jews
and others with the apostles.
5 When the Gentiles and Jews, together with their rulers, made a
move to mistreat and stone them,
6 they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia,
and to the surrounding region.
7 There they continued to proclaim the good news.

8 In Lystra a man was sitting who had no strength in his feet. He had
been lame from his mother's womb and had never walked.
9 He listened to Paul speaking. Paul looked intently at him, and
seeing that he had faith to be healed,
10 said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet!” He leaped up
and began to walk.
11 When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their
voices in the Lycaonian language, saying, “The gods have come down
to us in human likeness!”
12 They called Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes, because he was the
chief speaker.
13 The priest of Zeus, whose shrine was outside the city, brought
bulls and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the
crowds.
14 When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their
clothes and rushed into the crowd, crying out
15 and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We too are
human beings of the same nature as you. We bring you good news,
that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God,
who made heaven and earth and the sea and everything in them.
16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own
ways.
17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness: he did good, giving
you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with
food and gladness.”
18 Even with these words, they barely restrained the crowds from
offering sacrifice to them.

19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the
crowds. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking
he was dead.
20 But when the disciples gathered around him, he got up and
entered the city. The next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.
21 After proclaiming the good news in that city and making many
disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
22 strengthening the souls of the disciples and urging them to
remain in the faith, saying, “We must enter the kingdom of God
through many afflictions.”
23 They appointed elders for them in each church and, after praying
with fasting, entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.
25 After speaking the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.
26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been entrusted
to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.
27 When they arrived and gathered the church together, they
reported all that God had done with them and how he had opened a
door of faith to the Gentiles.
28 They stayed a considerable time with the disciples.

15

1 Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, “Unless
you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be
saved.”
2 After Paul and Barnabas had a sharp dispute and debate with
them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some others from
among them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders
about this question.
3 So, sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia
and Samaria, recounting the conversion of the Gentiles and bringing
great joy to all the brothers.
4 When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the
church, the apostles, and the elders, and they reported all that God
had done with them.
5 But some believers from the party of the Pharisees stood up and
said, “They must be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of
Moses.”
6 The apostles and elders gathered to consider this matter.
7 After much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you
know that some time ago God chose me from among you so that
through my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and
believe.
8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them by giving
them the Holy Spirit just as to us.
9 He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their
hearts by faith.
10 Now, then, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the
necks of the disciples a yoke that neither our fathers nor we have
been able to bear?
11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord
Jesus, just as they are.”

12 The whole assembly fell silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul
recount all the signs and wonders God had done through them among
the Gentiles.
13 After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to
me.
14 Simeon has recounted how God first visited the Gentiles to take
from them a people for his name.
15 The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written:

16 ‘After this I will return and rebuild the fallen tent of David.
I will rebuild its ruins and restore it,
17 so that the rest of humanity may seek the Lord, and all the nations
over whom my name has been called, says the Lord, who makes
these things
18 known from long ago.’

19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those
among the Gentiles who are turning to God,
20 but should write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols,
from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals, and from
blood.
21 For from ancient generations Moses has had those who proclaim
him in every city, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

22 Then the apostles and elders, together with the whole church,
decided to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch
with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called Barsabbas and Silas, leading
men among the brothers.
23 They sent this letter by their hands: “The apostles and elders, your
brothers, to the brothers from among the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria,
and Cilicia: Greetings.
24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have
troubled you with their words and unsettled your souls, though we
gave them no instructions,
25 we have agreed together to choose men and send them to you
with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,
26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ.
27 So we have sent Judas and Silas, who will also tell you the same
things by word of mouth.
28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no further
burden on you beyond these necessary things:
29 that you abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from
the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. If you
keep yourselves from these things, you will do well. Farewell.”

30 So they were sent off and went down to Antioch, gathered the
congregation, and delivered the letter.
31 When they read it, they rejoiced at its encouragement.
32 Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and
strengthened the brothers with many words.
33 After spending some time there, they were sent off in peace by the
brothers to those who had sent them.
34 [But Silas thought it best to stay there.]

35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and
proclaiming the good news of the word of the Lord, along with many
others.
36 After some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit
the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord,
to see how they are doing.”
37 Barnabas wanted to take along John who was called Mark.
38 But Paul thought they should not take along the man who had
withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to
the work.
39 A sharp disagreement arose, so that they separated from one
another. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus,
40 but Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers to the
grace of the Lord.
41 He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

16

1 He also came to Derbe and Lystra. There was a disciple there
named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewish woman, but his father
was Greek.
2 The brothers in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.
3 Paul wanted him to go with him, so he took him and circumcised
him because of the Jews in those places, for they all knew that his
father was Greek.
4 As they traveled through the cities, they delivered to them the
decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem, for them to
observe.
5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in
number day by day.
6 They went through Phrygia and the Galatian region, having been
forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
7 When they came to the borders of Mysia, they tried to go into
Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.
8 Passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.
9 During the night a vision appeared to Paul: a Macedonian man
was standing and pleading with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia
and help us.”
10 After he saw the vision, we immediately sought to leave for
Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good
news to them.
11 So we sailed from Troas and made a straight course to
Samothrace, and the next day to Neapolis.
12 From there we went to Philippi, a leading city of that district of
Macedonia and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city for some days.
13 On the Sabbath we went outside the gate to the riverside, where
we thought there was a place of prayer. We sat down and spoke to the
women who had gathered.
14 A woman named Lydia, a seller of purple cloth from the city of
Thyatira who worshiped God, was listening. The Lord opened her
heart to pay attention to what Paul was saying.

15 After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying,
“If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay in my
house.” And she prevailed upon us.
16 As we were going to the place of prayer, a slave girl with a spirit of
divination met us. She brought her masters much profit by
fortune-telling.
17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of
God Most High, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.”
18 She kept doing this for many days. Paul became greatly troubled,
turned, and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus
Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.
19 When her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they
seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before
the rulers.
20 They brought them to the magistrates and said, “These men are
Jews and are throwing our city into turmoil.
21 They proclaim customs that we, as Romans, are not permitted to
accept or practice.”
22 The crowd joined in the attack against them, and the magistrates
tore their clothes off them and ordered them to be beaten with rods.
23 After inflicting many blows on them, they threw them into prison
and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.
24 Having received such an order, he put them in the inner prison
and secured their feet in the stocks.
25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to
God, and the prisoners were listening to them.
26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the prison’s
foundations were shaken. At once all the doors opened and
everyone’s bonds were loosened.
27 The jailer woke up and saw the prison doors open. He drew his
sword and was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners had
escaped.
28 But Paul called out in a loud voice, “Do yourself no harm, for we
are all here!”
29 He called for lights, rushed in, and fell trembling before Paul and
Silas.
30 He brought them outside and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be
saved?”
31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you
and your household.”
32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his
house.
33 At that very hour of the night he took them and washed their
wounds. Immediately he and all his household were baptized.
34 He brought them up into his house and set food before them, and
he rejoiced with his whole household that he had believed in God.
35 When day came, the magistrates sent their officers, saying,
“Release those men.”
36 The jailer reported these words to Paul: “The magistrates have
sent orders for your release. So come out now and go in peace.”

37 But Paul said to them, “They beat us publicly without a conviction,
though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now are
they sending us away secretly? Certainly not! Let them come
themselves and lead us out.”
38 The officers reported these words to the magistrates. They were
afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens,
39 and they came and appealed to them. After leading them out,
they asked them to leave the city.
40 After leaving the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they
saw the brothers, encouraged them, and departed.

17

1 After passing through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to
Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.
2 As was his custom, Paul went in to them, and for three Sabbaths he
reasoned with them from the Scriptures,
3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise
from the dead. He said, “This Jesus whom I proclaim to you is the
Christ.”
4 Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along
with a great multitude of devout Greeks and not a few prominent
women.
5 But the Jews became jealous and enlisted some wicked men from
the marketplace. They formed a mob and threw the city into an
uproar, attacked Jason's house, and sought to bring them out to the
people.
6 When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some
brothers before the city officials, shouting, “These men who have
turned the world upside down have come here too,
7 and Jason has welcomed them. They all act against Caesar's
decrees, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”
8 They alarmed the crowd and the city officials who heard these
things.
9 After taking security from Jason and the others, they released
them.
10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to
Berea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue.
11 The people there were more noble-minded than those in
Thessalonica. They received the word with all eagerness, examining
the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.
12 So many of them believed, along with many prominent Greek
women and many men.
13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that Paul had also
proclaimed the word of God in Berea, they came there too, stirring up
and troubling the crowds.
14 Then the brothers immediately sent Paul away to go to the sea,
while Silas and Timothy stayed there.
15 Those escorting Paul brought him as far as Athens. They received
instructions for Silas and Timothy to come to him as quickly as
possible, and then they left.

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was
provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.
17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and those who
worshiped God, and every day in the marketplace with those who
happened to be there.
18 Some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also debated with him.
Some said, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others said, “He seems
to be a proclaimer of foreign deities,” because he was proclaiming the
good news of Jesus and the resurrection.
19 They took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May
we know what this new teaching is that you are speaking about?
20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears, and we
want to know what they mean.”
21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners visiting there spent
their time doing nothing but telling or hearing something new.
22 Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens,
I see that in every way you are very religious.
23 For as I passed along and observed your objects of worship, I
found an altar inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ What you worship
without knowing, this I proclaim to you.
24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of
heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made by human hands,
25 nor is he served by human hands as though he needed anything,
since he himself gives everyone life and breath and all things.
26 From one he made all nations to live on the whole face of the
earth, determining their appointed times and the boundaries of their
dwelling,
27 so that they might seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward
him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.
28 For in him we live and move and have our being, as even some of
your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’
29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine
nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human art
and imagination.
30 So God overlooked the times of ignorance, but now commands all
people everywhere to repent,
31 because he has set a day on which he will judge the inhabited
world in righteousness through a man whom he has appointed. He
has given assurance of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”
32 When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked,
but others said, “We will hear you again about this.”
33 So Paul went out from among them.
34 But some joined him and believed, including Dionysius the
Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

18

1 After this Paul left Athens and came to Corinth.
2 He found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had
recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had
ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them,

3 and because he practiced the same trade, he stayed with them and
worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.
4 Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue and sought to
persuade Jews and Greeks.
5 When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul
devoted himself to the word, bearing solemn witness to the Jews that
Jesus is the Christ.
6 But when they opposed him and spoke blasphemously, he shook
out his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I
am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”
7 He left there and entered the house of a man named Titius Justus,
who worshiped God. His house was next to the synagogue.
8 Crispus, the synagogue ruler, believed in the Lord with all his
household, and many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were
baptized.
9 The Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but
keep speaking and do not be silent,
10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I
have many people in this city.”
11 So he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God
among them.
12 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews rose up together
against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat,
13 saying, “This man persuades people to worship God contrary to
the law.”
14 When Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a
matter of wrongdoing or a serious crime, Jews, I would have reason to
hear you out.
15 But if these are disputes about words, names, and your own law,
see to it yourselves. I am not willing to be a judge of these things.”
16 And he drove them away from the judgment seat.
17 They all seized Sosthenes, the synagogue ruler, and beat him
before the judgment seat, but Gallio cared about none of these things.
18 Paul stayed many more days, then said farewell to the brothers
and sailed for Syria, with Priscilla and Aquila accompanying him. He
had cut his hair at Cenchreae, for he was under a vow.
19 They arrived at Ephesus, and he left them there. He himself
entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.
20 When they asked him to stay longer, he did not agree,
21 but took leave of them, saying, “I will return to you again, God
willing.” Then he sailed from Ephesus.
22 He landed at Caesarea, went up and greeted the church, and went
down to Antioch.
23 After spending some time there, he departed and traveled in
order through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the
disciples.
24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to
Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, mighty in the Scriptures.
25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent
in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately about Jesus, though he knew

only John's baptism.
26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and
Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the way of God
to him more accurately.
27 When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged
him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. On arriving, he
greatly helped those who had believed through grace,
28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating
through the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

19

1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the inland
regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.
2 He asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you
believed?” They replied, “We have not even heard that there is a Holy
Spirit.”
3 He said, “Into what, then, were you baptized?” They said, “Into
John's baptism.”
4 Paul said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the
people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”
5 When they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the
Lord Jesus.
6 When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon
them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.
7 There were about twelve men in all.
8 He entered the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months,
reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.
9 But when some became hardened and refused to believe, speaking
evil of the Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took
the disciples apart, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus.
10 This continued for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard
the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.
11 God was doing extraordinary miracles through Paul's hands,
12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin
were carried to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil
spirits came out.
13 Some of the traveling Jewish exorcists also tried to invoke the
name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I
adjure you by Jesus whom Paul proclaims.”
14 Seven sons of a certain Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing
this.
15 But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I
recognize, but who are you?”
16 The man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them,
overpowered both of them, and prevailed against them, so that they
fled from that house naked and wounded.
17 This became known to all the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus.
Fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.
18 Many of those who had believed came, confessing and disclosing
their practices.

19 A considerable number of those who had practiced magic brought
their books together and burned them before everyone. They added
up their value and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.
20 In this way the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.
21 After these things had taken place, Paul resolved in spirit to travel
through Macedonia and Achaia and go to Jerusalem. He said, “After I
have been there, I must also see Rome.”
22 He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia,
while he himself stayed in Asia for a time.
23 About that time there arose no small disturbance concerning the
Way.
24 For a silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of
Artemis, brought considerable business to the craftsmen.
25 He gathered them together with the workers in related trades and
said, “Men, you know that our prosperity comes from this business.
26 You see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all Asia,
this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable multitude,
saying that gods made by hands are not gods.
27 Not only is our trade in danger of falling into disrepute, but the
temple of the great goddess Artemis may be regarded as nothing, and
she may be stripped of her majesty, she whom all Asia and the
inhabited world worship.”
28 When they heard this, they were filled with rage and cried out,
“Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”
29 The city was filled with confusion, and they rushed together into
the theater, seizing Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were
Paul’s traveling companions.
30 Paul wanted to go in before the people, but the disciples would
not let him.
31 Some of the Asiarchs, who were his friends, also sent to him and
urged him not to venture into the theater.
32 Some shouted one thing and some another, for the assembly was
in confusion, and most did not know why they had come together.
33 People in the crowd instructed Alexander, whom the Jews had
pushed forward. Alexander motioned with his hand and wanted to
make a defense before the people.
34 But when they recognized that he was a Jew, they all shouted with
one voice for about two hours, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”
35 The city clerk quieted the crowd and said, “Men of Ephesus, who
does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the
great Artemis and of what fell from heaven?
36 Since these things cannot be disputed, you must remain calm and
do nothing rash.
37 For you have brought these men here, who are neither temple
robbers nor blasphemers of our goddess.
38 So if Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a charge against
anyone, court sessions are held and there are proconsuls. Let them
bring charges against one another.
39 But if you seek anything further, it will be settled in the lawful
assembly.

40 For we are in danger of being charged with rioting over today's
events. There is no cause for it, and we will not be able to give an
account of this gathering."
41 After saying this, he dismissed the assembly.

20

1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples,
encouraged them, and said farewell. Then he left for Macedonia.
2 He traveled through those regions, encouraged them with many
words, and came to Greece,
3 where he spent three months. When the Jews formed a plot
against him as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to return
through Macedonia.
4 He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea;
Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica; Gaius from Derbe and
Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia.
5 These men came to Troas and waited for us there.
6 We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread and
reached them in Troas in five days. We stayed there seven days.
7 On the first day of the week, when we had gathered to break
bread, Paul spoke with them. Since he intended to leave the next day,
he prolonged his message until midnight.
8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were
gathered.
9 A young man named Eutychus was sitting in the window, sinking
into a deep sleep as Paul continued speaking at length. Overcome by
sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.
10 But Paul went down, fell upon him, and embraced him, saying,
"Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him."
11 Then he went upstairs, broke bread, and ate. He talked with them
for a long time, until dawn, and then left.
12 They brought the young man away alive and were greatly
comforted.
13 We went ahead to the ship and sailed for Assos, intending to take
Paul aboard there, for he had arranged it this way and intended to
travel on foot.
14 When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and went to
Mitylene.
15 We sailed from there and the next day came opposite Chios. The
following day we arrived at Samos, and the day after that we came to
Miletus.
16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not
spend time in Asia. He was hurrying to be in Jerusalem on the day of
Pentecost, if possible.
17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and summoned the elders of the
church.
18 When they came to him, he said to them, "You know how I lived
among you the whole time, from the first day I set foot in Asia,
19 serving the Lord with all humility, with tears, and with trials that
befell me through the plots of the Jews.

20 I did not hold back from declaring to you anything beneficial and
teaching you publicly and from house to house,
21 bearing solemn witness to both Jews and Greeks about
repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.
22 And now, look, bound by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not
knowing what will happen to me there,
23 except that in every city the Holy Spirit bears witness to me that
bonds and afflictions await me.
24 But I do not count my life as precious to myself, if only I may
finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to
bear solemn witness to the gospel of the grace of God.
25 And now I know that none of you among whom I went about
proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.
26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am clean from the blood
of all,
27 for I did not hold back from declaring to you the whole counsel of
God.
28 Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock in which the Holy
Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which
he acquired with his own blood.
29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among
you, not sparing the flock.
30 Even from your own number men will arise, speaking twisted
things to draw the disciples away after themselves.
31 Therefore be watchful, remembering that for three years, night
and day, I never stopped admonishing each one of you with tears.
32 And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which
is able to build you up and give you the inheritance among all who
are sanctified.
33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing.
34 You yourselves know that these hands served my needs and those
of my companions.
35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in this way we
must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how
he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "
36 After saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.
37 They all wept deeply, embraced Paul, and kissed him,
38 grieving most of all over his statement that they would not see his
face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

21

1 After we had torn ourselves away from them and set sail, we sailed
directly to Cos, the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.
2 We found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, went aboard, and set sail.
3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, we left it on our left and sailed
for Syria. We landed at Tyre, for the ship was to unload its cargo there.
4 We sought out the disciples and stayed there seven days. Through
the Spirit they kept telling Paul not to set foot in Jerusalem.
5 When our days there were over, we left and continued our journey.
They all accompanied us outside the city, with their wives and
children. We knelt on the beach and prayed,

6 said farewell to one another, and boarded the ship, while they
returned home.
7 We completed the voyage from Tyre and arrived at Ptolemais,
where we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day.
8 The next day we left and came to Caesarea. We entered the house
of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the Seven, and stayed with
him.
9 He had four virgin daughters who prophesied.
10 While we stayed there for several days, a prophet named Agabus
came down from Judea.
11 He came to us, took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and hands,
and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews in
Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and hand him over
into the hands of the Gentiles.' "
12 When we heard this, both we and the people there pleaded with
him not to go up to Jerusalem.
13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking
my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die in
Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."
14 When he would not be persuaded, we stopped insisting and said,
"Let the Lord's will be done."
15 After those days we made our preparations and went up to
Jerusalem.
16 Some disciples from Caesarea also accompanied us, bringing us to
Mnason, a Cypriot and a disciple from the early days, with whom we
were to stay.
17 When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us gladly.
18 The next day Paul went with us to James, and all the elders were
present.
19 After greeting them, he recounted one by one the things God had
done among the Gentiles through his ministry.
20 When they heard it, they glorified God and said to him, "You see,
brother, how many tens of thousands of Jews have believed, and they
are all zealous for the law.
21 They have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews
living among the Gentiles to abandon Moses, telling them not to
circumcise their children or follow the customs.
22 What is to be done, then? They will certainly hear that you have
come.
23 So do what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow.
24 Take them with you, purify yourself with them, and pay their
expenses so that they may shave their heads. Then everyone will
know that there is nothing to what they have been told about you, but
that you yourself also live in observance of the law.
25 As for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent our decision
that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood,
from the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality."
26 Then Paul took the men with him, and the next day he purified
himself with them and entered the temple, giving notice of the
completion of the days of purification, when the offering would be
presented for each of them.

27 When the seven days were almost over, the Jews from Asia saw
him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd, and seized him,
28 shouting, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches
everyone everywhere against the people, the law, and this place. He
has even brought Greeks into the temple and defiled this holy place.”
29 For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in
the city and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple.
30 The whole city was stirred up, and the people came running
together. They seized Paul and dragged him outside the temple, and
immediately the doors were shut.
31 As they were seeking to kill him, word reached the commander of
the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion.
32 He immediately took soldiers and centurions and ran down to
them. When they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped
beating Paul.
33 Then the commander came up, arrested him, and ordered him to
be bound with two chains. He asked who he was and what he had
done.
34 Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another. Since he
could learn nothing certain because of the uproar, he ordered him to
be brought into the barracks.
35 When Paul reached the stairs, the soldiers had to carry him
because of the crowd’s violence,
36 for the multitude of people followed, shouting, “Away with him!”
37 As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the
commander, “May I say something to you?” He replied, “Do you know
Greek?
38 Then are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a
rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?”
39 Paul said, “I am a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no
insignificant city. I beg you, allow me to speak to the people.”
40 When he gave permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned
with his hand to the people. A great silence fell, and he addressed
them in the Hebrew language, saying:

22

1 “Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense before you.”
2 When they heard him addressing them in the Hebrew language,
they became even quieter. Then he said,
3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia but brought up in this city,
educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict requirements
of the law of our fathers. I was zealous for God, as all of you are today.
4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding both men and women
and handing them over to prison,
5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about
me. I received letters from them to the brothers and was traveling to
Damascus, intending to bring those there too to Jerusalem in bonds to
be punished.
6 As I was traveling and approaching Damascus about noon,
suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me.

7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why
are you persecuting me?’
8 I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of
Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’
9 Those who were with me saw the light, but they did not
understand the voice of the one speaking to me.
10 I said, ‘What should I do, Lord?’ The Lord said to me, ‘Get up and
go to Damascus. There you will be told everything you have been
appointed to do.’
11 Since I could not see because of the brilliance of that light, I came
to Damascus led by the hand of those with me.
12 A man named Ananias, devout according to the law and well
spoken of by all the Jews living there,
13 came to me, stood beside me, and said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your
sight.’ At that very moment I regained my sight and looked at him.
14 He said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will,
to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth,
15 for you will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and
heard.
16 And now, why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and wash away
your sins, calling on his name.’
17 When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I
fell into a trance
18 and saw him saying to me, ‘Hurry and get out of Jerusalem
quickly, for they will not accept your testimony about me.’
19 I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in the synagogues I used
to imprison and beat those who believed in you.
20 And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I
myself stood by, approving it and guarding the clothes of those killing
him.’
21 He said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’ ”
22 They listened to him until these words, then raised their voices,
saying, “Away with such a man from the earth! He ought not to live!”
23 As they shouted, threw off their clothes, and tossed dust into the
air,
24 the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks and
said that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they
were shouting against him like this.
25 When they stretched him out with the straps, Paul said to the
centurion standing there, “Is it lawful for you to flog a Roman citizen
who has not been condemned?”
26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and
reported it, saying, “What are you about to do? This man is a Roman
citizen.”
27 The commander came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman
citizen?” He said, “Yes.”
28 The commander replied, “I acquired this citizenship for a large
sum.” Paul said, “But I was born a citizen.”
29 Immediately those about to examine him withdrew from him.
The commander too was afraid when he learned that he was a Roman
citizen and that he had bound him.

30 The next day, wanting to know for certain what the Jews were
accusing him of, he unbound him and ordered the chief priests and
the whole council to assemble. He brought Paul down and stood him
before them.

23

1 Paul looked intently at the council and said, “Brothers, I have lived
before God in all good conscience to this day.”
2 The high priest Ananias ordered those standing by to strike him on
the mouth.
3 Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you
whitewashed wall! You sit to judge me according to the law, yet you
break the law by ordering me to be struck?”
4 Those standing by said, “Are you insulting God's high priest?”
5 Paul replied, “Brothers, I did not know that he was the high priest,
for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’ ”
6 When Paul realized that one part consisted of Sadducees and the
other of Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a
Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial for the hope and
resurrection of the dead.”
7 When he said this, a dispute arose between the Pharisees and
Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.
8 For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor
spirit, but the Pharisees affirm both.
9 A great outcry arose, and some scribes from the Pharisees’ party
stood up and argued fiercely, saying, “We find nothing wrong with this
man. But if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him—”
10 As the dispute became violent, the commander feared that Paul
would be torn apart by them. He ordered the troops to go down,
snatch him from their midst, and bring him into the barracks.
11 The following night the Lord stood beside him and said, “Take
courage, for just as you have borne solemn witness about me in
Jerusalem, you must also bear witness in Rome.”
12 When day came, the Jews formed a conspiracy and bound
themselves under a curse, saying they would neither eat nor drink
until they had killed Paul.
13 More than forty men had joined this conspiracy.
14 They went to the chief priests and elders and said, “We have
bound ourselves under a solemn curse to taste nothing until we have
killed Paul.
15 So now you, together with the council, should ask the commander
to bring him down to you, as though you intended to examine his case
more closely. We are ready to kill him before he comes near.”
16 But the son of Paul’s sister heard of the ambush. He came to the
barracks, went in, and told Paul.
17 Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man
to the commander, for he has something to report to him.”
18 So he took him to the commander and said, “Paul the prisoner
called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, because he
has something to tell you.”

19 The commander took him by the hand, withdrew in private, and
asked, “What do you have to report to me?”
20 He said, “The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to
the council tomorrow, as though it intended to inquire more closely
about him.
21 But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their
men are lying in ambush for him. They have bound themselves under
a curse neither to eat nor drink until they have killed him. They are
ready now and waiting for your agreement.”
22 So the commander dismissed the young man, ordering him, “Tell
no one that you have reported these things to me.”
23 Then he called two of the centurions and said, “Prepare two
hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, along with seventy horsemen and
two hundred spearmen, at nine tonight.
24 Provide mounts as well, so that Paul may ride and be brought
safely to Felix the governor."
25 He wrote a letter in these terms:
26 “Claudius Lysias to His Excellency Governor Felix: Greetings.
27 This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by
them. I came with the troops and rescued him, having learned that he
was a Roman citizen.
28 Wanting to know the charge they brought against him, I took him
down to their council.
29 I found that he was being accused over questions of their law, but
had no charge against him deserving death or imprisonment.
30 When I was informed that a plot was being prepared against the
man, I sent him to you at once, also ordering his accusers to state their
case against him before you.”
31 So the soldiers, according to their orders, took Paul and brought
him by night to Antipatris.
32 The next day they let the horsemen go on with him and returned
to the barracks.
33 When the horsemen arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter
to the governor and presented Paul to him as well.
34 After reading it, he asked what province he was from. When he
learned that he was from Cilicia,
35 he said, “I will hear your case when your accusers arrive too.” He
ordered Paul to be kept under guard in Herod’s praetorium.

24

1 After five days the high priest Ananias came down with some
elders and an advocate named Tertullus. They presented charges
against Paul to the governor.
2 When Paul was called in, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying,
“Since we enjoy great peace through you, and reforms are being made
for this nation through your foresight,
3 we acknowledge this in every way and everywhere with all
gratitude, most excellent Felix.
4 But so that I may not detain you further, I beg you in your kindness
to hear us briefly.

5 For we have found this man to be a plague, stirring up rebellions
among all the Jews throughout the inhabited world, and a ringleader
of the sect of the Nazarenes.
6 He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him.
7 [But Lysias the commander came and with great violence took him
out of our hands.]
8 By examining him yourself, you will be able to learn about all
these things of which we accuse him."
9 The Jews also joined in the accusation, asserting that these things
were so.
10 When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul answered,
"Knowing that you have been a judge of this nation for many years, I
gladly make my defense.
11 You can verify that no more than twelve days have passed since I
went up to Jerusalem to worship.
12 They did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a
crowd, either in the temple, in the synagogues, or throughout the city.
13 Nor can they prove to you the things of which they now accuse
me.
14 But this I confess to you: according to the Way, which they call a
sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything written in
the Law and in the Prophets.
15 I have a hope in God, which these men themselves also hold, that
there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.
16 So I myself strive always to maintain a blameless conscience
before God and people.
17 After several years I came to bring alms to my nation and
offerings.
18 While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple,
without a crowd or a disturbance.
19 But some Jews from Asia ought to have been here before you to
accuse me, if they had anything against me.
20 Or let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found
when I stood before the council,
21 except for this one statement I cried out while standing among
them: 'I am on trial before you today for the resurrection of the
dead.' "
22 But Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the
case, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide
your case."
23 He ordered the centurion to keep him in custody but allow him
some freedom and not prevent any of his own people from attending
to him.
24 After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was
Jewish. He sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ
Jesus.
25 But as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the
coming judgment, Felix became afraid and answered, "Go away for
now. When I have an opportunity, I will send for you."
26 At the same time he hoped that Paul would give him money, so he
sent for him more often and conversed with him.

27 When two years had passed, Porcius Festus succeeded Felix.
Wanting to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul bound.

25

1 Three days after arriving in the province, Festus went up from
Caesarea to Jerusalem.
2 The chief priests and the leading men of the Jews presented
charges against Paul to him and pleaded with him,
3 asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem.
They were preparing an ambush to kill him along the way.
4 Festus answered that Paul was being kept in custody in Caesarea
and that he himself would be leaving shortly.
5 "So let those in authority among you go down with me," he said,
"and if there is anything wrong in the man, let them accuse him."
6 After staying among them no more than eight or ten days, he went
down to Caesarea. The next day he sat on the judgment seat and
ordered Paul to be brought in.
7 When he arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem
stood around him, bringing many serious charges that they could not
prove.
8 Paul said in his defense, "I have committed no offense against the
law of the Jews, against the temple, or against Caesar."
9 But Festus, wanting to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul,
"Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and be tried there before me on
these matters?"
10 Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's judgment seat, where I
ought to be tried. I have done the Jews no wrong, as you yourself
know very well.
11 If I am doing wrong and have done anything deserving death, I do
not refuse to die. But if there is nothing to what these men accuse me
of, no one can hand me over to them as a favor. I appeal to Caesar!"
12 Then Festus, after conferring with his council, answered, "You
have appealed to Caesar; to Caesar you will go."
13 After some days King Agrippa and Bernice arrived in Caesarea
and greeted Festus.
14 As they were staying there for several days, Festus laid Paul's case
before the king, saying, "There is a man whom Felix left as a prisoner.
15 When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the Jews
presented charges against him and asked for his condemnation.
16 I answered them that it is not Roman custom to hand anyone over
as a favor before the accused has faced his accusers and had an
opportunity to defend himself against the charge.
17 So when they came together here, I made no delay. The next day I
sat on the judgment seat and ordered the man to be brought in.
18 When his accusers stood up, they brought no charge of the crimes
I had suspected.
19 Instead, they had certain disputes with him about their own
religion and about a certain Jesus who had died, whom Paul asserted
to be alive.
20 I was at a loss how to investigate these matters, so I asked
whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there on them.

21 But when Paul appealed to be kept in custody for the emperor's
decision, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar."
22 Agrippa said to Festus, "I too would like to hear the man myself."
He said, "Tomorrow you will hear him."
23 The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and
entered the audience hall with the military commanders and
prominent men of the city. At Festus's command, Paul was brought in.
24 Festus said, "King Agrippa and all you men here with us, you see
this man, about whom the whole multitude of the Jews appealed to
me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any
longer.
25 But I found that he had done nothing deserving death, and since
he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to send him.
26 I have nothing certain to write to the sovereign about him. So I
have brought him before you, and especially before you, King
Agrippa, so that after the examination I may have something to write.
27 For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner without also
specifying the charges against him."

26

1 Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself."
Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense:
2 "I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, to make my defense
before you today against all the accusations the Jews bring against me,
3 especially since you are familiar with all the Jewish customs and
controversies. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.
4 All the Jews know how I have lived since my youth, from the
beginning among my own people and in Jerusalem.
5 They have known me from the start and, if they are willing, can
testify that I lived as a Pharisee, according to the strictest party of our
religion.
6 And now I stand on trial for the hope of the promise made by God
to our fathers,
7 which our twelve tribes hope to attain as they worship earnestly
night and day. It is for this hope that I am accused by the Jews, O king.
8 Why is it judged incredible among you that God raises the dead?
9 I myself thought I ought to do many things against the name of
Jesus of Nazareth.
10 And that is what I did in Jerusalem. With authority received from
the chief priests, I locked many of the saints in prisons, and when they
were put to death, I cast my vote against them.
11 I often punished them in all the synagogues and tried to force
them to blaspheme. In my extreme rage against them, I pursued them
even to foreign cities.
12 While engaged in this, I was traveling to Damascus with authority
and a commission from the chief priests.
13 At midday, O king, on the road I saw a light from heaven brighter
than the sun, shining around me and those traveling with me.

14 When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me
in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is
hard for you to kick against the goads.'
15 I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord said, 'I am Jesus, whom you
are persecuting.
16 But get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for
this purpose: to appoint you as a servant and a witness of what you
have seen of me and of the things in which I will appear to you,
17 rescuing you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I
am sending you
18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light
and from the authority of Satan to God, to receive forgiveness of sins
and an inheritance among those sanctified by faith in me.'
19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly
vision,
20 but proclaimed first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and
throughout the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they
should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.
21 For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to
kill me.
22 But having obtained help from God, I stand to this day bearing
witness to small and great alike, saying nothing beyond what the
prophets and Moses said would happen:
23 that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead,
would proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles."
24 As he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said in a loud
voice, "You are out of your mind, Paul! Your great learning is driving
you mad."
25 But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus. I
speak words of truth and sound judgment.
26 For the king knows about these things, and I speak freely to him. I
am convinced that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this
was not done in a corner.
27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you
believe."
28 Agrippa said to Paul, "In so short a time are you persuading me to
become a Christian?"
29 Paul said, "I pray to God that, whether in a short time or a long
time, not only you but all who hear me today might become as I am,
except for these bonds."
30 Then the king rose, along with the governor, Bernice, and those
sitting with them.
31 As they withdrew, they spoke with one another, saying, "This man
is doing nothing deserving death or imprisonment."
32 Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been released if he
had not appealed to Caesar."

27

1 When it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they handed Paul
and some other prisoners over to a centurion named Julius, of the
Augustan Cohort.

2 We boarded a ship from Adramyttium that was about to sail to the
ports along Asia, and set sail. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from
Thessalonica, was with us.
3 The next day we put in at Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly and
allowed him to go to his friends and receive their care.
4 We sailed from there under the shelter of Cyprus, because the
winds were against us.
5 After crossing the open sea off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to
Myra in Lycia.
6 There the centurion found a ship from Alexandria sailing for Italy
and put us aboard it.
7 We sailed slowly for many days and barely reached a point off
Cnidus. Since the wind would not let us go on, we sailed under the
shelter of Crete, off Salmone.
8 We made our way along its coast with difficulty and came to a
place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.
9 Much time had passed, and sailing was now dangerous because
even the Fast had already passed. Paul advised them,
10 saying, “Men, I see that the voyage will bring damage and great
loss, not only to the cargo and the ship but also to our lives.”
11 But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and the
shipowner than to what Paul said.
12 Since the harbor was unsuitable for wintering, the majority
decided to sail from there, hoping somehow to reach Phoenix, a
harbor of Crete facing southwest and northwest, and spend the winter
there.
13 When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had
gained their purpose. They weighed anchor and sailed close along
Crete.
14 But soon a violent wind called Euraquilo swept down from the
island.
15 The ship was caught and could not face the wind, so we gave way
and were driven along.
16 Running under the shelter of a small island called Cauda, we
barely managed to secure the ship's boat.
17 After hoisting it aboard, they secured the ship with ropes passed
underneath. Fearing they would be driven onto the Syrtis, they
lowered the gear and drifted along in this way.
18 The storm battered us violently, and the next day they began
throwing the cargo overboard.
19 On the third day they threw the ship's equipment overboard with
their own hands.
20 For many days neither sun nor stars appeared, and a violent
storm kept bearing down on us. At last all hope of our being saved
was lost.
21 After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood among
them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not sailed
from Crete, and so avoided this damage and loss.
22 But now I urge you to take courage, for there will be no loss of life
among you, only of the ship.

23 For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and
whom I serve stood beside me,
24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar, and
look, God has granted you all those sailing with you.'
25 So take courage, men, for I believe God that it will happen just as I
have been told.
26 But we must run aground on some island."
27 On the fourteenth night, as we were being driven about in the sea
of Adria, around midnight the sailors suspected that land was drawing
near.
28 They took a sounding and found a depth of about 120 feet. A little
farther on they took another sounding and found about 90 feet.
29 Fearing we might be driven onto rocks, they dropped four
anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come.
30 The sailors tried to escape from the ship and lowered the boat
into the sea, pretending that they were going to lay out anchors from
the bow.
31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay
in the ship, you cannot be saved."
32 Then the soldiers cut the boat's ropes and let it fall away.
33 As day was about to dawn, Paul urged everyone to take food,
saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have continued waiting
without food, having taken nothing.
34 So I urge you to eat, for this is for your survival. Not a hair will be
lost from the head of any of you."
35 After saying this, he took bread, gave thanks to God before them
all, broke it, and began to eat.
36 They all took courage and ate some food themselves.
37 There were 276 of us in all on the ship.
38 When they had eaten their fill, they lightened the ship by
throwing the wheat into the sea.
39 When day came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a
bay with a beach where they planned to run the ship ashore if they
could.
40 They cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same
time loosening the lashings of the rudders. They hoisted the foresail to
the wind and headed for the beach.
41 But they struck a place where two seas met and ran the ship
aground. The bow stuck fast and remained immovable, while the
stern was being broken up by the force of the sea.
42 The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners so that none could swim
away and escape.
43 But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, prevented them from
carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump
overboard first and get to land,
44 and the rest to follow, some on planks and some on pieces of the
ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

28

1 After we had reached safety, we learned that the island was called
Malta.

2 The islanders showed us extraordinary kindness. They lit a fire
and welcomed us all because of the rain that had set in and because of
the cold.
3 Paul gathered a bundle of sticks and put it on the fire. A viper
came out because of the heat and fastened onto his hand.
4 When the islanders saw the creature hanging from his hand, they
said to one another, “This man must be a murderer. Though he
escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.”
5 But he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.
6 They expected him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. After
waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they
changed their minds and said he was a god.
7 Near that place were estates belonging to the chief official of the
island, named Publius. He welcomed us and kindly hosted us for three
days.
8 Publius’s father was lying in bed, suffering from fevers and
dysentery. Paul went in to see him, prayed, laid his hands on him, and
healed him.
9 After this happened, the rest of the island’s sick people also came
and were healed.
10 They honored us in many ways, and when we set sail, they
supplied what we needed.
11 After three months we set sail in a ship from Alexandria that had
wintered on the island and had the Twin Brothers as its emblem.
12 We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days.
13 From there we weighed anchor and reached Rhegium. A day later
a south wind came up, and on the second day we arrived at Puteoli.
14 There we found some brothers and were invited to stay with
them for seven days. And so we came to Rome.
15 When the brothers there heard about us, they came as far as the
Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them,
Paul thanked God and took courage.
16 When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself with
the soldier guarding him.
17 Three days later he called together the leading men of the Jews.
When they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, although I have
done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, I was
handed over as a prisoner from Jerusalem to the Romans.
18 After questioning me, they wanted to release me because there
were no grounds for putting me to death.
19 But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar,
though I had no charge to bring against my nation.
20 For this reason I asked to see you and speak with you, because it
is for the hope of Israel that I wear this chain.”
21 They said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about
you, and none of the brothers who have come has reported or said
anything bad about you.
22 But we want to hear your views, for we know that this sect is
spoken against everywhere.”
23 They arranged a day with him and came in greater numbers to
his lodging. From morning until evening he explained and solemnly

testified about the kingdom of God, trying to persuade them about
Jesus from both the law of Moses and the Prophets.
24 Some were persuaded by what he said, but others did not believe.
25 They disagreed with one another and began to leave after Paul
made this one statement: “The Holy Spirit rightly spoke to your
fathers through Isaiah the prophet,
26 saying, ‘Go to this people and say: “You will keep hearing but
never understand, and you will keep looking but never perceive.
27 For this people's heart has grown dull, and they have become
hard of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, so that they might
not see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their
heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” ’
28 Therefore, know that this salvation of God has been sent to the
Gentiles. They will listen.”
29 [After he said this, the Jews went away, arguing at length among
themselves.]
30 He stayed two full years in his own rented lodging and welcomed
everyone who came to him,
31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord
Jesus Christ with complete boldness and without hindrance.

Romans

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart
for the gospel of God,
2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy
Scriptures,
3 concerning his Son, who was born of David's line according to the
flesh
4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the
Spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.
5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to bring about the
obedience of faith among all the nations for the sake of his name.
6 Among them you too are called to belong to Jesus Christ.
7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace
to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because
your faith is being proclaimed throughout the world.
9 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, is my
witness that I remember you unceasingly,
10 always in my prayers, asking that somehow, at last, by God's will I
may succeed in coming to you.
11 For I long to see you so that I may share some spiritual gift with
you to strengthen you,
12 that is, so that we may be encouraged together by one another's
faith, both yours and mine.
13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often
planned to come to you (but have been prevented until now), so that I
might have some fruit among you as among the other Gentiles.
14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to non-Greeks, both to the wise
and to the foolish.
15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you in Rome as
well.
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the
Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as
it is written, "The righteous person will live by faith."
18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all
ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in
unrighteousness,
19 because what can be known of God is plain among them, for God
has made it plain to them.
20 For since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes, his
eternal power and divinity, have been clearly seen, understood
through what he has made, so that they are without excuse.
21 For although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or
give thanks to him. Instead, their reasoning became futile and their
foolish heart was darkened.
22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for images
resembling corruptible human beings, birds, four-footed animals, and
reptiles.
24 Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their hearts to
impurity, so that their bodies were dishonored among them.
25 They exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and
served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.
Amen.
26 For this reason God gave them over to dishonorable passions.
Their women exchanged natural relations for those contrary to
nature,
27 and likewise the men abandoned natural relations with women
and burned in their desire for one another. Men committed shameful
acts with men and received in themselves the due penalty for their
error.
28 And just as they did not see fit to retain the knowledge of God, God
gave them over to a debased mind, to do what ought not to be done.
29 They are filled with every kind of unrighteousness, wickedness,
greed, and evil, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They
are gossips,
30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, proud, boastful, inventors of
evil, disobedient to parents,
31 foolish, untrustworthy, without natural affection, and merciless.
32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who
practice such things deserve death, they not only do them but also
approve of those who practice them.

2

1 Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are who judge. For
when you judge another, you condemn yourself, because you who
judge practice the same things.
2 We know that God's judgment against those who practice such
things is according to truth.
3 Do you suppose, you who judge those who practice such things and
do them yourself, that you will escape God's judgment?
4 Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, forbearance, and
patience, not recognizing that God's kindness leads you to repentance?
5 But because of your hardness and unrepentant heart, you are
storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God's
righteous judgment is revealed.
6 He will repay each person according to their works:
7 eternal life to those who, by perseverance in doing good, seek
glory, honor, and immortality,
8 but wrath and fury to those who are selfishly ambitious and
disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness.
9 There will be affliction and distress for every human being who
does evil, for the Jew first and also for the Greek,
10 but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, for the
Jew first and also for the Greek.
11 For God shows no partiality.

12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without
the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the
law
13 (for it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God,
but the doers of the law who will be justified.
14 For when Gentiles who do not have the law do by nature what the
law requires, they are a law to themselves, though they do not have
the law.
15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts,
while their conscience bears witness and their thoughts accuse or
even defend them)
16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God judges people's
secrets through Christ Jesus.
17 But if you call yourself a Jew, rely on the law, and boast in God,
18 and know his will and approve what is excellent because you
have been instructed from the law,
19 and are confident that you are a guide to the blind, a light to those
in darkness,
20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of infants, having in the law
the expression of knowledge and truth,
21 then you who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who
preach against stealing, do you steal?
22 You who say not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery?
You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?
23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the
law?
24 For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the
Gentiles because of you."
25 For circumcision is of value if you practice the law. But if you are
a lawbreaker, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.
26 So if an uncircumcised person keeps the law's requirements, will
not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?
27 And the one who is physically uncircumcised but fulfills the law
will judge you who, despite having the written code and circumcision,
break the law.
28 For a person is not a Jew merely outwardly, nor is circumcision
merely outward in the flesh.
29 Rather, a person is a Jew inwardly, and circumcision is of the
heart, in the Spirit, not the written code. That person's praise comes
from God, not from people.

3

1 What advantage, then, does the Jew have? Or what is the benefit of
circumcision?
2 Much in every way. First of all, they were entrusted with the
words of God.
3 What then? If some were unfaithful, will their unfaithfulness
nullify God's faithfulness?
4 By no means! Let God be true and every human being a liar, as it is
written, "So that you may be justified in your words and prevail when
you are judged."

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates God's righteousness,
what shall we say? Is God unjust when he brings wrath? I am
speaking in human terms.
6 By no means! Otherwise, how will God judge the world?
7 But if God's truth has abounded through my lie to his glory, why
am I still judged as a sinner?
8 And why not say, as we are slandered and as some claim we say,
“Let us do evil so that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.
9 What then? Are we better off? Not at all, for we have already
charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin,
10 as it is written:
“There is no one righteous, not even one.
11 There is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.
12 All have turned aside;
together they have become worthless.
There is no one who does good, not even one.
13 Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.
Vipers’ venom is under their lips.
14 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.
15 Their feet are swift to shed blood;
16 ruin and misery are in their paths,
17 and they have not known the way of peace.
18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.”
19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those
under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole
world held accountable to God.
20 For no human being will be justified before him by works of the
law, because through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God has been revealed apart from
the law, though the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it,
22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who
believe. For there is no distinction:
23 all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that
is in Christ Jesus.
25 God presented him as a propitiation through faith in his blood, to
demonstrate his righteousness, because he had passed over the sins
previously committed
26 in God’s forbearance. This was to demonstrate his righteousness
at the present time, so that he would be just and the justifier of the
one who has faith in Jesus.
27 Where, then, is boasting? It has been excluded. By what law? Of
works? No, but by the law of faith.
28 For we consider that a person is justified by faith apart from
works of the law.
29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not also the God of Gentiles?
Yes, of Gentiles too,
30 since God is one, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the
uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then nullify the law through faith? By no means! Rather,
we uphold the law.

4

1 What, then, shall we say Abraham, our forefather according to the
flesh, has found?
2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast
about, but not before God.
3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it
was counted to him as righteousness.”
4 Now to the one who works, wages are counted as a debt, not as a
gift.
5 But to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies
the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,
6 just as David also speaks of the blessedness of the person to whom
God counts righteousness apart from works:
7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and whose sins
are covered.
8 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.”
9 Is this blessedness, then, for the circumcised, or also for the
uncircumcised? For we say, “Faith was counted to Abraham as
righteousness.”
10 How, then, was it counted? While he was circumcised or
uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.
11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness
of the faith he had while uncircumcised. This was so that he might be
the father of all who believe while uncircumcised, so that
righteousness might be counted to them,
12 and the father of the circumcised who are not only circumcised
but also follow in the footsteps of the faith our father Abraham had
while uncircumcised.
13 For the promise to Abraham or his offspring that he would be heir
of the world did not come through the law, but through the
righteousness of faith.
14 For if those of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the
promise nullified.
15 For the law produces wrath, but where there is no law, there is no
transgression.
16 For this reason it is by faith, so that it may be according to grace
and the promise may be secure for all the offspring, not only those of
the law but also those of Abraham’s faith. He is the father of us all,
17 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations.” He
is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to
the dead and calls the things that do not exist as though they exist.
18 Against hope, he believed in hope, so that he might become the
father of many nations, according to what had been said, “So shall
your offspring be.”
19 Without weakening in faith, he considered his own body, as good
as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of
Sarah’s womb.

20 Yet he did not waver in unbelief regarding God's promise, but was
strengthened in faith, giving glory to God
21 and being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had
promised.
22 That is why it was counted to him as righteousness.
23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for him
alone,
24 but also for us, to whom it will be counted, who believe in the one
who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.
25 He was handed over for our trespasses and raised for our
justification.

5

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace
in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3 And not only that, but we also rejoice in afflictions, knowing that
affliction produces perseverance,
4 and perseverance proven character, and proven character hope.
5 And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has
been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to
us.
6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the
ungodly.
7 For scarcely would anyone die for a righteous person, though
perhaps someone might even dare to die for a good person.
8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in that while we were
still sinners, Christ died for us.
9 Much more, then, having now been justified by his blood, we will
be saved from wrath through him.
10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God
through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, we
will be saved by his life.
11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord
Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and
death through sin, and so death spread to all people because all
sinned—
13 for sin was in the world before the law, but sin is not counted
when there is no law.
14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did
not sin in the likeness of Adam's transgression. He is a pattern of the
one who was to come.
15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through
the trespass of the one, much more did the grace of God and the gift
by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.
16 And the gift is not like what came through the one who sinned.
For the judgment followed one trespass and led to condemnation, but
the gift followed many trespasses and led to justification.

17 For if death reigned through the one by that one's trespass, much
more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of
righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.
18 So then, just as one trespass led to condemnation for all people, so
also one righteous act led to justification bringing life for all people.
19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many
were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one the many
will be made righteous.
20 Now the law came in so that the trespass might increase. But
where sin increased, grace abounded even more,
21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign
through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

6

1 What shall we say, then? Should we continue in sin so that grace
may increase?
2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?
3 Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ
Jesus were baptized into his death?
4 Therefore we were buried with him through baptism into death,
so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the
Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
5 For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death,
we will also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.
6 We know this: our old self was crucified with him so that the body
of sin might be rendered powerless, so that we would no longer be
slaves to sin.
7 For the one who has died has been acquitted of sin.
8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with
him.
9 We know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no
more; death no longer rules over him.
10 For the death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he
lives, he lives to God.
11 So you too must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God
in Christ Jesus.
12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you
obey its desires.
13 Do not present the parts of your body to sin as weapons of
unrighteousness. Instead, present yourselves to God as those alive
from the dead, and the parts of your body to God as weapons of
righteousness.
14 For sin will not rule over you, because you are not under law but
under grace.
15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but
under grace? By no means!
16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as
slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one you obey, whether of
sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God that, though you were slaves of sin, you
obeyed from the heart the pattern of teaching to which you were
handed over.
18 And having been set free from sin, you were made slaves of
righteousness.
19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your
flesh. For just as you presented the parts of your body as slaves to
impurity and to lawlessness leading to lawlessness, so now present
them as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.
20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to
righteousness.
21 What fruit did you have then from the things of which you are
now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.
22 But now, having been set free from sin and made slaves of God,
you have your fruit leading to sanctification, and the end is eternal
life.
23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

7

1 Or do you not know, brothers (for I am speaking to those who
know the law), that the law rules over a person only as long as that
person lives?
2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he
lives, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law binding her
to him.
3 So then, if she belongs to another man while her husband lives,
she will be called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is free
from the law and is not an adulteress if she belongs to another man.
4 So, my brothers, you too were put to death to the law through the
body of Christ, so that you might belong to another, to the one raised
from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.
5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions that came
through the law were at work in the parts of our body to bear fruit for
death.
6 But now we have been released from the law, having died to what
held us, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the
old way of the written code.
7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? By no means! Yet I would
not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have
known coveting if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”
8 But sin seized an opportunity through the commandment and
produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin is
dead.
9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment
came, sin came to life
10 and I died. The very commandment meant for life proved to
bring death to me.
11 For sin seized an opportunity through the commandment,
deceived me, and through it killed me.

12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous
and good.
13 Did what is good, then, become death to me? By no means! It was
sin, producing death in me through what is good, so that it might be
shown to be sin, and so that through the commandment sin might
become utterly sinful.
14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold under
sin.
15 For I do not understand what I do. I do not practice what I want,
but I do what I hate.
16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law that it is good.
17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin dwelling in me.
18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.
For the desire to do good is present with me, but carrying it out is not.
19 For I do not do the good I want, but I practice the evil I do not
want.
20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin
dwelling in me.
21 So I find this law: when I want to do good, evil is present with me.
22 For in my inner self I delight in the law of God,
23 but I see another law in the parts of my body, waging war against
the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin in the
parts of my body.
24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body
of death?
25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself
serve the law of God with my mind, but the law of sin with my flesh.

8

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from
the law of sin and death.
3 For what the law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh,
God did: he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an
offering for sin, and condemned sin in the flesh,
4 so that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in
us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the
things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, on the
things of the Spirit.
6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the
Spirit is life and peace,
7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostility toward God. It does
not submit to God's law, nor can it.
8 And those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of
God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does
not belong to him.
10 But if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, yet the
Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells
in you, the one who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give
life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who dwells in you.
12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, but not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh.
13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die. But if by the
Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery leading back to fear, but
you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, “Abba, Father!”
16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are
children of God.
17 And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with
Christ, if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified
with him.
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not
worth comparing with the glory to be revealed in us.
19 For creation eagerly awaits the revealing of the sons of God.
20 For creation was subjected to futility, not willingly but because of
the one who subjected it, in hope
21 that creation itself will also be set free from slavery to decay into
the glorious freedom of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together
and suffering the pains of childbirth until now.
23 And not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits
of the Spirit, groan inwardly, eagerly awaiting adoption, the
redemption of our body.
24 For in hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, for
who hopes for what is seen?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with
perseverance.
26 In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness. For we
do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself
intercedes with inexpressible groanings.
27 And the one who searches hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to God's will.
28 And we know that all things work together for good for those who
love God, who are called according to his purpose.
29 For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many
brothers.
30 And those he predestined he also called, and those he called he
also justified, and those he justified he also glorified.
31 What shall we say, then, to these things? If God is for us, who is
against us?
32 He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also graciously give us all things with him?
33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who
justifies.

34 Who is the one who condemns? Christ is the one who died, and
more than that, was raised, who is also at the right hand of God and
intercedes for us.
35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Affliction, distress,
persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword?
36 As it is written,
"For your sake we are being put to death all day long;
we are counted as sheep for slaughter."
37 But in all these things we are more than conquerors through the
one who loved us.
38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor
rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powers,
39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ; I am not lying. My conscience
bears witness with me in the Holy Spirit
2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and separated from
Christ for the sake of my brothers, my relatives according to the flesh.
4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the
covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.
5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from them came the Christ
according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.
6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who
descend from Israel are Israel,
7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's offspring.
Rather, "Through Isaac your offspring will be named."
8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God,
but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.
9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, and Sarah
will have a son."
10 And not only that, but Rebekah also conceived by one man, our
father Isaac.
11 For before they were born or had done anything good or evil, so
that God's purpose according to election might stand,
12 not from works but from the one who calls, she was told, "The
older will serve the younger."
13 As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."
14 What shall we say, then? Is there injustice with God? By no
means!
15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."
16 So then, it depends not on the one who wills or the one who runs,
but on God, who shows mercy.
17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised
you up, so that I might show my power in you and so that my name
might be proclaimed throughout the earth."
18 So then, he has mercy on whom he wills, and he hardens whom
he wills.

19 You will say to me, then, “Why does he still find fault? For who
has resisted his will?”
20 But who are you, a human being, to answer back to God? Will
what is formed say to the one who formed it, “Why did you make me
like this?”
21 Or does the potter not have authority over the clay, to make from
the same lump one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?
22 But what if God, wanting to show his wrath and make his power
known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for
destruction,
23 and did so to make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of
mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory,
24 even us whom he also called, not only from among Jews but also
from among Gentiles?
25 As he also says in Hosea,
“I will call those who were not my people ‘my people,’ and her who
was not loved ‘beloved.’ ”
26 “And in the place where they were told, ‘You are not my people,’
there they will be called sons of the living God."

27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel,
“Though the number of the sons of Israel is like the sand of the sea, the
remnant will be saved.
28 For the Lord will carry out his sentence on the earth completely and
without delay."
29 And as Isaiah said beforehand,
“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have become
like Sodom and been made like Gomorrah."
30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue
righteousness have attained righteousness, the righteousness that is
by faith,
31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not reach that law.
32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith but as though it
were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,
33 as it is written, “Look, I am laying in Zion a stumbling stone and a
rock that makes people stumble, and the one who believes in him will
not be put to shame.”

10

1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is for their
salvation.
2 For I bear witness for them that they have zeal for God, but not
according to knowledge.
3 For, not knowing the righteousness of God and seeking to establish
their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.
4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who
believes.
5 For Moses writes that the person who practices the righteousness
that is from the law will live by it.
6 But the righteousness that is by faith speaks this way: “Do not say
in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ
down),

7 “or, ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up
from the dead).
8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in
your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we preach:
9 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in
your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
10 For with the heart one believes, leading to righteousness, and
with the mouth one confesses, leading to salvation.
11 For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be
put to shame."
12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, since the same
Lord is Lord of all and is rich toward all who call on him.
13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
14 How, then, can they call on the one in whom they have not
believed? And how can they believe in the one whom they have not
heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching?
15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written,
“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”
16 But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has
believed our report?”
17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of
Christ.
18 But I ask, did they not hear? Indeed they did: “Their sound has
gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”
19 But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will make
you jealous by what is not a nation; by a nation without
understanding I will make you angry.”
20 And Isaiah boldly says, “I was found by those who did not seek
me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.”
21 But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I stretched out my
hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

11

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I too am
an Israelite, of Abraham’s offspring, of the tribe of Benjamin.
2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Or do you not
know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he
appeals to God against Israel?
3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars,
and I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.”
4 But what does the divine reply say to him? “I have kept for myself
seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”
5 So too at the present time there is a remnant according to the
election of grace.
6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer from works; otherwise grace
would no longer be grace.
7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks, but the elect
have obtained it. The rest were hardened,
8 as it is written,
“God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears
that would not hear, to this very day.”

9 And David says,
“Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a
retribution for them.
10 Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their
backs forever.”
11 I ask, then, did they stumble so as to fall? By no means! Rather,
through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make
them jealous.
12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world and their failure
riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!
13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Insofar as I am an apostle to
the Gentiles, I honor my ministry,
14 in the hope that I may somehow make those of my own flesh
jealous and save some of them.
15 For if their rejection means reconciliation for the world, what will
their acceptance be but life from the dead?
16 If the first portion of dough is holy, so is the whole batch, and if
the root is holy, so are the branches.
17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive
tree, were grafted in among them and came to share the rich root of
the olive tree,
18 do not boast over the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you
who support the root, but the root that supports you.
19 Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be
grafted in.”
20 That is true. They were broken off because of unbelief, but you
stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but fear.
21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he
spare you.
22 Consider, then, God's kindness and severity: severity toward those
who fell, but God’s kindness toward you, if you continue in his
kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off.
23 And they too, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted
in, for God is able to graft them in again.
24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and,
contrary to nature, grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much
more will these natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree!
25 For I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers, so
that you will not be wise in your own eyes: a partial hardening has
come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in,
26 and in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,
“The Deliverer will come from Zion;
he will turn ungodliness away from Jacob.
27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”
28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake, but as
regards election, they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.
29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
30 For just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy
through their disobedience,
31 so they too have now disobeyed, so that through the mercy shown
to you they too may now receive mercy.

32 For God has confined all in disobedience so that he may have
mercy on all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways!
34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his
counselor?”
35 “Or who has first given to him, that he should be repaid?”
36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever. Amen.

12

1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, which is
your reasonable worship.
2 And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind, so that you may discern the will of God, what
is good and pleasing and perfect.
3 For by the grace given to me I say to each of you: do not think
more highly of yourself than you ought, but think with sound
judgment, according to the measure of faith God has allotted to each.
4 For just as we have many parts in one body, and not all the parts
have the same function,
5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually
members of one another.
6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: if
prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to faith;
7 if service, let us serve; let the one who teaches teach;
8 let the one who exhorts exhort; let the one who shares do so with
generosity, the one who leads with diligence, and the one who shows
mercy with cheerfulness.
9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor evil; cling to good.
10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Take the lead in
honoring one another.
11 Do not be sluggish in zeal; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord.
12 Rejoice in hope; persevere in affliction; be constant in prayer.
13 Share in the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute; bless and do not curse.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.
16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on
high things, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own
eyes.
17 Repay no one evil for evil. Take care to do what is honorable in
the sight of all.
18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live at peace with
everyone.
19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but leave room for God's
wrath, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.”
20 But “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him
something to drink. For by doing this you will heap burning coals on
his head.”

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

13

1 Let every person submit to the governing authorities, for there is
no authority except from God, and those that exist have been
appointed by God.
2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed what God has
ordained, and those who have opposed it will bring judgment on
themselves.
3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you
want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will
receive praise from it,
4 for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is evil, be
afraid, for it does not bear the sword in vain. It is God's servant, an
avenger bringing wrath on the one who does evil.
5 Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath but
also because of conscience.
6 For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are God's servants,
constantly attending to this very task.
7 Give everyone what is owed: taxes to whom taxes are owed,
customs duties to whom customs duties are owed, respect to whom
respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.
8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for whoever
loves another has fulfilled the law.
9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall
not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet," and any other
commandment, are summed up in this saying: “You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.”
10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment
of the law.
11 And do this, knowing the time: it is already time for you to wake
from sleep, for our salvation is nearer now than when we believed.
12 The night is far gone, and the day has drawn near. So let us cast
off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
13 Let us walk honorably, as in the daytime, not in revelry and
drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in strife
and jealousy,
14 but put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.

14

1 Welcome the one who is weak in faith, but not to quarrel over
opinions.
2 One person believes he may eat everything, while the weak person
eats vegetables.
3 The one who eats must not despise the one who does not eat, and
the one who does not eat must not judge the one who eats, for God has
welcomed him.
4 Who are you to judge someone else's household servant? Before
his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is
able to make him stand.

5 One person regards one day above another; another regards every
day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.
6 The one who observes the day observes it for the Lord. And the
one who eats does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God. The one
who does not eat abstains for the Lord and gives thanks to God.
7 For none of us lives for himself, and none dies for himself.
8 For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the
Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
9 For this is why Christ died and lived again, so that he might be
Lord of both the dead and the living.
10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you despise your
brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
11 For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to
me, and every tongue will acknowledge God.”
12 So each of us will give an account of himself.
13 Therefore let us no longer judge one another. Instead, decide not
to put a stumbling block or an obstacle in a brother's way.
14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is
unclean in itself. But for the one who considers something unclean,
for him it is unclean.
15 For if your brother is grieved because of food, you are no longer
walking in love. Do not destroy by your food the one for whom Christ
died.
16 Therefore do not let what is good for you be spoken of as evil.
17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but
righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
18 For the one who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and
approved by people.
19 So then, let us pursue what makes for peace and for building one
another up.
20 Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things
are clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat in a way that causes
stumbling.
21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything by which
your brother stumbles or is caused to fall or is weakened.
22 Keep the faith you have to yourself before God. Blessed is the one
who does not condemn himself in what he approves.
23 But the one who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it is not
from faith. And whatever is not from faith is sin.

15

1 Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those who
are not strong, and not to please ourselves.
2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.
3 For even Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The
insults of those who insult you fell on me.”
4 For everything written beforehand was written for our instruction,
so that through perseverance and through the encouragement of the
Scriptures we might have hope.
5 May the God of perseverance and encouragement grant you to be
of the same mind toward one another according to Christ Jesus,

6 so that together with one voice you may glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7 Therefore welcome one another, just as Christ also welcomed you,
to the glory of God.
8 For I say that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised for
the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises to the fathers,
9 and so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy, as it is
written,
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your
name."
10 And again it says,
"Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people."
11 And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you nations, and let all the peoples praise him."
12 And again Isaiah says,
"There will be the root of Jesse, the one who rises to rule the nations;
in him the nations will hope."
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
14 I myself am convinced about you, my brothers, that you
yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to
admonish one another.
15 But I have written to you more boldly on some points, to remind
you, because of the grace given to me by God
16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, performing priestly
service for the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may
be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
17 Therefore I have reason to boast in Christ Jesus in matters
pertaining to God.
18 For I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has
accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience, by word
and deed,
19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit. So
from Jerusalem and the surrounding regions as far as Illyricum, I
have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.
20 And I have made it my ambition to preach the gospel where
Christ has not been named, so that I would not build on someone
else's foundation,
21 but as it is written,
"Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not
heard will understand."
22 This is why I have so often been prevented from coming to you.
23 But now I no longer have a field of work in these regions, and for
many years I have longed to come to you.
24 For when I go to Spain, I hope to see you as I pass through and to
be helped on my way there by you, after first enjoying your company
for a while.
25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to serve the saints.
26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution
for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

27 They were pleased to do so, and indeed they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they also ought to serve them with material things.
28 So when I have completed this and duly delivered this fruit to them, I will go to Spain by way of you.
29 And I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.
30 Now I urge you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in prayers to God on my behalf,
31 so that I may be rescued from the disobedient in Judea, and my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,
32 so that I may come to you with joy by God's will and be refreshed together with you.
33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

16

1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is also a servant of the church at Cenchreae,
2 so that you may welcome her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and help her in any matter in which she may need you, for she has been a benefactor of many, including me.
3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,
4 who risked their own necks for my life. Not only I but also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks to them.
5 Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Asia for Christ.
6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.
7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and fellow prisoners, who are notable among the apostles and were in Christ before me.
8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.
9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.
10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those of Aristobulus's household.
11 Greet Herodion, my relative. Greet those of Narcissus's household who are in the Lord.
12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who work hard in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked very hard in the Lord.
13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me too.
14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers with them.
15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, Olympas, and all the saints with them.
16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.
17 Now I urge you, brothers, to watch those who cause divisions and stumbling blocks contrary to the teaching you learned, and turn away from them.

18 For such people do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own belly,
and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the
unsuspecting.
19 For news of your obedience has reached everyone, so I rejoice
over you. But I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in
what is evil.
20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
21 Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, as do Lucius, Jason, and
Sosipater, my relatives.
22 I, Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.
23 Gaius, who hosts me and the whole church, greets you. Erastus,
the city administrator, and Quartus, the brother, greet you.
24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
25 [Now to the one who is able to strengthen you according to my
gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the
revelation of the mystery kept silent for long ages,]
26 [but now revealed and made known through the prophetic
Scriptures, by the command of the eternal God, to all the nations for
the obedience of faith,]
27 [to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever
and ever. Amen.]

1 Corinthians

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God,
and Sosthenes our brother,
2 to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus
and called to be saints, together with all who in every place call on the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
4 I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to
you in Christ Jesus,
5 because in him you were enriched in everything, in all speech and
all knowledge,
6 just as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you,
7 so that you lack no gift as you eagerly await the revealing of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
8 He will also keep you firm to the end, blameless on the day of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship
with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
10 Now I urge you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you,
but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.
11 For Chloe's people have informed me about you, my brothers, that
there are quarrels among you.
12 What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I to
Apollos,” or “I to Cephas,” or “I to Christ.”
13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you
baptized into the name of Paul?
14 I give thanks that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
15 so that no one may say you were baptized into my name.
16 I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not
know whether I baptized anyone else.
17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, not
with wisdom of speech, so that the cross of Christ might not be
emptied of its power.
18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
19 For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the
understanding of the discerning.”
20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where is the
debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world
foolish?
21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God
through wisdom, God was pleased through the foolishness of the
message preached to save those who believe.
22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and
foolishness to Gentiles,
24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the
power of God and the wisdom of God.
25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human beings, and the
weakness of God is stronger than human beings.
26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise by
human standards, not many powerful, not many of noble birth.
27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.
28 And God chose the lowborn and despised things of the world, the
things that are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,
29 so that no human being might boast before God.
30 But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom
for us from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

2

1 And when I came to you, brothers, I did not come with superior
speech or wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.
2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and
him crucified.
3 And I was with you in weakness and fear and much trembling.
4 My speech and my proclamation were not with persuasive
wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and power,
5 so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom but on the
power of God.
6 Yet we speak wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of
this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.
7 Rather, we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom
that God predestined before the ages for our glory.
8 None of the rulers of this age knew it, for if they had known it,
they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But as it is written,
“What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, and what has not entered
a human heart, God has prepared for those who love him.”
10 For God has revealed these things to us through the Spirit. For the
Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
11 For who among people knows the things of a person except that
person's spirit within? So too no one knows the things of God except
the Spirit of God.
12 But we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit
who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by
God.
13 We also speak of these things, not in words taught by human
wisdom but in those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things
with spiritual words.
14 But the natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of
God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them
because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But the spiritual person discerns all things, yet is himself judged
by no one.
16 For “who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.

3

1 And I, brothers, could not speak to you as spiritual people, but as
people of flesh, as infants in Christ.
2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able
to take it. Even now you are still unable,
3 for you are still fleshly. For where jealousy and strife are among
you, are you not fleshly and living in a merely human way?
4 For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I to Apollos,”
are you not merely human?
5 What, then, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom
you believed, each as the Lord assigned.
6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,
but God, who gives the growth.
8 The one who plants and the one who waters are one, but each will
receive his own reward according to his own labor.
9 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s
building.
10 According to the grace of God given to me, I laid a foundation as a
wise master builder, and another builds on it. But let each take care
how he builds.
11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one laid, which
is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious
stones, wood, hay, or straw,
13 each person’s work will become evident, for the day will make it
known, because it will be revealed with fire. And the fire itself will
test what kind of work each has done.
14 If the work someone has built on it remains, he will receive a
reward.
15 If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself
will be saved, yet as through fire.
16 Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit
dwells in you?
17 If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For
God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.
18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise
in this age, let him become a fool so that he may become wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is
written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,”
20 and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are
futile.”
21 So let no one boast in human beings. For all things are yours,
22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or
things present or things to come, all are yours,
23 and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

4

1 This is how people should regard us: as servants of Christ and
stewards of the mysteries of God.
2 Moreover, what is required of stewards is that each be found
faithful.
3 But to me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by a
human court. I do not even judge myself.
4 For I am aware of nothing against myself, but this does not justify
me. It is the Lord who judges me.
5 So do not judge anything before the time, until the Lord comes. He
will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and reveal the
intentions of hearts. Then each will receive praise from God.

6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos
for your sake, so that in us you may learn, “Do not go beyond what is
written,” so that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against
another.
7 For who makes you different? What do you have that you did not
receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as though you had
not received it?

8 Already you are satisfied! Already you have become rich! You
have begun to reign without us! If only you really did reign, so that
we too might reign with you!
9 For I think God has displayed us apostles last, like men condemned
to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels
and human beings.
10 We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak,
but you are strong. You are honored, but we are dishonored.
11 To this very hour we hunger and thirst, lack clothing, are beaten,
and have no home,
12 and we toil, working with our own hands. When insulted, we
bless; when persecuted, we endure;
13 when slandered, we appeal. We have become like the world's
garbage, everyone's refuse, to this very day.

14 I am not writing these things to shame you, but to admonish you
as my beloved children.
15 For though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not
have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through
the gospel.
16 Therefore I urge you, be imitators of me.
17 For this reason I sent Timothy to you, my beloved child, faithful in
the Lord. He will remind you of my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach
everywhere in every church.
18 Now some have become puffed up, as though I were not coming
to you.
19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out
not the speech of those who are puffed up, but their power.
20 For the kingdom of God is not in speech but in power.
21 What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod, or with love
and a spirit of gentleness?

5

1 It is widely reported that there is sexual immorality among you,
and of a kind not even found among the Gentiles: a man has his
father's wife.
2 And you are puffed up! Should you not rather have mourned, so
that the one who did this would be removed from among you?
3 For though absent in body but present in spirit, I have already
decided, as though I were present, concerning the one who did this,
4 in the name of our Lord Jesus, when you and my spirit are
gathered together with the power of our Lord Jesus,
5 to hand such a man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh,
so that the spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.
6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven
leavens the whole batch of dough?
7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new batch, as you
are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed.
8 So let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of
malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity
and truth.
9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral
people,
10 not meaning altogether the sexually immoral of this world, or the
greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would have to leave
the world.
11 But now I have written to you not to associate with anyone called
a brother who is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater, a reviler, a
drunkard, or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person.
12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside
whom you judge?
13 God judges those outside. “Remove the evil person from among
yourselves."

6

1 Does any of you, having a dispute with another, dare to go to court
before the unrighteous rather than before the saints?
2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the
world is judged by you, are you unfit to judge the smallest matters?
3 Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the
matters of this life!
4 So if you have cases concerning this life, do you appoint as judges
those who have no standing in the church?
5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is not even one wise
person among you who can decide between brothers,
6 but brother goes to court against brother, and that before
unbelievers?
7 The very fact that you have lawsuits among yourselves is already a
defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be
defrauded?
8 But you yourselves do wrong and defraud, and you do this to
brothers!
9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the
kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral,

nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who take the passive role in sex with men, nor men who have sex with men,
10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.
12 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.
13 Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, but God will do away with both. The body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.
15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? By no means!
16 Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For it says, “The two will become one flesh.”
17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with him.
18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the one who practices sexual immorality sins against his own body.
19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? And you are not your own,
20 for you were bought at a price. So glorify God in your body.

7

1 Now concerning what you wrote: it is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.
2 But because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife and each woman her own husband.
3 Let the husband fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.
4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.
5 Do not deprive one another, except by mutual agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then be together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.
6 I say this as a concession, not as a command.
7 I wish everyone were as I am. But each has his own gift from God, one in this way and another in that.
8 Now I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them to remain as I am.
9 But if they do not exercise self-control, let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.
10 To the married I give this command, not I but the Lord: a wife must not separate from her husband
11 (but if she does separate, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband), and a husband must not leave his wife.

12 To the rest I say, I and not the Lord: if a brother has an
unbelieving wife and she is willing to live with him, he must not leave
her.
13 And if a woman has an unbelieving husband and he is willing to
live with her, she must not leave her husband.
14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through the wife,
and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through the brother.
Otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.
15 But if the unbeliever separates, let that person separate. The
brother or sister is not enslaved in such cases. God has called us in
peace.
16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband?
Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?
17 Only let each live as the Lord has assigned to him and as God has
called him. This is what I direct in all the churches.
18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not seek to
remove the mark of circumcision. Has anyone been called while
uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.
19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but
keeping God's commandments is what matters.
20 Let each remain in the calling in which he was called.
21 Were you called as a slave? Do not let it trouble you. But if you
can become free, take the opportunity.
22 For the one called in the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman.
Likewise, the one called as a free person is Christ's slave.
23 You were bought at a price. Do not become slaves of human
beings.
24 Brothers, let each remain with God in the condition in which he
was called.
25 Now concerning virgins, I have no command from the Lord, but I
give my judgment as one who has received mercy from the Lord to be
faithful.
26 So I think that, because of the present distress, it is good for a
person to remain as he is.
27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek release. Are you free of a
wife? Do not seek a wife.
28 But if you marry, you have not sinned, and if a virgin marries, she
has not sinned. Yet such people will have affliction in the flesh, and I
wish to spare you.
29 This I say, brothers: the time has been shortened. From now on,
let those who have wives be as though they had none,
30 and those who weep as though not weeping, and those who
rejoice as though not rejoicing, and those who buy as though not
possessing,
31 and those who use the world as though not making full use of it.
For the form of this world is passing away.
32 I want you to be free from cares. The unmarried man is
concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.
33 But the married man is concerned about the things of the world,
how he may please his wife,
34 and he is divided. The unmarried woman and the virgin are
concerned about the things of the Lord, to be holy in both body and

spirit. But the married woman is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.
35 I say this for your own benefit, not to ensnare you, but to promote what is proper and devotion to the Lord without distraction.
36 But if anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward his virgin daughter, if she is past the usual age for marriage and it must be so, let him do what he wishes; he does not sin. Let them marry.
37 But the one who stands firm in his heart, under no necessity and with authority over his own will, and has decided in his own heart to keep his virgin daughter unmarried, will do well.
38 So the one who gives his own virgin daughter in marriage does well, and the one who does not give her in marriage will do better.
39 A wife is bound as long as her husband lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry whom she wishes, only in the Lord.
40 But in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

8

1 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.
2 If anyone thinks he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.
3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by him.
4 So concerning the eating of food sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world and that there is no God but one.
5 For even if there are those called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,
6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.
7 But not everyone has this knowledge. Some, because they are still accustomed to the idol, eat the food as something sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.
8 But food will not commend us to God. We are no better if we eat and no worse if we do not eat.
9 But take care that this right of yours does not become a stumbling block to the weak.
10 For if someone sees you who have knowledge reclining at a meal in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, weak as it is, be encouraged to eat food sacrificed to idols?
11 For by your knowledge the weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.
12 So when you sin against the brothers and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.
13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause my brother to stumble.

9

1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?

2 If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you, for you are the
seal of my apostleship in the Lord.
3 This is my defense to those who examine me:
4 Do we not have the right to eat and drink?
5 Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the
other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?
6 Or are Barnabas and I the only ones who have no right to refrain
from working?
7 Who ever serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a
vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Who tends a flock and does not
feed on the flock's milk?
8 Am I saying these things in merely human terms? Does not the law
say these things too?
9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox
while it is threshing." Is God concerned about oxen?
10 Or does he say it entirely for our sake? For it was written for our
sake, because the one who plows ought to plow in hope, and the one
who threshes in hope of receiving a share.
11 If we sowed spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap
material things from you?
12 If others share in this right over you, do we not even more? But
we have not used this right. Instead, we endure all things so that we
may put no obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.
13 Do you not know that those who perform sacred duties eat from
the temple, and those who attend the altar share in what is offered on
the altar?
14 In the same way, the Lord directed that those who proclaim the
gospel should live from the gospel.
15 But I have used none of these rights. And I have not written these
things so that this may be done for me, for I would rather die
than—no one will nullify my boast!
16 For if I preach the gospel, I have no reason to boast, for necessity
is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!
17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward. But if unwillingly, I have
been entrusted with a stewardship.
18 What, then, is my reward? That when I preach the gospel, I may
offer it free of charge, without making full use of my right in the
gospel.
19 For though I am free from all, I made myself a slave to all, so that
I might win more.
20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews. To those
under the law, as one under the law, though I myself am not under the
law, so that I might win those under the law.
21 To those without law, as one without law, though not without
God's law but under Christ's law, so that I might win those without law.
22 To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have
become all things to all, so that by all means I might save some.
23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in it.
24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only
one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

25 Everyone who competes exercises self-control in all things. They
do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one.
26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.
27 But I beat my body and make it my slave, so that after preaching
to others I myself may not be disqualified.

10

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers
were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea.
2 And all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from a
spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.
5 Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck
down in the wilderness.
6 Now these things became examples for us, so that we would not
desire evil things as they did.
7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The
people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”
8 Nor let us practice sexual immorality as some of them did, and
twenty-three thousand fell in one day.
9 Nor let us put Christ to the test as some of them did and were
destroyed by snakes.
10 And do not grumble as some of them did and were destroyed by
the destroyer.
11 These things happened to them as examples, and they were
written to admonish us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
12 So let the one who thinks he stands take care lest he fall.
13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to
human beings. But God is faithful, and he will not allow you to be
tempted beyond what you can bear. With the temptation he will also
provide the way out, so that you may be able to endure it.
14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
15 I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.
16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not participation in the
blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not participation in the
body of Christ?
17 Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we
all partake of the one loaf.
18 Consider Israel according to the flesh: are not those who eat the
sacrifices participants in the altar?
19 What, then, am I saying? That food sacrificed to idols is anything,
or that an idol is anything?
20 Rather, what they sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to
God, and I do not want you to become participants with demons.
21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you
cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.
22 Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than
he?
23 All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. All things
are lawful, but not all things build up.

24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of the other.
25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for the sake of conscience,
26 for “the earth is the Lord’s, and all that fills it.”
27 If an unbeliever invites you and you wish to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no questions for the sake of conscience.
28 But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you and for the sake of conscience.
29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other person’s. For why is my freedom judged by another’s conscience?
30 If I partake with thanksgiving, why am I maligned for what I give thanks for?
31 So whether you eat or drink or do anything, do all things to the glory of God.
32 Give no cause for stumbling to Jews or Greeks or the church of God,
33 just as I too please everyone in all things, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, so that they may be saved.

11

1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold to the traditions just as I handed them on to you.
3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.
4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head.
5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for it is one and the same as being shaved.
6 For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut short. But if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut short or shaved, let her cover her head.
7 For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.
8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man.
9 Nor was man created for woman, but woman for man.
10 For this reason a woman ought to have authority over her head, because of the angels.
11 Nevertheless, in the Lord neither is woman independent of man nor man independent of woman.
12 For just as woman is from man, so man is born through woman, and all things are from God.
13 Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?
14 Does not nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,
15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her long hair has been given as a covering.
16 But if anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, because you
come together for the worse rather than for the better.
18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that
divisions exist among you, and in part I believe it.
19 For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are
approved may become evident among you.
20 So when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's
Supper.
21 For in eating, each goes ahead with his own supper, and one is
hungry while another is drunk.
22 Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you
despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What
shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I do not praise you.
23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you: that
the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread,
24 and after giving thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which
is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
25 In the same way he also took the cup after supper, saying, "This
cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it,
in remembrance of me."
26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim
the Lord's death until he comes.
27 So whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an
unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of
the Lord.
28 But let a person examine himself, and so eat of the bread and
drink of the cup.
29 For the one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats
and drinks judgment on himself.
30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a
number have died.
31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged.
32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that
we will not be condemned with the world.
33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one
another.
34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you may not
come together for judgment. I will give instructions about the
remaining matters when I come.

12

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be
unaware.
2 You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to mute
idols, however you were led.
3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit
of God says, "Jesus is accursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord,"
except by the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit,
5 and varieties of services, but the same Lord,
6 and varieties of workings, but the same God who works all things
in all.

7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common
good.
8 For to one is given through the Spirit a word of wisdom, and to
another a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by
the one Spirit,
10 to another workings of power, to another prophecy, to another
discernments of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to
another interpretation of tongues.
11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to
each individually just as he wills.
12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the
members of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ.
13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether
Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and all were given one Spirit
to drink.
14 For the body is not one member but many.
15 If the foot says, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the
body,” it does not for that reason cease to belong to the body.
16 And if the ear says, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to
the body,” it does not for that reason cease to belong to the body.
17 If the whole body were an eye, where would hearing be? If the
whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?
18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the
body as he wished.
19 If all were one member, where would the body be?
20 But now there are many members, yet one body.
21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again
the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”
22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem weaker are
indispensable,
23 and those we think less honorable in the body we clothe with
greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater
modesty,
24 while our presentable parts have no need of it. But God has
composed the body, giving greater honor to the member that lacked it,
25 so that there may be no division in the body, but the members
may have the same care for one another.
26 If one member suffers, all the members suffer together; if one
member is honored, all the members rejoice together.
27 Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.
28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second
prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, forms of
help, leadership, and various kinds of tongues.
29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work
miracles?
30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak in tongues? Do all
interpret?
31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more
excellent way.

13

1 If I speak in the tongues of human beings and of angels, but have
no love, I have become resounding bronze or a clanging cymbal.
2 And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but have no love, I am
nothing.
3 And if I distribute all my possessions to feed others, and if I hand
over my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing.
4 Love is patient; love is kind. Love does not envy, does not boast, is
not puffed up,
5 does not behave indecently, does not seek its own interests, is not
provoked, does not keep account of wrongs,
6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth.
7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all
things.
8 Love never fails. But prophecies will be done away with, tongues
will cease, and knowledge will be done away with.
9 For we know in part and prophesy in part,
10 but when what is perfect comes, what is partial will be done away
with.
11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child,
reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish
things.
12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I
know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully
known.
13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, but the
greatest of these is love.

14

1 Pursue love, and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially that you
may prophesy.
2 For the one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to human beings
but to God, for no one understands, but in spirit he speaks mysteries.
3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people to build them up,
exhort them, and comfort them.
4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds himself up, but the one
who prophesies builds up the church.
5 Now I wish you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would
prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks
in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be built up.
6 Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I
benefit you unless I speak to you in revelation or knowledge or
prophecy or teaching?
7 Even lifeless things that produce sound, whether a pipe or a lyre,
must give distinct notes; otherwise, how will what is played on the
pipe or lyre be recognized?
8 And if a trumpet gives an unclear sound, who will prepare for
battle?

9 So too with you: unless you give intelligible speech with your
tongue, how will what is spoken be understood? For you will be
speaking into the air.
10 There are, perhaps, many kinds of languages in the world, and
none is without meaning.
11 So if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a
foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker a foreigner to me.
12 So too with you: since you are eager for spiritual gifts, seek to
abound in them for building up the church.
13 Therefore let the one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may
interpret.
14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is
unfruitful.
15 What, then, shall I do? I will pray with the spirit, but I will also
pray with the mind. I will sing with the spirit, but I will also sing with
the mind.
16 Otherwise, if you give a blessing in spirit, how will someone in the
position of the uninformed say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since he
does not know what you are saying?
17 For you give thanks well, but the other person is not built up.
18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.
19 But in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, so
that I may instruct others too, than ten thousand words in a tongue.
20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil,
but mature in your thinking.
21 In the Law it is written, “Through other tongues and through the
lips of others I will speak to this people, and not even then will they
listen to me, says the Lord.”
22 So tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while
prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers.
23 So if the whole church comes together in one place and all speak
in tongues, and uninformed people or unbelievers come in, will they
not say you are out of your minds?
24 But if all prophesy and an unbeliever or an uninformed person
comes in, he is convicted by all and examined by all.
25 The secrets of his heart become evident, and so he will fall on his
face and worship God, declaring, “God is truly among you.”
26 What, then, is to be done, brothers? When you come together,
each has a psalm, a teaching, a revelation, a tongue, or an
interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two, or at most three,
and each in turn, and let one interpret.
28 But if there is no interpreter, let him be silent in church and speak
to himself and to God.
29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is
said.
30 But if something is revealed to another who is sitting there, let the
first be silent.
31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all
be encouraged
32 (and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets,

33 for God is not a God of disorder but of peace), as in all the
churches of the saints.
34 Let the women be silent in the churches, for they are not
permitted to speak. Rather, let them be in submission, as the Law also
says.
35 And if they wish to learn anything, let them ask their own
husbands at home, for it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.
36 Or did the word of God go out from you? Or did it come to you
alone?
37 If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize
that what I write to you is of the Lord.
38 But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.
39 So then, my brothers, eagerly desire to prophesy, and do not
forbid speaking in tongues.
40 But let all things be done decently and in order.

15

1 Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel I preached to you,
which you also received and in which you stand,
2 through which you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the
word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
4 and that he was buried, and that he has been raised on the third
day according to the Scriptures,
5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.
6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,
most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.
7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
8 And last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle
because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me
was not in vain. Rather, I labored more than all of them, yet not I, but
the grace of God with me.
11 So whether it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is
what you believed.
12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as having been raised from the dead,
how do some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ been
raised.
14 And if Christ has not been raised, our proclamation is empty, and
your faith is empty too.
15 We are also found to be false witnesses about God, because we
testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if
indeed the dead are not raised.
16 For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised.
17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still
in your sins.
18 Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished.

19 If we have hoped in Christ only for this life, we are of all people
most to be pitied.

20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of
those who have fallen asleep.
21 For since death came through a man, resurrection of the dead
also came through a man.
22 For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.
23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then those who
belong to Christ at his coming,
24 then the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father,
when he has brought to nothing every rule and every authority and
power.
25 For he must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
27 for "he subjected all things under his feet." But when it says that
all things have been subjected, it is clear that the one who subjected
all things to him is excepted.
28 And when all things have been subjected to him, then the Son
himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected all things to
him, so that God may be all in all.

29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If
the dead are not raised at all, why are they baptized for them?
30 And why do we face danger every hour?
31 I die every day, as surely as I boast of you in Christ Jesus our Lord.
32 If, in human terms, I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what
does it benefit me? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for
tomorrow we die."
33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."
34 Come to your senses as you ought, and do not sin, for some have
no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? With what kind
of body do they come?"
36 You fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.
37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare grain,
perhaps of wheat or one of the other kinds.
38 But God gives it a body as he wished, and to each seed its own
body.
39 Not all flesh is the same flesh: one kind is human, another is the
flesh of animals, another of birds, and another of fish.
40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the
heavenly is one kind, and the glory of the earthly another.
41 The sun has one glory, the moon another glory, and the stars
another glory, for star differs from star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it
is raised in incorruption.
43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness;
it is raised in power.
44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a
natural body, there is also a spiritual one.

45 So it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the
last Adam became a life-giving spirit.
46 But the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual.
47 The first man is from the earth, made of dust; the second man is
from heaven.
48 As is the man of dust, so also are those of dust, and as is the
heavenly one, so also are those who are heavenly.
49 And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will
also bear the image of the heavenly one.
50 Now I say this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the
kingdom of God, nor does corruption inherit incorruption.
51 Look, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be
changed,
52 in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the
trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we
will be changed.
53 For this corruptible body must put on incorruption, and this
mortal body must put on immortality.
54 And when this corruptible body puts on incorruption and this
mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will
come to pass:
“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
55 “Where, death, is your victory?
Where, death, is your sting?”
56 Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in
vain in the Lord.

16

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, do as I directed the
churches of Galatia to do.
2 On the first day of every week, each of you should set something
aside and save it according to how you prosper, so that collections will
not have to be made when I come.
3 When I arrive, I will send those you approve with letters to carry
your gift to Jerusalem.
4 And if it is fitting for me to go too, they will go with me.
5 I will come to you after I pass through Macedonia, for I am going
through Macedonia.
6 Perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you
may help me on my way wherever I go.
7 For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to stay
with you for some time, if the Lord permits.
8 But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,
9 for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are
many adversaries.
10 If Timothy comes, see that he has nothing to fear among you, for
he is doing the work of the Lord, just as I am.

11 So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, so that
he may come to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.
12 Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to
come to you with the brothers. He was not at all willing to come now,
but he will come when he has an opportunity.
13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.
14 Let all that you do be done in love.
15 Now I urge you, brothers—you know the household of Stephanas,
that they are the firstfruits of Achaia and have devoted themselves to
serving the saints—
16 to submit yourselves to people like these and to everyone who
joins in the work and labors.
17 I rejoice at the arrival of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for
they have made up for your absence.
18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. So recognize people
like these.
19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you
warmly in the Lord, together with the church in their house.
20 All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.
21 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.
22 If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord,
come!
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
24 My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our
brother, to the church of God in Corinth, together with all the saints
throughout Achaia:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father
of mercies and God of all comfort,
4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we can comfort those
in any affliction with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
5 For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so through Christ
our comfort also overflows.
6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are
comforted, it is for your comfort, which works in you as you patiently
endure the same sufferings we also endure.
7 Our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the
sufferings, you also share in the comfort.
8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the
affliction that came upon us in Asia. We were burdened far beyond
our strength, so that we despaired even of life.
9 Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence
of death, so that we would rely on God, who raises the dead, rather
than on ourselves.
10 He rescued us from so great a danger of death and will rescue us.
In him we have set our hope that he will rescue us yet again,
11 as you also help us by your prayers, so that many may give thanks
on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.
12 For this is our boast: our conscience testifies that we have
conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you, with
holiness and sincerity from God, by God's grace rather than by fleshly
wisdom.
13 For we write you nothing other than what you read and
understand, and I hope you will understand to the end,
14 just as you have understood us in part, that we are your reason to
boast, as you also are ours on the day of our Lord Jesus.
15 With this confidence I intended to visit you first, so that you might
receive a second blessing,
16 and to pass through your region on my way to Macedonia, then
return to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to
Judea.
17 When I intended this, was I acting lightly? Or do I make my plans
according to the flesh, so that with me there is both “Yes, yes” and “No,
no”?
18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you is not “Yes” and “No.”
19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among
you—Silvanus, Timothy, and I—was not “Yes” and “No.” In him it has
always been “Yes.”
20 For all God's promises have their “Yes” in him. That is why
through him we also say “Amen” to God, to his glory through us.

21 It is God who establishes us together with you in Christ and has anointed us.
22 He has also set his seal on us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
23 But I call God as witness on my life that it was to spare you that I did not return to Corinth.
24 We do not lord it over your faith, but work with you for your joy, because you stand firm by faith.

2

1 For I decided this for myself: I would not make another painful visit to you.
2 For if I cause you sorrow, who is there to make me glad except the one I have grieved?
3 I wrote this very thing so that when I came I would not be grieved by those who ought to make me glad. I was confident of you all that my joy is the joy of all of you.
4 For I wrote to you out of great affliction and anguish of heart, with many tears, not to cause you sorrow, but to let you know the abundant love I have for you.
5 If anyone has caused sorrow, he has grieved not me, but, to some extent—to avoid overstating it—all of you.
6 This punishment imposed by the majority is enough for such a person.
7 So instead you should forgive and comfort him, so that he is not swallowed up by excessive sorrow.
8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.
9 For I also wrote to put you to the test and find out whether you are obedient in everything.
10 Anyone you forgive, I forgive too. For what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ,
11 so that Satan may not take advantage of us, for we are not unaware of his schemes.
12 When I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ, even though a door had been opened for me in the Lord,
13 I had no rest in my spirit because I did not find Titus my brother. So I said farewell to them and left for Macedonia.
14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ and through us makes the fragrance of the knowledge of him known everywhere.
15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing:
16 to the one, a fragrance from death to death; to the other, a fragrance from life to life. And who is sufficient for these things?
17 For we are not like the many who peddle the word of God. Instead, we speak in Christ with sincerity, as from God and in the sight of God.

3

1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need letters of recommendation to you or from you, as some do?

2 You are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone.
3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, delivered through our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on stone tablets but on hearts of flesh as tablets.
4 Such is the confidence we have toward God through Christ.
5 We are not sufficient in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves; our sufficiency comes from God,
6 who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
7 Now if the ministry of death, engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was passing away,
8 how much more will the ministry of the Spirit have glory?
9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness overflows with far greater glory.
10 Indeed, in this respect what once had glory has no glory, because of the glory that surpasses it.
11 For if what was passing away came with glory, how much more does what remains have glory!
12 Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,
13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at the end of what was passing away.
14 But their minds were hardened. For to this very day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It is not lifted, because it is removed in Christ.
15 To this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart.
16 But whenever one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
18 And we all, with unveiled faces beholding the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

4

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry through the mercy we have received, we do not lose heart.
2 Instead, we have renounced shameful things done in secret. We do not act with cunning or falsify the word of God. By making the truth known, we commend ourselves to every human conscience in the sight of God.
3 Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing.
4 In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, so that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.
5 For we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake, rather than proclaiming ourselves.

6 For God, who said, “Light will shine out of darkness," has shone in
our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face
of Christ.
7 But we have this treasure in clay vessels, so that the surpassing
power may be God's and may not come from us.
8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not
driven to despair;
9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.
10 We always carry the dying of Jesus in our body, so that the life of
Jesus may also be revealed in our body.
11 For we who live are always being handed over to death for Jesus'
sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh.
12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

13 Since we have the same spirit of faith as expressed in what is
written, “I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe, and therefore
we speak,
14 knowing that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with
Jesus and present us together with you.
15 For all this is for your sake, so that grace, increasing through
more and more people, may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the
glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting
away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.
17 For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal
weight of glory beyond all measure,
18 as we fix our attention on what is unseen rather than on what is
seen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

5

1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is dismantled, we
have a building from God, an eternal house in the heavens, not made
by human hands.
2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our dwelling from
heaven,
3 if indeed, having put it on, we will not be found naked.
4 For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden. We do
not wish to be unclothed, but to be further clothed, so that what is
mortal may be swallowed up by life.
5 It is God who has prepared us for this very thing and has given us
the Spirit as a guarantee.

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at
home in the body we are away from the Lord,
7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.
8 We are confident, and would rather be away from the body and at
home with the Lord.
9 So we make it our aim to please him, whether at home or away.
10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that
each may receive what is due for what he has done through the body,
whether good or bad.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade people.
What we are is clear to God, and I hope it is also clear to your
consciences.
12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you a
reason to boast about us, so that you may have an answer for those
who boast in outward appearance rather than in the heart.
13 For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are in our right
minds, it is for you.
14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we have reached this
conclusion: one died for all; therefore all died.
15 And he died for all so that those who live would no longer live for
themselves, but for the one who died and was raised for them.
16 So from now on we regard no one according to the flesh. Even if
we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we no longer regard
him that way.
17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has
passed away; look, the new has come!
18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:
19 God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting
their trespasses against them, and he entrusted the message of
reconciliation to us.
20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making his
appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God.
21 He made the one who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God.

6

1 As fellow workers, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God
in vain.
2 For he says,

“At a favorable time I listened to you, and on a day of salvation I
helped you.”

Look, now is the favorable time! Look, now is the day of salvation!
3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's way, so that the ministry
may not be discredited.
4 Instead, we commend ourselves in every way as God's ministers:
in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, and distress;
5 in beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, and
fasting;
6 in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, and
sincere love;
7 in truthful speech and the power of God; with the weapons of
righteousness in the right hand and the left;
8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise; regarded
as deceivers, yet truthful;
9 as unknown, yet well known; as dying, yet look, we live; as
punished, yet not put to death;
10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich;
as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

11 We have spoken openly to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide
open.
12 You are not restricted by us, but by your own affections.
13 In return—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts too.
14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what
partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what
fellowship is there between light and darkness?
15 What harmony is there between Christ and Beliar? Or what does
a believer share with an unbeliever?
16 What agreement is there between God's temple and idols? For we
are the temple of the living God, as God said:
"I will dwell in them and walk among them.
I will be their God, and they will be my people."
17 "Therefore come out from among them and be separate," says the
Lord, "and touch nothing unclean.
Then I will welcome you,
18 and I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to
me," says the Lord Almighty.

7

1 Therefore, beloved, since we have these promises, let us cleanse
ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, bringing holiness
to completion in the fear of God.
2 Make room for us. We have wronged no one, corrupted no one,
taken advantage of no one.
3 I do not say this to condemn you, for I have said before that you
are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.
4 I speak very freely to you, and I boast greatly about you. I am filled
with comfort; in all our affliction I overflow with joy.
5 For even when we came to Macedonia, our flesh had no rest. We
were afflicted in every way: conflicts outside, fears within.
6 But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the arrival
of Titus,
7 and not only by his arrival, but also by the comfort he had
received from you. He told us of your longing, your mourning, and
your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced all the more.
8 For even if I caused you sorrow with my letter, I do not regret it.
Even if I did regret it—I see that the letter caused you sorrow, though
only for a time—
9 now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your
grief led to repentance. For you were grieved in a godly way, so that
you suffered no harm from us.
10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation,
without regret, but worldly sorrow produces death.
11 Look at what this very godly sorrow has produced in you: what
earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation,
what fear, what longing, what zeal, what readiness to see justice done!
In every way you have shown yourselves to be innocent in this matter.
12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who
did wrong or the one who was wronged, but so that your earnest
concern for us might be made clear to you in the sight of God.

13 For this reason we have been comforted. Beyond our comfort, we
rejoiced even more at Titus' joy, because his spirit has been refreshed
by all of you.
14 For if I boasted to him about you in anything, I was not put to
shame. Just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting
before Titus proved true as well.
15 His affection for you is even greater as he remembers the
obedience of you all and how you received him with fear and
trembling.
16 I rejoice that I can have confidence in you in every way.

8

1 We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God
given among the churches of Macedonia.
2 In a severe trial of affliction, their overflowing joy and deep
poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity.
3 For I testify that they gave according to their ability, and beyond
their ability, of their own free will,
4 begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this service to
the saints.
5 They went beyond what we expected: they gave themselves first to
the Lord and then to us, by the will of God.
6 So we urged Titus, just as he had begun before, to bring this work
of grace to completion among you as well.
7 As you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, all
earnestness, and the love that has come from us to you—excel also in
this work of grace.
8 I am not saying this as a command, but testing the sincerity of your
love through the earnestness of others.
9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: though he was
rich, for your sake he became poor, so that through his poverty you
might become rich.
10 In this matter I give my judgment, for this is to your advantage: a
year ago you were the first not only to act but also to desire to do so.
11 Now finish the work as well, so that your completion of it from
what you have may match your eager desire.
12 For if the willingness is there, it is acceptable according to what
one has, not according to what one does not have.
13 The aim is not relief for others and hardship for you, but equality:
14 at the present time your abundance supplies their need, so that
their abundance may also supply your need, and there may be
equality.
15 As it is written,
“The one who gathered much had no surplus, and the one who
gathered little had no shortage.”
16 But thanks be to God, who puts the same earnest concern for you
in the heart of Titus.
17 For he accepted our appeal, but being all the more eager, he went
to you of his own free will.

18 We sent with him the brother who is praised throughout all the
churches for his service in the gospel.
19 Not only that, but he was also appointed by the churches to travel
with us in this gift of grace that we are administering for the glory of
the Lord himself and to show our eagerness.
20 We are taking care that no one can fault us over this generous gift
we are administering,
21 for we take thought for what is honorable, both in the sight of the
Lord and in the sight of people.
22 We sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and
found eager in many matters, and who is now far more eager because
of great confidence in you.
23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. As for
our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.
24 Therefore show them, before the churches, the proof of your love
and of our reason for boasting about you.

9

1 For it is unnecessary for me to write to you about the service to the
saints.
2 I know your eagerness, which I boast about to the Macedonians,
saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. Your zeal has stirred
up most of them.
3 But I sent the brothers so that our boasting about you in this matter
would not prove empty, and so that you would be ready, just as I said.
4 Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find you
unprepared, we—to say nothing of you—would be put to shame by
this confidence.
5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go to you ahead of
me and arrange in advance the generous gift you had promised, so
that it would be ready as a generous gift rather than something
exacted from you.
6 Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
7 Each should give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
8 And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always
having all you need in everything, you may overflow in every good
work.
9 As it is written,
“He scattered abroad his gifts;
he gave to the poor.
His righteousness endures forever.”
10 The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will
also supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your
righteousness.
11 You are being enriched in every way for every kind of generosity,
which through us produces thanksgiving to God.
12 For the ministry of this service not only supplies the needs of the
saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God.

13 Through the proof this service provides, they glorify God for your
obedience to the gospel of Christ that you confess, and for the
generosity of your sharing with them and with everyone.
14 And in their prayers for you, they long for you because of the
surpassing grace of God upon you.
15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

10

1 I, Paul, appeal to you myself by the meekness and gentleness of
Christ—I who am humble among you in person, but bold toward you
when absent.
2 I beg you that when I am present I will not have to be bold with
the confidence I intend to show toward some who consider us to be
walking according to the flesh.
3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war according to
the flesh.
4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful
through God for tearing down strongholds. We tear down arguments
5 and every lofty thing raised against the knowledge of God, and we
take every thought captive to obey Christ.
6 We are ready to punish every act of disobedience once your
obedience is complete.
7 You look at outward appearances. If anyone is convinced that he
belongs to Christ, let him consider this again: just as he belongs to
Christ, so do we.
8 For even if I boast somewhat more about our authority, which the
Lord gave to build you up and not to tear you down, I will not be put
to shame.
9 I do not want to seem as though I were trying to frighten you with
my letters.
10 For someone says, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his
bodily presence is weak, and his speech is contemptible.”
11 Let such a person consider this: what we are in words through
letters when absent, we are also in deeds when present.
12 For we do not dare to class or compare ourselves with some who
commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by
themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they lack
understanding.
13 We, however, will not boast beyond our limits, but within the
measure of the field God has assigned us—a measure that reaches
even to you.
14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we had not
reached you. We did reach you with the gospel of Christ.
15 We do not boast beyond our limits in the labors of others. Rather,
we hope that as your faith grows, our work among you will grow
abundantly within our assigned field,
16 so that we may proclaim the gospel in the regions beyond you,
without boasting in work already done in someone else's field.
17 “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”
18 For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but
the one the Lord commends.

11

1 I wish you would bear with a little foolishness from me. Yes, bear with me!
2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.
3 But I fear that, just as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be corrupted and led away from sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus whom we did not proclaim, or you receive a different spirit that you did not receive, or a different gospel that you did not accept, you bear with it readily enough!
5 For I consider myself in no way inferior to those most eminent apostles.
6 Even if I am untrained in speech, I am not untrained in knowledge. We have made this clear to you in every way and in all things.
7 Or did I commit a sin by humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I proclaimed the gospel of God to you free of charge?
8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from them to serve you.
9 When I was with you and in need, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I lacked. In every way I kept myself from being a burden to you, and I will continue to do so.
10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia.
11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows.
12 But I will continue doing what I do, to cut off the opportunity of those who want an opportunity to be found equal to us in what they boast about.
13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.
14 And no wonder, for Satan himself disguises himself as an angel of light.
15 So it is no great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will be according to their works.
16 I say again: let no one consider me a fool. But if you do, receive me even as a fool, so that I too may boast a little.
17 What I say in this confidence of boasting, I say not in accordance with the Lord, but as in foolishness.
18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast.
19 For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves!
20 You bear with it if someone enslaves you, devours you, takes advantage of you, exalts himself, or strikes you in the face.
21 To my shame I say it: we have been weak. But whatever anyone dares to claim—I am speaking in foolishness—I dare to claim as well.
22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's descendants? So am I.
23 Are they servants of Christ? I speak as though out of my mind: I am more so. In labors, far more; in imprisonments, far more; in beatings, beyond measure; in danger of death, often.

24 Five times I received from the Jews forty lashes minus one.
25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; I have spent a night and a day in the deep.
26 On frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger at sea, in danger among false brothers;
27 in toil and hardship, in many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, in frequent fasting, in cold and nakedness.
28 Apart from the other things, there is the daily pressure on me: my concern for all the churches.
29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn within?
30 If I must boast, I will boast about the things that show my weakness.
31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.
32 In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes to arrest me,
33 but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

12

1 I must boast, though it is not profitable. I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.
2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body I do not know, or outside the body I do not know; God knows.
3 And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know; God knows—
4 was caught up into paradise and heard inexpressible words that no human being is permitted to speak.
5 I will boast about such a man, but I will not boast about myself except in my weaknesses.
6 For if I wished to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so that no one will think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from me.
7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, to keep me from exalting myself, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to strike me, to keep me from exalting myself.
8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it might leave me.
9 But he has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
10 So I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and distress for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
11 I have become a fool; you compelled me. I ought to have been commended by you, for I was in no way inferior to those most eminent apostles, even though I am nothing.
12 The signs of an apostle were performed among you with all endurance, with signs, wonders, and mighty works.

13 For in what were you treated worse than the other churches,
except that I myself was not a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong!
14 Look, this is the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will
not be a burden. For I seek you, not what is yours. Children should
not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.
15 I will most gladly spend what I have and be spent completely for
your souls. If I love you more, am I loved less?
16 But let it be so: I did not burden you, yet, being crafty, I caught
you by deceit!
17 Did I take advantage of you through any of those I sent to you?
18 I urged Titus to go and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take
advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not
follow the same footsteps?

19 Have you been thinking all this time that we are defending
ourselves before you? We speak in Christ in the sight of God.
Everything, beloved, is for building you up.
20 For I fear that when I come I may not find you as I wish, and you
may not find me as you wish. I fear there may be strife, jealousy,
outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, slander, whispering, arrogance,
and disorder;
21 that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I
may mourn for many who sinned before and have not repented of the
impurity, sexual immorality, and sensual excess they practiced.

13

1 This is the third time I am coming to you. “Every matter will be
established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”
2 I warned you when I was present the second time, and now in my
absence I warn those who sinned before and all the rest: if I come
again, I will not spare them,
3 since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak
toward you, but powerful among you.
4 For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God.
We too are weak in him, but we will live with him by God's power
toward you.

5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test
yourselves. Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus
Christ is in you? Unless, indeed, you fail the test.
6 But I hope you will recognize that we do not fail the test.
7 We pray to God that you do nothing wrong, not so that we may
appear to pass the test, but so that you may do what is right, even if
we appear to fail.
8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth.
9 For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is also
what we pray for: your restoration.
10 That is why I write these things while absent, so that when
present I may not have to act severely according to the authority the
Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Be restored, be encouraged,
be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be
with you.
12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
13 All the saints greet you.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians

1 Paul, an apostle—not from human beings or through a man, but
through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the
dead—
2 and all the brothers and sisters with me, to the churches of Galatia:
3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus
Christ,
4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil
age, according to the will of our God and Father,
5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who
called you by the grace of Christ, turning to a different gospel,
7 which is not another gospel at all. There are some who trouble you
and want to distort the gospel of Christ.
8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a
gospel contrary to the one we proclaimed to you, let him be accursed.
9 As we have said before, I now say again: if anyone proclaims to
you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.
10 For am I now seeking the approval of people or of God? Or am I
trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a
slave of Christ.
11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I
proclaimed is not of human origin.
12 I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it
came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
13 For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I
persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.
14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among
my people, being far more zealous for the traditions of my fathers.
15 But when the one who set me apart from my mother's womb and
called me by his grace was pleased
16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might proclaim him among the
Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood,
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before
me. Instead, I went away to Arabia and returned again to Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to become
acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days.
19 I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.
20 As for what I am writing to you, I declare before God that I am not
lying.
21 Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
22 I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in
Christ.
23 They only kept hearing, “The one who once persecuted us is now
proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.”
24 And they glorified God because of me.

2

1 Then after fourteen years I went up to Jerusalem again with
Barnabas, taking Titus along as well.
2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them the gospel I
proclaim among the Gentiles, privately before those held in esteem, to
make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.
3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be
circumcised, though he was a Greek.
4 This arose because of false brothers secretly brought in, who
slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they
might enslave us.
5 We did not yield in submission to them even for a moment, so that
the truth of the gospel might remain with you.
6 As for those held to be something—whatever they were makes no
difference to me; God shows no partiality—those held in esteem
added nothing to me.
7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel
for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been for the circumcised,
8 for the one who worked through Peter in his apostleship to the
circumcised also worked through me for the Gentiles.
9 When James, Cephas, and John, who were regarded as pillars,
recognized the grace given to me, they gave Barnabas and me the
right hand of fellowship, so that we would go to the Gentiles and they
to the circumcised.
10 They asked only that we remember the poor, the very thing I was
also eager to do.
11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face,
because he stood condemned.
12 For before some men came from James, he used to eat with the
Gentiles. But when they came, he began to draw back and separate
himself, fearing those of the circumcision.
13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, so that even
Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.
14 But when I saw that they were not walking straight according to
the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though
a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the
Gentiles to live like Jews?
15 We are Jews by birth and not sinners from among the Gentiles;
16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but
through faith in Jesus Christ. We too have believed in Christ Jesus, so
that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the
law, because by works of the law no flesh will be justified.
17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were
also found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!
18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I show myself to be a
transgressor.
19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live for God.
I have been crucified with Christ;
20 it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. The life I
now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me
and gave himself for me.

21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes
through the law, then Christ died for nothing."

3

1 Foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes
Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified?
2 I want to learn only this from you: did you receive the Spirit by
works of the law or by hearing with faith?
3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being
brought to completion by the flesh?
4 Did you suffer so much in vain—if indeed it was in vain?
5 So does the one who supplies you with the Spirit and works
miracles among you do so by works of the law or by hearing with
faith?
6 In the same way, Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to
him as righteousness."
7 Know, then, that those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.
8 And Scripture, foreseeing that God justifies the Gentiles by faith,
proclaimed the gospel beforehand to Abraham: "All the nations will
be blessed in you."
9 So those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the man of
faith.
10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse, for it is
written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all the things
written in the book of the law, to do them."
11 Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by the law,
because "The righteous will live by faith."
12 But the law is not based on faith; rather, "The one who does these
things will live by them."
13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse
for us, because it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree,"
14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the
Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through
faith.
15 Brothers and sisters, I speak in human terms: even a human
covenant, once ratified, is not set aside or added to by anyone.
16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It
does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but as referring to
one, "And to your seed," who is Christ.
17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years later, does not
invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the
promise.
18 For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from
a promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham through a promise.
19 Why, then, the law? It was added because of transgressions, until
the seed to whom the promise had been made should come, and it
was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator.
20 Now a mediator is not for one party alone, but God is one.
21 Is the law, then, against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if
a law had been given that could give life, righteousness would indeed
come from the law.

22 But Scripture confined everything under sin, so that the promise
through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
23 Before faith came, we were held in custody under the law,
confined until the faith that was to be revealed.
24 So the law became our guardian until Christ came, so that we
might be justified by faith.
25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.
26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
28 There is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free; there is no male and
female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, heirs
according to the promise.

4

1 What I mean is this: as long as the heir is a minor, he differs in no
way from a slave, though he is owner of everything.
2 He is under guardians and managers until the time appointed by
his father.
3 So also we, when we were minors, were enslaved under the
elements of the world.
4 But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth his Son, born of
a woman, born under the law,
5 to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption
as sons.
6 And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, “Abba, Father!”
7 So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then also an
heir through God.
8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those
that by nature are not gods.
9 But now that you know God, or rather are known by God, how can
you turn back again to the weak and poor elements, to which you
want to be enslaved all over again?
10 You carefully observe days and months and seasons and years.
11 I fear for you, that I may have labored for you in vain.
12 Become as I am, for I too became as you are. I beg you, brothers
and sisters. You did me no wrong.
13 You know that it was because of bodily weakness that I first
proclaimed the gospel to you.
14 Though my physical condition was a trial to you, you did not
despise or reject me. Instead, you received me as an angel of God, as
Christ Jesus.
15 Where, then, is your sense of blessing? For I testify that, if
possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.
16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?
17 They show great interest in you, but not for good. They want to
shut you out, so that you will show great interest in them.
18 It is good to be sought after for a good purpose at all times, and
not only when I am present with you.

19 My children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until
Christ is formed in you,
20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone,
because I am perplexed about you.
21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, do you not listen to
the law?
22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave
woman and one by the free woman.
23 But the one by the slave woman was born according to the flesh,
while the one by the free woman was born through a promise.
24 These things have an allegorical meaning, for these women are
two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery;
this is Hagar.
25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the
present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.
26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.
27 For it is written,
“Rejoice, barren woman who does not bear children;
break out and cry aloud, you who are not in labor, because the
children of the desolate woman are more numerous than those
of the woman who has a husband.”
28 Now you, brothers and sisters, are children of promise, like Isaac.
29 But just as then the one born according to the flesh persecuted the
one born according to the Spirit, so it is now.
30 But what does Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her
son, for the son of the slave woman will never inherit with the son of
the free woman.”
31 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave
woman but of the free woman.

5

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not
submit again to a yoke of slavery.
2 Look, I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised,
Christ will be of no benefit to you.
3 I testify again to every man who lets himself be circumcised that
he is obligated to keep the whole law.
4 You who seek to be justified by the law have been severed from
Christ; you have fallen from grace.
5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we eagerly await the righteousness
we hope for.
6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has
any power, but faith working through love.
7 You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?
8 This persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.
9 A little leaven leavens the whole batch of dough.
10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. But
the one troubling you will bear the judgment, whoever he may be.
11 But I, brothers and sisters, if I still proclaim circumcision, why am
I still persecuted? In that case, the stumbling block of the cross has
been removed.

12 I wish those who unsettle you would even castrate themselves!
13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not
use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love
serve one another.
14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one saying: “You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.”
15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not
consumed by one another.
16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will certainly not fulfill the
desire of the flesh.
17 For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit what
is against the flesh. These oppose one another, so that you do not do
whatever you want.
18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality,
impurity, sensual excess,
20 idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger,
selfish ambitions, divisions, factions,
21 envy, drunkenness, revelry, and things like these. I warn you, as I
warned you before, that those who practice such things will not
inherit the kingdom of God.
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
24 Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its
passions and desires.
25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one
another.

6

1 Brothers and sisters, even if someone is caught in a trespass, you
who are spiritual should restore that person in a spirit of gentleness.
Watch yourself, so that you too are not tempted.
2 Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the
law of Christ.
3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he
deceives himself.
4 Let each examine his own work, and then his reason for boasting
will be in himself alone and not in someone else,
5 for each will carry his own load.
6 Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the
one who teaches.
7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person
sows, that he will also reap.
8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from
the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from
the Spirit.
9 Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will
reap, if we do not give up.

10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone,
especially to those of the household of faith.
11 See what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.
12 Those who want to make a good showing in the flesh compel you
to be circumcised, only so that they may not be persecuted for the
cross of Christ.
13 For even those who have themselves circumcised do not keep the
law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast in
your flesh.
14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the
world.
15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a
new creation.
16 Peace and mercy be upon all who will walk by this rule, and upon
the Israel of God.
17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear the marks of Jesus
in my body.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers
and sisters. Amen.

Ephesians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who
are in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in
Christ,
4 just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world to be
holy and blameless before him. In love,
5 he predestined us for adoption as sons to himself through Jesus
Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,
6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on
us in the Beloved.
7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of
trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
8 which he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding,
9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good
pleasure, which he purposed in him,
10 to carry out his plan when the times reach their fullness: to bring
all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on earth.
In him
11 we were also given an inheritance, having been predestined
according to the purpose of the one who works all things according to
the counsel of his will,
12 so that we who first hoped in Christ might be to the praise of his
glory.
13 In him you too, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of
your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised
Holy Spirit,
14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of
his possession, to the praise of his glory.
15 For this reason I too, having heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love for all the saints,
16 do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my
prayers,
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give
you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him,
18 with the eyes of your heart enlightened, so that you may know
what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of his
inheritance among the saints,
19 and what is the surpassing greatness of his power toward us who
believe, according to the working of his mighty strength,
20 which he exercised in Christ when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
21 far above every rule, authority, power, and dominion, and every
name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

22 He subjected all things under his feet and gave him as head over
all things to the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

2

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world,
following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now at work in
the sons of disobedience.
3 Among them we all once lived in the desires of our flesh, doing
what the flesh and our thoughts desired, and we were by nature
children of wrath, like the rest.
4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which
he loved us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together
with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
6 and raised us up together and seated us together in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the coming ages he might display the surpassing riches
of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not
from yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9 not from works, so that no one may boast.
10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in
them.
11 Therefore remember that formerly you, Gentiles in the flesh,
were called “uncircumcision” by the so-called “circumcision,” made in
the flesh by human hands.
12 At that time you were apart from Christ, excluded from the
citizenship of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having
no hope and without God in the world.
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been
brought near by the blood of Christ.
14 For he himself is our peace. He made both one and broke down
the dividing wall of separation—the hostility—in his flesh,
15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,
so that he might create in himself one new man out of the two,
making peace,
16 and reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, putting
the hostility to death by it.
17 He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far away and
peace to those who were near,
18 because through him we both have access in one Spirit to the
Father.
19 So then you are no longer strangers and foreign residents, but
fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household,
20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus
himself being the cornerstone.
21 In him the whole building, joined together, grows into a holy
temple in the Lord.

22 In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place of
God in the Spirit.

3

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you
Gentiles—
2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace given to
me for you:
3 the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote
briefly before.
4 By reading this, you can understand my insight into the mystery of
Christ,
5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other
generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and
prophets in the Spirit:
6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and
fellow participants in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
7 I became a minister of this gospel according to the gift of God's
grace given to me by the working of his power.
8 To me, less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given: to
proclaim to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ
9 and to bring to light for everyone the administration of the
mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,
10 so that now, through the church, the many-sided wisdom of God
might be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly
places,
11 according to the eternal purpose he accomplished in Christ Jesus
our Lord.
12 In him we have boldness and access with confidence through
faith in him.
13 Therefore I ask you not to lose heart over my afflictions for you,
which are your glory.
14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
15 from whom every family in the heavens and on earth takes its
name,
16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be
strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner self,
17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, and that,
rooted and grounded in love,
18 you may have strength to grasp with all the saints what is the
breadth and length and height and depth,
19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that
you may be filled to all the fullness of God.
20 Now to the one who is able to do far more abundantly than all we
ask or think, according to the power at work in us,
21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, forever and ever. Amen.

4

1 Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling with which you were called,

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
3 making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were also called in one hope of your calling;
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
8 Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high, he led a host of captives and gave gifts to people.”
9 Now what does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower regions of the earth?
10 The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.
11 He himself gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed by the waves and carried about by every wind of teaching, by human trickery and cunning in deceitful schemes.
15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ,
16 from whom the whole body, fitted and joined together through every supporting joint, according to the working of each part in its measure, brings about the body's growth to build itself up in love.
17 So I say this and testify in the Lord: you must no longer walk as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind.
18 They are darkened in understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance in them, because of the hardness of their heart.
19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensual excess, to practice every kind of impurity with greed.
20 But that is not how you learned Christ,
21 if indeed you heard him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus:
22 to put off, with regard to your former way of life, the old self, which is being corrupted by deceitful desires,
23 to be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24 and to put on the new self, created according to God in the righteousness and holiness of the truth.
25 Therefore, putting away falsehood, let each speak the truth with his neighbor, because we are members of one another.
26 “Be angry, and do not sin.” Do not let the sun go down on your anger,
27 and do not give the devil room.

28 Let the one who steals steal no longer. Instead, let him labor,
doing good work with his own hands, so that he may have something
to share with the one in need.
29 Let no rotten speech come out of your mouth, but only what is
good for building up as needed, so that it may give grace to those who
hear.
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were
sealed for the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, rage, anger, shouting, and slander be removed
from you, along with all malice.
32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just
as God in Christ forgave you.

5

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,
2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave himself for
us as an offering and sacrifice to God, a fragrant aroma.
3 But sexual immorality and every kind of impurity or greed must
not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints,
4 nor obscenity, foolish talk, or crude joking, which are out of place,
but rather thanksgiving.
5 For you know this for certain: no sexually immoral or impure
person, or greedy person, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the
kingdom of Christ and God.
6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these
things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
7 Therefore do not become fellow participants with them.
8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light
9 —for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and
truth—
10 discerning what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 Do not share in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead
expose them,
12 for it is shameful even to speak of the things they do in secret.
13 But all things exposed by the light become visible,
14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Awake, sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”
15 So pay careful attention to how you walk, not as unwise but as
wise,
16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will
is.
18 And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is reckless excess,
but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making music in your heart to the Lord,
20 always giving thanks for everything to God the Father in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.
22 Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord,

23 because the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the
head of the church, himself the Savior of the body.
24 But as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit
to their husbands in everything.
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church
and gave himself for her,
26 so that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing
of water with the word,
27 so that he himself might present the church to himself in glory,
without spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, but holy and
blameless.
28 In this way husbands also ought to love their own wives as their
own bodies. The one who loves his own wife loves himself,
29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes
it, just as Christ does the church,
30 because we are members of his body.
31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be
joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."
32 This mystery is great, but I am speaking with reference to Christ
and the church.
33 Nevertheless, each one of you should love his own wife as
himself, and the wife should respect her husband.

6

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment
with a promise—
3 "so that it may go well with you and you may live long on the
earth."
4 And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them
up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in
sincerity of heart, as you would Christ,
6 not serving only when watched, as people pleasers, but as slaves of
Christ, doing the will of God wholeheartedly,
7 serving with goodwill, as to the Lord and not to people,
8 knowing that whatever good each one does, he will receive it back
from the Lord, whether slave or free.
9 And masters, do the same for them, giving up threats, knowing
that both their Master and yours is in the heavens, and there is no
partiality with him.
10 Finally, be strengthened in the Lord and in the might of his
strength.
11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand
against the devil's schemes.
12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the
rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this
darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be
able to withstand in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand.

14 Stand, then, with your waist belted with truth and having put on
the breastplate of righteousness,
15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness of the gospel of peace.
16 In every circumstance take up the shield of faith, with which you
will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God,
18 praying at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and petition. To
this end, stay alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
19 and for me, so that words may be given to me when I open my
mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,
20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, so that I may speak
boldly about it, as I ought to speak.
21 So that you too may know my situation and what I am doing,
Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will
make everything known to you.
22 I sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know
about us and he may encourage your hearts.
23 Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with
imperishable love.

Philippians

1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ
Jesus who are in Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
3 I thank my God every time I remember you,
4 always making my petition with joy in every prayer of mine for all
of you,
5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until
now.
6 I am confident of this very thing: the one who began a good work
in you will bring it to completion by the day of Christ Jesus.
7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have
you in my heart. In both my chains and the defense and confirmation
of the gospel, you all share in grace with me.
8 For God is my witness how I long for all of you with the deep
affection of Christ Jesus.
9 And this is my prayer: that your love may overflow more and
more in knowledge and all discernment,
10 so that you may approve what is best and be sincere and
blameless for the day of Christ,
11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus
Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened
to me has actually advanced the gospel,
13 so that it has become clear throughout the whole imperial guard
and to everyone else that my chains are for Christ.
14 And most of the brothers and sisters, having gained confidence in
the Lord through my chains, dare all the more to speak the word
without fear.
15 Some indeed proclaim Christ out of envy and strife, but others out
of goodwill.
16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the
defense of the gospel;
17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely,
thinking to stir up affliction in my chains.
18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in
truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will
continue to rejoice,
19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your
prayers and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
20 according to my eager expectation and hope that I will be put to
shame in nothing, but with all boldness, now as always, Christ will be
magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
22 But if I live in the flesh, this means fruitful labor for me. Yet I do
not know what to choose.

23 I am pressed between the two: I desire to depart and be with
Christ, for that is far better,
24 but remaining in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.
25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with
you all for your progress and joy in the faith,
26 so that through my presence with you again, your boasting in
Christ Jesus may overflow on my account.
27 Only live as citizens in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so
that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear about you
that you stand firm in one spirit, striving together with one soul for
the faith of the gospel,
28 and are not intimidated in anything by your opponents. This is a
sign to them of destruction, but of your salvation, and this is from God.
29 For it has been granted to you for Christ's sake not only to believe
in him but also to suffer for him,
30 having the same struggle that you saw in me and now hear that I
still have.

2

1 Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort
from love, any fellowship of the Spirit, any deep affection and
compassion,
2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,
united in soul, thinking as one.
3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility
consider others above yourselves,
4 each looking not only to his own interests, but also to the interests
of others.
5 Let this mind be among you, which was also in Christ Jesus,
6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God
something to cling to,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and becoming like
human beings.
And being found in appearance as a man,
8 he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death—even
death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also exalted him to the highest place and graciously
gave him the name above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in the heavens
and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.
12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not only in
my presence but now much more in my absence, work out your own
salvation with fear and trembling,
13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to work for his
good pleasure.
14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing,
15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God
without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,
among whom you shine as lights in the world,

16 holding fast to the word of life, so that I may boast on the day of
Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.
17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the
sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you
all.
18 In the same way, you too should rejoice and share your joy with
me.
19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too
may be encouraged when I learn how you are.
20 For I have no one of the same mind who will sincerely care for
your situation.
21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.
22 But you know his proven character: like a child with a father, he
served with me for the gospel.
23 So I hope to send him as soon as I see how things will go with me,
24 and I am confident in the Lord that I myself will also come soon.
25 But I thought it necessary to send you Epaphroditus, my brother
and fellow worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to
my need,
26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because
you had heard that he was ill.
27 Indeed, he was ill and near death. But God had mercy on him,
and not only on him but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow
upon sorrow.
28 Therefore I sent him all the more eagerly, so that when you see
him again you may rejoice and I may be less sorrowful.
29 So welcome him in the Lord with all joy, and hold people like him
in honor,
30 because he came near death for the work of Christ, risking his life
to supply what was lacking in your service to me.

3

1 Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the
same things to you is no trouble for me and is a safeguard for you.
2 Watch out for the dogs, watch out for the evil workers, watch out
for the mutilators.
3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God,
boast in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh,
4 though I myself have grounds for confidence even in the flesh. If
anyone else thinks he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have
more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe
of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness in the
law, blameless.
7 But whatever things were gain to me, I have counted as loss for
Christ.
8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss
of all things, and I count them as garbage, so that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from
the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness
from God based on faith,
10 to know him and the power of his resurrection and participation
in his sufferings, being conformed to his death,
11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already been brought
to completion, but I press on to take hold of it, because I too was taken
hold of by Christ.
13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have taken hold of it.
But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and stretching toward
what is ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of God's upward call in
Christ Jesus.
15 Therefore let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you
think differently in anything, God will reveal this to you as well.
16 Only let us keep in step with what we have attained.

17 Join together in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and observe
those who walk according to the example you have in us.
18 For many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I have often told
you about them, and now tell you even with tears.
19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is
in their shame. Their minds are set on earthly things.
20 For our citizenship is in the heavens, from which we also eagerly
await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our body of humiliation to be conformed to
his body of glory, by the power that enables him also to subject all
things to himself.

4

1 Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters whom I long for, my
joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the
Lord.
3 Yes, I ask you too, true companion, to help these women, who
struggled alongside me in the gospel, together with Clement and the
rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
6 Be anxious about nothing, but in everything, by prayer and
petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is
honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
9 Practice what you learned and received and heard and saw in me,
and the God of peace will be with you.

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that now at last your concern for me
has blossomed again. You were concerned before, but lacked the
opportunity.
11 I am not saying this out of need, for I have learned to be content
in whatever circumstances I am in.
12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In
every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret, both of
being well fed and of going hungry, both of having abundance and of
being in need.
13 I can do all things through the one who strengthens me.
14 Nevertheless, you did well to share in my affliction.
15 You Philippians also know that in the beginning of the gospel,
when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of
giving and receiving except you alone,
16 for even in Thessalonica you sent help for my need more than
once.
17 It is not the gift I seek, but the fruit that increases to your account.
18 I have received everything in full and have more than enough. I
am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you sent,
a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice pleasing to God.
19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his
riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
20 To our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters with me
greet you.
22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Colossians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our
brother,
2 to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who are in
Colossae: grace to you and peace from God our Father.
3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, always
praying for you,
4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you have
for all the saints,
5 because of the hope reserved for you in the heavens. You heard of
it before in the word of truth, the gospel
6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing
throughout the whole world, so it is among you, from the day you
heard and truly came to know the grace of God.
7 You learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow slave, who is a
faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,
8 and who also made known to us your love in the Spirit.
9 For this reason, from the day we heard, we too have not ceased
praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge
of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
10 so that you may walk worthily of the Lord, pleasing him in every
way, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge
of God,
11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious
might, for all endurance and patience with joy,
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the
inheritance of the saints in the light.
13 He rescued us from the authority of darkness and transferred us
into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,
16 for in him all things were created in the heavens and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities.
All things have been created through him and for him.
17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
18 He is also the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he
himself may have first place in everything.
19 For God was pleased to have all the fullness dwell in him
20 and through him to reconcile all things to himself, making peace
through the blood of his cross—through him, whether things on
earth or things in the heavens.
21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind in
your evil works,
22 have now been reconciled in his body of flesh through death, to
present you holy and blameless and beyond accusation before him,

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, not
shifting away from the hope of the gospel you heard, which was
proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became
a minister.
24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and in my flesh I fill up
what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ for the sake of his body,
which is the church.
25 I became its minister according to the stewardship God gave me
for you, to make the word of God fully known:
26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to
his saints.
27 To them God wished to make known the riches of the glory of this
mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
28 We proclaim him, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone
in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
29 For this I also labor, striving according to his working, which
works powerfully in me.

2

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you, for
those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen my face in the flesh,
2 so that their hearts may be encouraged and they may be joined
together in love, attaining all the riches of fully assured
understanding, to the knowledge of God's mystery, Christ,
3 in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.
4 I say this so that no one may deceive you with persuasive
arguments.
5 For though I am absent in the flesh, I am with you in spirit,
rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in
Christ.
6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him,
7 rooted and being built up in him, and being established in the faith
just as you were taught, overflowing with thanksgiving.
8 Take care that no one carries you off as plunder through
philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according
to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ.
9 For in him all the fullness of deity dwells bodily,
10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of every ruler
and authority.
11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made
by human hands, in the stripping off of the body of flesh, in the
circumcision of Christ.
12 You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also
raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him
from the dead.
13 And you, being dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your
flesh, he made alive together with him, forgiving us all our trespasses,
14 erasing the record of debt with its decrees that was against us and
hostile to us. He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.
15 Having stripped the rulers and authorities, he made a public
spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

16 Therefore let no one judge you in food or drink or with regard to
a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths.
17 These are a shadow of things to come, but the substance belongs
to Christ.
18 Let no one disqualify you, delighting in humility and worship of
angels, dwelling on what he has seen, puffed up without cause by his
fleshly mind,
19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body,
supplied and joined together through its joints and ligaments, grows
with the growth that comes from God.
20 If you died with Christ to the elements of the world, why, as
though still living in the world, do you submit to regulations
21 such as “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch”
22 —all of which concern things that perish with use—according to
human commandments and teachings?
23 These indeed have an appearance of wisdom in worship of their
own choosing, humility, and harsh treatment of the body, but have no
value in restraining indulgence of the flesh.

3

1 Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things
above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
2 Set your minds on the things above, not on the things on earth,
3 for you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you too will be revealed
with him in glory.
5 Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality,
impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.
6 Because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of
disobedience.
7 You too once walked in these things, when you lived in them.
8 But now you too must put away all these: anger, rage, malice,
slander, and obscene language from your mouth.
9 Do not lie to one another, since you have stripped off the old self
with its practices
10 and put on the new, which is being renewed in knowledge
according to the image of its Creator.
11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free, but Christ is all and in all.
12 Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe
yourselves with deep compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and
patience,
13 bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone
has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord forgave you, so you
must also do.
14 And above all these put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were also
called in one body. And be thankful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you in all wisdom,
teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and
spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in
the Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, so that they do not lose
heart.
22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only when
watched, as people pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
23 Whatever you do, work wholeheartedly, as for the Lord and not
for people,
24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as
your reward. You serve the Lord Christ.
25 For the one who does wrong will receive back the wrong he has
done, and there is no partiality.

4

1 Masters, give your slaves what is just and fair, knowing that you
too have a Master in heaven.
2 Persevere in prayer, staying alert in it with thanksgiving,
3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open for us a
door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also
in chains,
4 so that I may make it known as I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the time.
6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you
may know how you ought to answer each person.
7 Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow
slave in the Lord, will tell you everything about my situation.
8 I sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know
about us and he may encourage your hearts,
9 together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother who is
one of you. They will tell you everything happening here.
10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, as does Mark, the
cousin of Barnabas, about whom you received instructions: if he
comes to you, welcome him.
11 And Jesus, who is called Justus, greets you. These are the only
ones of the circumcision who are my fellow workers for the kingdom
of God, and they have been a comfort to me.
12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ, greets you, always
striving for you in his prayers, so that you may stand mature and fully
assured in all the will of God.
13 For I testify for him that he labors greatly for you and for those in
Laodicea and Hierapolis.
14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you.
15 Greet the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and Nympha and the
church in her house.
16 When this letter has been read among you, see that it is also read
in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you too read the letter from
Laodicea.

17 And say to Archippus, “Take care to fulfill the ministry you
received in the Lord.”
18 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains.
Grace be with you.

1 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.
2 We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you
without ceasing in our prayers,
3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith, labor
of love, and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
4 We know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen
you,
5 because our gospel came to you not in word alone, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction, just as you
know what we were like among you for your sake.
6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the
word in great affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit,
7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia
and Achaia.
8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded out, not only in
Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith toward God has gone out
everywhere, so that we have no need to say anything.
9 For they themselves report about us what kind of welcome we had
among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living
and true God
10 and to await his Son from the heavens, whom he raised from the
dead, Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

2

1 For you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you
has not been in vain.
2 But after we had suffered and been shamefully treated in Philippi,
as you know, we had boldness in our God to speak the gospel of God to
you amid great struggle.
3 For our appeal does not come from error or impurity, nor is it
made in deceit.
4 Instead, just as God has approved us to be entrusted with the
gospel, so we speak, not to please people but God, who tests our hearts.
5 For we never came with flattering words, as you know, or with a
pretext for greed—God is witness—
6 nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from
others,
7 though as apostles of Christ we could have been a burden. Instead,
we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cherishes her own
children.
8 So, longing for you, we were pleased to share with you not only the
gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become
beloved to us.
9 For you remember, brothers and sisters, our labor and toil.
Working night and day so as not to burden any of you, we proclaimed
the gospel of God to you.

10 You are witnesses, and God also, of how devoutly, righteously, and
blamelessly we behaved toward you who believe.
11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you as a father with his
own children,
12 exhorting you, encouraging you, and urging you to walk worthily
of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.
13 And for this reason we too thank God without ceasing: when you
received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not
as a human word but as what it truly is, the word of God, which is also
at work in you who believe.
14 For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of
God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, because you suffered the same
things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,
15 who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove us out, who
do not please God and are opposed to all people,
16 hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be
saved, and thus always filling up their sins. But wrath has overtaken
them to the full.
17 But we, brothers and sisters, having been torn away from you for
a short time—in person, not in heart—made all the more effort, with
great longing, to see your faces.
18 For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—but
Satan hindered us.
19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord
Jesus at his coming? Is it not you as well?
20 For you are our glory and joy.

3

1 Therefore, when we could bear it no longer, we thought it best to
be left alone in Athens,
2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the
gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you concerning your
faith,
3 so that no one would be shaken by these afflictions. For you
yourselves know that we are appointed to this.
4 Indeed, when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand
that we would suffer affliction, just as it happened and as you know.
5 For this reason, when I too could bear it no longer, I sent to learn
about your faith, fearing that the tempter might have tempted you
and our labor might prove to be in vain.
6 But now Timothy has come to us from you and brought us good
news of your faith and love, and that you always remember us kindly,
longing to see us just as we long to see you.
7 For this reason, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and
affliction we were comforted about you through your faith,
8 for now we live, if you stand firm in the Lord.
9 For what thanks can we give back to God for you, for all the joy
with which we rejoice because of you before our God,
10 as night and day we pray most earnestly to see your faces and
complete what is lacking in your faith?

11 May our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our
way to you.
12 May the Lord make you increase and overflow in love for one
another and for everyone, just as we do for you,
13 so that he may strengthen your hearts, blameless in holiness
before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
saints.

4

1 Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord
Jesus that, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and
please God—as indeed you do walk—you should abound still more.
2 For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord
Jesus.
3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain
from sexual immorality;
4 that each of you know how to control his own body in holiness and
honor,
5 not in passionate desire like the Gentiles who do not know God;
6 that no one transgress or take advantage of his brother in this
matter, because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, as we told
you beforehand and solemnly warned you.
7 For God did not call us for impurity, but in holiness.
8 Therefore whoever rejects this rejects not a human being but God,
who also gives his Holy Spirit to you.

9 Now concerning brotherly love, you have no need for anyone to
write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.
10 Indeed, you do this toward all the brothers and sisters throughout
Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to abound still
more,
11 and to make it your ambition to live quietly, mind your own
affairs, and work with your hands, just as we instructed you,
12 so that you may walk respectably toward outsiders and have need
of no one.

13 But we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,
about those who are asleep, so that you do not grieve like the rest,
who have no hope.
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so God will also,
through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
15 For we say this to you by a word of the Lord: we who are alive,
who remain until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede
those who have fallen asleep.
16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a command,
with an archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead
in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together
with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will
always be with the Lord.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

5

1 Now concerning the times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you
have no need for anything to be written to you,
2 for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord comes
like a thief in the night.
3 When they say, “Peace and security,” then sudden destruction
comes upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they
will certainly not escape.
4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, so that the day
should overtake you like a thief,
5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We do not belong to
the night or to darkness.
6 So then let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay awake and be
sober.
7 For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk get
drunk at night.
8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.
9 For God did not appoint us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may
live together with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as
you are doing.
12 We ask you, brothers and sisters, to recognize those who labor
among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you,
13 and to esteem them most highly in love because of their work. Be
at peace among yourselves.
14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters: admonish the
undisciplined, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be
patient with everyone.
15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always pursue
what is good for one another and for everyone.
16 Rejoice always.
17 Pray without ceasing.
18 Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ
Jesus.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise prophecies,
21 but test everything; hold fast to what is good.
22 Abstain from every form of evil.
23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may
your spirit and soul and body be kept whole and blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.
25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us.
26 Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss.
27 I solemnly charge you by the Lord to have this letter read to all
the brothers and sisters.
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

2 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, as is
fitting, because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of each
and every one of you for one another is increasing,
4 so that we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for
your endurance and faith in all the persecutions and afflictions you
bear.
5 This is evidence of God's righteous judgment, so that you may be
counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer,
6 since it is just with God to repay affliction to those who afflict you,
7 and relief to you who are afflicted, together with us, when the Lord
Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels
8 in flaming fire, bringing vengeance on those who do not know God
and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
9 They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the
presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,
10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints and
marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to
you was believed.
11 To this end we also pray always for you, that our God may count
you worthy of the calling and fulfill with power every desire for
goodness and every work of faith,
12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and
you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

2

1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our
gathering together to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters,
2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, whether through a
spirit or a spoken word or a letter supposedly from us, claiming that
the day of the Lord has already come.
3 Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come
unless the rebellion comes first and the man of lawlessness is
revealed, the son of destruction,
4 who opposes and exalts himself above everything called a god or
an object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,
presenting himself as God.
5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you I kept telling
you these things?
6 And now you know what restrains him, so that he may be revealed
at his own time.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only the one
who now restrains will do so until he is out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus
will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the
appearing of his coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan,
with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood,
10 and with every unrighteous deception for those who are
perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth so that
they might be saved.
11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, so that they
believe the lie,
12 so that all who did not believe the truth but took pleasure in
unrighteousness may be judged.
13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters
loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits for salvation
through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
14 To this he called you through our gospel, to obtain the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the
traditions you were taught, whether through a spoken word or
through a letter from us.
16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved
us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,
17 comfort your hearts and strengthen you in every good work and
word.

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1 Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the
Lord may run and be glorified, just as it is among you,
2 and so that we may be rescued from perverse and evil people, for
not everyone has faith.
3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and guard you
from the evil one.
4 We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are
doing and will continue to do what we command.
5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and the
endurance of Christ.
6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother who walks in an
undisciplined way and not according to the tradition they received
from us.
7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we
were not undisciplined among you,
8 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge. Instead, in labor and
toil we worked night and day so as not to burden any of you,
9 not because we do not have the right, but to give you an example
in ourselves to imitate.
10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: “If
anyone is unwilling to work, neither should he eat.”
11 For we hear that some among you walk in an undisciplined way,
doing no work but meddling.

12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to
work quietly and eat their own bread.
13 But you, brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in doing good.
14 If anyone does not obey our word in this letter, take note of that
person and do not associate with him, so that he may be ashamed.
15 Do not consider him an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.
16 May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every
way. The Lord be with you all.
17 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand, which is a sign in
every letter. This is how I write.
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

1 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior
and Christ Jesus our hope,
2 to Timothy, a true child in faith: grace, mercy, and peace from God
the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 When I was going to Macedonia, I urged you to remain in Ephesus,
so that you might command certain people not to teach a different
doctrine
4 or devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which
produce speculations rather than God's stewardship that is by faith.
5 The aim of the command is love from a pure heart and a good
conscience and sincere faith.
6 Some, having strayed from these things, have turned aside into
empty talk,
7 wanting to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither
what they say nor the things they assert so confidently.

8 Now we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,
9 knowing this: the law is not laid down for a righteous person, but
for the lawless and rebellious, the ungodly and sinners, the unholy
and profane, those who kill their fathers and those who kill their
mothers, murderers,
10 the sexually immoral, men who have sex with men, slave traders,
liars, perjurers, and whatever else is opposed to sound teaching,
11 according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, with which
I was entrusted.
12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me, because he
considered me faithful, appointing me to ministry,
13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent
man. But I received mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief,
14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed beyond measure with the
faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
15 The saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: Christ
Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.
16 But for this reason I received mercy, so that in me, the foremost,
Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those
who would believe in him for eternal life.
17 Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be
honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 I entrust this command to you, my child Timothy, in accordance
with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by them you
may wage the good warfare,
19 holding faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected that
conscience and suffered shipwreck concerning the faith.
20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I handed over
to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

2

1 Therefore I urge first of all that petitions, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a calm
and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
3 This is good and acceptable before God our Savior,
4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of
the truth.
5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and human
beings, the man Christ Jesus,
6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the
proper times.
7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the
truth, I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting holy hands
without anger or argument.
9 Likewise, women should adorn themselves in respectable clothing,
with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or
pearls or costly clothing,
10 but with good works, as is fitting for women who profess
reverence for God.
11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all submission.
12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a
man, but to be in quietness.
13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve,
14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman, being deceived,
came into transgression.
15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in
faith and love and holiness with self-control.

3

1 The saying is trustworthy: if anyone aspires to oversight, he
desires a good work.
2 Therefore the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of
one wife, sober, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,
3 not given to wine, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a
lover of money.
4 He must manage his own household well, keeping his children in
submission with all dignity.
5 For if someone does not know how to manage his own household,
how will he care for the church of God?
6 He must not be a new convert, so that he does not become
conceited and fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he
does not fall into disgrace and the devil's snare.
8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not
devoted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain,
9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.
10 Let them also be tested first; then, if they are beyond accusation,
let them serve as deacons.

11 Women likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober,
faithful in everything.
12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, managing their children
and their own households well.
13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for
themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

14 I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon,
15 but so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to
conduct oneself in God's household, which is the church of the living
God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

16 And by common confession, the mystery of godliness is great:

he was revealed in flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations, believed in the world, taken up
in glory.

4

1 But the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart
from the faith, devoting themselves to deceiving spirits and teachings
of demons,
2 through the hypocrisy of liars whose own conscience is seared,
3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God
created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and
know the truth.
4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if
received with thanksgiving,
5 for it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.

6 By setting these things before the brothers and sisters, you will be
a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith
and the good teaching you have followed.
7 But refuse profane old wives' tales. Train yourself for godliness,
8 for physical training is of limited benefit, but godliness is
beneficial in every way, having the promise of the present life and of
the one to come.
9 The saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance.
10 For to this end we labor and endure insults, because we have set
our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially
of believers.
11 Command and teach these things.
12 Let no one despise your youth, but become an example to the
believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.
13 Until I come, devote yourself to public reading, exhortation, and
teaching.
14 Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you through
prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the council of elders.
15 Practice these things; give yourself to them, so that your progress
may be evident to everyone.
16 Pay attention to yourself and to the teaching; persevere in these
things, for by doing so you will save both yourself and those who hear
you.

5

1 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as a father,
younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.
3 Honor widows who are truly widows.
4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn
to show godliness toward their own household and repay their
forebears, for this is acceptable before God.
5 Now the one who is truly a widow and left alone has set her hope
on God and continues in petitions and prayers night and day.
6 But the one who lives in self-indulgence is dead even while she
lives.
7 Command these things as well, so that they may be above
reproach.
8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for
members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than
an unbeliever.
9 Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years old,
having been the wife of one husband,
10 well attested for good works: if she has raised children, shown
hospitality, washed the feet of the saints, helped the afflicted, and
devoted herself to every good work.
11 But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their desires turn
them against Christ, they want to marry,
12 incurring judgment because they have set aside their first
commitment.
13 At the same time they also learn to be idle, going around from
house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies,
speaking of things they should not.
14 Therefore I want younger women to marry, bear children,
manage the household, and give the adversary no opportunity for
slander,
15 for some have already turned aside to follow Satan.
16 If any believing woman has widows in her care, let her help them,
and let the church not be burdened, so that it may help those who are
truly widows.
17 Let the elders who lead well be considered worthy of double
honor, especially those who labor in word and teaching,
18 for Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is
threshing,” and, “The worker is worthy of his wages.”
19 Do not accept an accusation against an elder except on the
testimony of two or three witnesses.
20 In the presence of everyone, rebuke those who sin, so that the rest
may also have fear.
21 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus and the chosen
angels to keep these things without prejudice, doing nothing from
favoritism.
22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in the sins of
others. Keep yourself pure.
23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine because of your
stomach and your frequent illnesses.

24 Some people's sins are evident, going before them to judgment;
those of others follow after.
25 Likewise good works are also evident, and those that are not
evident cannot remain hidden.

6

1 Let all who are slaves under a yoke consider their own masters
worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not
be blasphemed.
2 Those who have believing masters must not despise them because
they are brothers, but serve them all the better, because those who
receive the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these
things.
3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not adhere to
sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to teaching according
to godliness,
4 he is conceited, understanding nothing, but has a sickly craving for
disputes and battles over words, from which come envy, strife,
slanders, evil suspicions,
5 constant friction among people whose minds are corrupted and
who are deprived of the truth, imagining godliness to be a means of
gain.
6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,
7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take
anything out.
8 But having food and clothing, we will be content with these.
9 But those who want to become rich fall into temptation and a
snare and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people
into ruin and destruction.
10 For the love of money is a root of all evils. By reaching for it, some
have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many
sorrows.
11 But you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.
12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which
you were called. You also made the good confession before many
witnesses.
13 I command you before God, who gives life to all things, and Christ
Jesus, who testified to the good confession before Pontius Pilate,
14 to keep the commandment spotless and above reproach until the
appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 which at the proper times the blessed and only Sovereign will
display, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light,
whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and
eternal might. Amen.
17 Command those who are rich in the present age not to be
arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God,
who richly provides us with all things for enjoyment,
18 to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, ready to share,

19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that
they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away
from profane empty talk and the opposing claims of falsely named
knowledge.
21 Some who profess it have missed the mark concerning the faith.
Grace be with you.

2 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the
promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
2 to Timothy, a beloved child: grace, mercy, and peace from God the
Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience as my forebears
did, as I remember you without ceasing in my petitions night and day,
4 longing to see you, remembering your tears, so that I may be filled
with joy,
5 having been reminded of the sincere faith in you, which first dwelt
in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am
convinced also dwells in you.
6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in
you through the laying on of my hands.
7 For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and
love and self-control.
8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of
me, his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel according to the
power of God,
9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to
our works but according to his own purpose and grace, given to us in
Christ Jesus before the ages began,
10 but now revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus
Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel,
11 for which I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.
12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed,
for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able
to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.
13 Hold to the pattern of sound words you heard from me, in the
faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
14 Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.
15 You know that all those in Asia turned away from me, among
them Phygelus and Hermogenes.
16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus,
because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain,
17 but when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently and found me.
18 May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day.
And you know better how much service he rendered in Ephesus.

2

1 You, then, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ
Jesus,
2 and what you heard from me before many witnesses, entrust to
faithful people who will also be able to teach others.
3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 No one serving as a soldier entangles himself in the affairs of life,
so that he may please the one who enlisted him.
5 And if someone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless
he competes according to the rules.
6 The farmer who labors ought to be the first to share in the crops.
7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in
everything.
8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from
David, according to my gospel,
9 for which I suffer hardship even to chains as a criminal. But the
word of God is not chained.
10 For this reason I endure everything for the sake of the chosen
ones, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus
with eternal glory.
11 The saying is trustworthy:
if we died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he too will deny us;
13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.
14 Remind them of these things, solemnly charging them before the
Lord not to battle over words, which is of no use and ruins those who
hear.
15 Make every effort to present yourself approved to God, a worker
who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
16 But avoid profane empty talk, for those who engage in it will
advance further in ungodliness,
17 and their word will spread like gangrene. Among them are
Hymenaeus and Philetus,
18 who have missed the mark concerning the truth, saying that the
resurrection has already taken place, and overturn the faith of some.
19 Nevertheless God's firm foundation stands, having this seal: “The
Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the
name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.”
20 Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver,
but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.
21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a
vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared for every
good work.
22 Flee youthful desires, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and
peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
23 But refuse foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they breed
quarrels.
24 The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle toward
everyone, able to teach, patient under mistreatment,
25 correcting those who oppose him with gentleness; perhaps God
may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,
26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the devil's
snare, having been captured by him to do his will.

3

1 But know this: in the last days difficult times will come.

2 For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful,
arrogant, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
3 without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without
self-control, brutal, not loving what is good,
4 traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers
of God,
5 having a form of godliness but having denied its power. Turn away
from these people too.
6 For among them are those who slip into households and take
captive weak women burdened with sins, led by various desires,
7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the
truth.
8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these also oppose
the truth, people corrupted in mind, disqualified concerning the faith.
9 But they will advance no further, for their folly will be evident to
everyone, as that of those men also became.
10 But you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience,
love, endurance,
11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch,
Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them
all the Lord rescued me.
12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be
persecuted,
13 while evil people and impostors will advance from bad to worse,
deceiving and being deceived.
14 But you, continue in what you learned and became convinced of,
knowing from whom you learned it,
15 and that from infancy you have known the sacred writings, which
are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
16 All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, for training in righteousness,
17 so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good
work.

4

1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge
the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:
2 proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove,
rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching.
3 For a time will come when they will not endure sound teaching,
but with itching ears they will pile up teachers for themselves
according to their own desires,
4 and turn their hearing away from the truth and turn aside to
myths.
5 But you, be sober in everything, endure hardship, do the work of
an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time
of my departure has come.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept
the faith.

8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not
only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.
9 Make every effort to come to me soon,
10 for Demas deserted me, having loved the present age, and went to
Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he
is useful to me for ministry.
12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
13 When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with Carpus, and
the books, especially the parchments.
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. The Lord will
repay him according to his works.
15 You too must guard against him, for he strongly opposed our
words.
16 At my first defense no one came to my side, but everyone deserted
me. May it not be counted against them.
17 But the Lord stood beside me and strengthened me, so that
through me the proclamation might be fully made and all the Gentiles
might hear, and I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and bring me
safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and
ever. Amen.
19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.
20 Erastus remained in Corinth, and I left Trophimus ill in Miletus.
21 Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus,
Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters greet you.
22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Titus

1 Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of
God's chosen ones and the knowledge of the truth that accords with
godliness,
2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised
before the ages began,
3 but at the proper times revealed his word in the proclamation
entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,
4 to Titus, a true child according to our shared faith: grace and peace
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.
5 For this reason I left you in Crete, so that you might put in order
what remained and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you:
6 if anyone is beyond accusation, the husband of one wife, having
believing children who are neither accused of reckless living nor
rebellious.
7 For the overseer must be beyond accusation as God's steward, not
self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not
greedy for dishonest gain,
8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, righteous, holy,
self-controlled,
9 holding fast to the trustworthy word according to the teaching, so
that he may be able both to exhort in sound teaching and to refute
those who contradict it.
10 For there are many who are rebellious, empty talkers and
deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,
11 who must be silenced, because they overturn entire households,
teaching what they should not for the sake of dishonest gain.
12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always
liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”
13 This testimony is true. For this reason rebuke them sharply, so
that they may be sound in the faith,
14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths or to commands of
people who turn away from the truth.
15 All things are pure to the pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving
nothing is pure; both their mind and their conscience are defiled.
16 They profess to know God, but deny him by their works, being
detestable and disobedient and unfit for every good work.

2

1 But you, speak what is fitting for sound teaching.
2 Older men are to be sober, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, love,
and endurance.
3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in conduct, not
slanderers or enslaved to much wine, teachers of what is good,
4 so that they may train the younger women to love their husbands,
to love their children,
5 to be sensible, pure, working at home, good, submitting to their
own husbands, so that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

6 Likewise urge the younger men to be sensible,
7 showing yourself in everything to be an example of good works,
with integrity and dignity in teaching,
8 sound speech beyond condemnation, so that the opponent may be
ashamed, having nothing evil to say about us.
9 Slaves are to submit to their own masters in everything, to be
pleasing, not contradicting them,
10 not stealing, but showing good faith in every way, so that in
everything they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior.
11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all
people,
12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly desires and to
live with self-control, righteousness, and godliness in the present age,
13 awaiting the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great
God and Savior Jesus Christ,
14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and
purify for himself a people of his own, zealous for good works.
15 Speak these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no
one despise you.

3

1 Remind them to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be
ready for every good work,
2 to slander no one, to be peaceable and gentle, showing all
meekness toward all people.
3 For we too were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, enslaved to
various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful,
hating one another.
4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for
humanity appeared,
5 he saved us, not by works done by us in righteousness, but
according to his mercy, through the washing of rebirth and renewal of
the Holy Spirit,
6 whom he poured out richly upon us through Jesus Christ our
Savior,
7 so that, justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to
the hope of eternal life.
8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist firmly on these
things, so that those who have believed God may take care to devote
themselves to good works. These things are good and beneficial for
people.
9 But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, strife, and quarrels about
the law, for they are unprofitable and empty.
10 Reject a divisive person after a first and second admonition,
11 knowing that such a person is warped and is sinning, being
self-condemned.
12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, make every effort to
come to me in Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.
13 Diligently send Zenas the expert in law and Apollos on their way,
so that they lack nothing.

14 Let our people also learn to devote themselves to good works for
pressing needs, so that they may not be unfruitful.
15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith.
Grace be with you all.

Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to
Philemon, our beloved fellow worker,
2 and to Apphia our sister, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the
church in your house:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
4 I always thank my God, mentioning you in my prayers,
5 hearing of the love and faith you have toward the Lord Jesus and
toward all the saints,
6 so that your participation in the faith may become effective
through the knowledge of every good thing that is in us for Christ.
7 For I have received much joy and comfort from your love, because
the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.
8 Therefore, though I have great boldness in Christ to command you
to do what is fitting,
9 I appeal instead for love's sake, being as I am, Paul, an old man
and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimus, whom I fathered in my
chains,
11 who once was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to
me.
12 I have sent him back to you, him who is my own heart.
13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that on your behalf he might
serve me in my chains for the gospel,
14 but without your consent I wanted to do nothing, so that your
good deed might be voluntary and not under compulsion.
15 For perhaps he was separated from you for a time for this reason,
so that you might have him back forever,
16 no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother,
especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in
the Lord.
17 Therefore, if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you
would me.
18 And if he has wronged you in anything or owes you anything,
charge that to my account.
19 I, Paul, write this in my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention
that you owe me even your own self.
20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart
in Christ.
21 Confident of your obedience, I have written to you, knowing that
you will do even more than I say.
22 At the same time, prepare lodging for me as well, for I hope that
through your prayers I will be granted to you.
23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,
24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.
25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Hebrews

1 Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at
many times and in many ways.
2 In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he
appointed heir of all things and through whom he also made the
universe.
3 He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of his being,
and he sustains all things by his powerful word. After making
purification for sins by himself, he sat down at the right hand of the
Majesty on high,
4 having become as much greater than the angels as the name he
has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did he ever say,
"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?
And again,
"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?
6 And when he again brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."
7 Of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels winds and his servants a flame of fire."
8 But to the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of
uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness
above your companions."
10 And,
"You, Lord, laid the earth's foundation in the beginning, and the
heavens are the work of your hands.
11 They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
12 You will roll them up like a cloak;
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will never end."
13 And to which of the angels has he ever said,
"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your
feet"?
14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to serve those who are to
inherit salvation?

2

1 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have
heard, so that we do not drift away.
2 For if the word spoken through angels proved binding, and every
transgression and act of disobedience received a just penalty,

3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was first
announced through the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who
heard him,
4 while God also bore witness with signs and wonders, various
miracles, and distributions of the Holy Spirit according to his own will.
5 For God did not subject the world to come, of which we are
speaking, to angels.
6 But someone has testified somewhere,
"What is man that you remember him, or the son of man that you care
for him?
7 You made him lower than the angels for a little while;
you crowned him with glory and honor;
8 you subjected all things under his feet."
For in subjecting all things to him, he left nothing that was not
subject to him. Yet now we do not see all things subject to him.
9 But we see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little
while, crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so
that, apart from God, he might taste death for everyone.
10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things
exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their
salvation perfect through sufferings.
11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all
from one. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers and
sisters,
12 saying,
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."
13 And again,
"I will put my trust in him."
And again,
"Here I am, and the children God has given me."
14 Since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise
shared in the same, so that through death he might render powerless
the one who holds the power of death, that is, the devil,
15 and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear
of death.
16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's offspring.
17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers and sisters in every
way, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in
matters relating to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people.
18 For because he himself suffered when tempted, he is able to help
those who are tempted.

3

1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters who share in a heavenly
calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession.
2 He is faithful to the one who appointed him, as Moses also was in
his house.
3 For he has been considered worthy of greater glory than Moses,
just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

4 For every house is built by someone, but the one who built all
things is God.
5 Now Moses was faithful in all his house as a servant, to testify to
the things that would be spoken,
6 but Christ is faithful as a Son over his house. And we are his house,
if we hold fast to our confidence and the hope in which we boast.

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,
"Today, if you hear his voice,
8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in
the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors put me to the test and saw my works
10 for forty years.
Therefore I was angry with this generation and said, 'They always
go astray in their hearts, and they have not known my ways.'
11 So I swore in my wrath, 'They will not enter my rest.' "
12 Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you has an evil,
unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.
13 Instead, exhort one another every day, as long as it is called
"Today," so that none of you is hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
14 For we have come to share in Christ, if we hold our initial
confidence firm to the end,
15 while it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your
hearts as in the rebellion."
16 For who rebelled after hearing? Was it not all those who came out
of Egypt through Moses?
17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not those
who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?
18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, if
not those who disobeyed?
19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

4

1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still remains, let
us fear lest any of you seem to have fallen short of it.
2 For we too have had good news announced to us, just as they did.
But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were
not united in faith with those who listened.
3 For we who have believed enter the rest, just as he has said, "So I
swore in my wrath, 'They will not enter my rest,' " although his works
were finished from the foundation of the world.
4 For somewhere he has spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And
God rested on the seventh day from all his works."
5 And again in this passage, "They will not enter my rest."
6 Since, then, it remains for some to enter it, and those who earlier
had the good news announced to them did not enter because of
disobedience,
7 he again appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David
after so long a time, as has already been said, "Today, if you hear his
voice, do not harden your hearts."

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken
afterward of another day.
9 So a Sabbath rest remains for the people of God.
10 For whoever has entered his rest has also rested from his own
works, just as God did from his.
11 Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no
one falls by following the same example of disobedience.
12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any
two-edged sword. It pierces as far as the division of soul and spirit, of
joints and marrow, and discerns the thoughts and intentions of the
heart.
13 No creature is hidden before him, but all things are naked and
exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we must give an account.
14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed
through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our
confession.
15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize
with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as
we are, yet without sin.
16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with confidence, so
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

5

1 For every high priest, taken from among human beings, is
appointed to act on their behalf in matters relating to God, to offer
gifts and sacrifices for sins.
2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he
himself is also subject to weakness.
3 Because of this, he must offer sacrifices for his own sins just as he
does for those of the people.
4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but receives it when
called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So Christ also did not glorify himself to become high priest. Rather,
he was glorified by the one who said to him,
“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you,”
6 just as he also says elsewhere,
“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”
7 During his life in the flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud
cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was
heard because of his reverence.
8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he
suffered.
9 And having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal
salvation for all who obey him,
10 having been designated by God as high priest according to the
order of Melchizedek.
11 We have much to say about this, and it is hard to explain because
you have become slow to listen.

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you again need
someone to teach you the elementary principles of God's word. You
have come to need milk, not solid food.
13 For everyone who feeds on milk is inexperienced in the word of
righteousness, since he is an infant.
14 But solid food is for the mature, whose senses have been trained
by practice to distinguish good from evil.

6

1 Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about Christ, let us be
carried on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance
from dead works and faith in God,
2 of instruction about baptisms and the laying on of hands, the
resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
3 And this we will do, if God permits.
4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, who
tasted the heavenly gift and came to share in the Holy Spirit,
5 and tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to
come,
6 and have fallen away, to be renewed again to repentance, since
they crucify the Son of God again for themselves and expose him to
public shame.
7 For land that drinks the rain that often falls on it and produces
plants useful to those for whom it is cultivated receives a blessing
from God.
8 But if it produces thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to
being cursed; its end is to be burned.
9 But in your case, beloved, we are convinced of better things, things
that accompany salvation, even though we speak this way.
10 For God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love
you have shown toward his name in serving the saints, as you still do.
11 We desire each of you to show the same diligence to the end, for
the full assurance of hope,
12 so that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who
through faith and patience inherit the promises.
13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one
greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself,
14 saying, “Surely I will bless you abundantly and multiply you
greatly.”
15 And so, after waiting patiently, Abraham obtained the promise.
16 For people swear by someone greater than themselves, and an
oath serves as confirmation that ends every dispute among them.
17 In the same way, God, wishing to show the heirs of the promise
more clearly that his purpose was unchangeable, intervened with an
oath,
18 so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is
impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have
strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, sure and firm,
entering the inner place behind the curtain,

20 where Jesus has entered on our behalf as a forerunner, having
become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

7

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, met
Abraham as he returned from the slaughter of the kings and blessed
him.
2 Abraham also gave him a tenth of everything. His name means
first “king of righteousness,” and then he is also king of Salem, which
means “king of peace.”
3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither
beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he
remains a priest continually.
4 Consider how great this man was, to whom even Abraham the
patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils.
5 Now those descendants of Levi who receive the priesthood have a
commandment under the law to collect tithes from the people, that is,
their brothers and sisters, although they too came from Abraham's
loins.
6 But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them received
tithes from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises.
7 And beyond all dispute, the lesser is blessed by the greater.
8 Here, mortal human beings receive tithes, but there they are
received by one of whom it is testified that he lives.
9 And, so to speak, even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes
through Abraham,
10 for he was still in his ancestor's loins when Melchizedek met him.
11 Now if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood—for
under it the people received the law—what further need would there
be for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek,
rather than being named according to the order of Aaron?
12 For when the priesthood is changed, a change in the law
necessarily takes place as well.
13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belongs to another
tribe, from which no one has served at the altar.
14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, a tribe about
which Moses said nothing concerning priests.
15 And this is even more evident if another priest arises in the
likeness of Melchizedek,
16 one who has become a priest not according to a legal requirement
of physical descent, but according to the power of an indestructible
life.
17 For it is testified of him, “You are a priest forever according to the
order of Melchizedek.”
18 For the former commandment is set aside because of its weakness
and uselessness,
19 since the law made nothing perfect; but a better hope is
introduced, through which we draw near to God.
20 And this was not without an oath. The others became priests
without an oath,

21 but he became one with an oath through the one who said to him,
“The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: ‘You are a priest
forever.’ ”
22 For this reason, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better
covenant.
23 The others became priests in great numbers because death
prevented them from continuing.
24 But because he remains forever, he holds a permanent priesthood.
25 Therefore he is also able to save completely those who approach
God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.
26 For such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, innocent, undefiled,
separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.
27 He has no need, like the high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first
for his own sins and then for those of the people, for he did this once
for all when he offered himself.
28 For the law appoints human beings subject to weakness as high
priests, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints a
Son who has been made perfect forever.

8

1 Now the main point of what we are saying is this: we have such a
high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the
Majesty in the heavens,
2 a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the
Lord set up, not a human being.
3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices, so
this high priest too must have something to offer.
4 Now if he were on earth, he would not even be a priest, since there
are those who offer gifts according to the law.
5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as
Moses was warned when he was about to construct the tabernacle.
For he says, “See that you make everything according to the pattern
shown to you on the mountain.”
6 But now he has obtained a more excellent ministry, just as he is
also the mediator of a better covenant, established on better promises.
7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, no place would have
been sought for a second.
8 For finding fault with them, he says,
“Look, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will establish a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,
9 not like the covenant I made with their ancestors on the day I took
them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because
they did not remain in my covenant, and I disregarded them,
says the Lord.
10 For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after
those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds
and write them on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.
11 No one will teach his fellow citizen, or his brother, saying, ‘Know the
Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least to the
greatest among them.

12 For I will be merciful toward their unrighteous deeds, and I will
remember their sins no more."
13 In saying "new," he has made the first covenant obsolete. And
what is becoming obsolete and growing old is near to disappearing.

9

1 Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly
sanctuary.
2 For a tabernacle was prepared. In its first part were the lampstand,
the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place.
3 Behind the second curtain was the part of the tabernacle called the
Most Holy Place,
4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant,
covered with gold on every side. In it were a golden jar holding the
manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the tablets of the covenant.
5 Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy
seat. We cannot now speak of these things in detail.
6 With these things arranged in this way, the priests continually
enter the first part of the tabernacle to perform their worship duties.
7 But only the high priest enters the second part, once a year, and
not without blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins the
people committed in ignorance.
8 By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the Most Holy
Place has not yet been revealed while the first tabernacle still stands.
9 This is a symbol for the present time, according to which gifts and
sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the worshiper's conscience.
10 They concern only food, drink, and various
washings—regulations for the body imposed until the time of reform.
11 But Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come,
and through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by
human hands—that is, not of this creation—
12 he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, not through the blood
of goats and calves, but through his own blood, having obtained
eternal redemption.
13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer
sprinkled on those who are defiled sanctify them for the cleansing of
the flesh,
14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal
Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our conscience
from dead works to serve the living God!
15 For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those
who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance,
since a death has taken place for redemption from the transgressions
committed under the first covenant.
16 For where there is a will, the death of the one who made it must
be established.
17 For a will takes effect upon death, since it is never in force while
the one who made it is alive.
18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without
blood.
19 For when Moses had spoken every commandment according to
the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, with water,

scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,
20 saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God has commanded for you.”
21 In the same way he sprinkled the tabernacle and all the utensils for worship with blood.
22 Indeed, according to the law, almost everything is cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed by these means, but the heavenly things themselves by better sacrifices than these.
24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, now to appear in God's presence on our behalf.
25 Nor did he enter to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.
26 Otherwise he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now, at the culmination of the ages, he has appeared once to put away sin through his own sacrifice.
27 And just as it is appointed for human beings to die once, and after that comes judgment,
28 so also Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, apart from sin, for the salvation of those who eagerly await him.

10

1 For the law has a shadow of the good things to come, not the actual image of those realities. It can never, by the same sacrifices offered continually year after year, make perfect those who draw near.
2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, once cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?
3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year,
4 for it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
5 Therefore, when he comes into the world, he says,
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me.
6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you took no pleasure.
7 Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written of me in the scroll of the book—to do your will, O God.’ ”
8 After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you did not desire, nor did you take pleasure in them”—which are offered according to the law—
9 he then said, “Here I am to do your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second.
10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
11 And every priest stands daily at his service, repeatedly offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12 But he, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down
at the right hand of God,
13 waiting from then on until his enemies are made a footstool for
his feet.
14 For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are
being sanctified.
15 The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us, for after saying,
16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says
the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts and write them on
their minds,"
17 he adds,
"And I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."
18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer
an offering for sin.
19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter
the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
20 by the new and living way he inaugurated for us through the
curtain, that is, his flesh,
21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,
our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies
washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,
for the one who promised is faithful.
24 And let us consider one another, to stir up love and good works,
25 not abandoning our gathering together, as some have made a
habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you
see the day approaching.
26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge
of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but a fearful expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire that
will devour the adversaries.
28 Anyone who has rejected the law of Moses dies without mercy on
the testimony of two or three witnesses.
29 How much worse punishment do you think will be deserved by
the one who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, regarded the
blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified as profane, and
insulted the Spirit of grace?
30 For we know the one who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."
And again, "The Lord will judge his people."
31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened,
you endured a great struggle with suffering,
33 sometimes publicly exposed to insults and afflictions, and
sometimes becoming companions of those who were treated that way.
34 For you sympathized with the prisoners and joyfully accepted the
plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves have a
better and lasting possession.
35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great
reward.

36 For you need endurance, so that after doing the will of God you
may receive what was promised.
37 For “In just a very little while, the one who is coming will come
and will not delay.
38 But my righteous one will live by faith, and if he draws back, my
soul takes no pleasure in him.”
39 But we are not among those who draw back to destruction, but
among those who have faith for the preservation of the soul.

11

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of
things not seen.
2 For by it the people of old were commended.
3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed by the word
of God, so that what is seen did not come into being from visible
things.
4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. Through
it he was commended as righteous, God testifying to his gifts, and
through it, though he died, he still speaks.
5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he would not see death, and
he could not be found because God had taken him away. For before he
was taken, he had been commended as having pleased God.
6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever
approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those
who earnestly seek him.
7 By faith Noah, warned about things not yet seen, in reverent fear
built an ark to save his household. Through that faith he condemned
the world and became an heir of the righteousness that is according to
faith.
8 By faith Abraham, when called, obeyed by going out to a place he
was to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where
he was going.
9 By faith he lived as a foreigner in the land of promise, as in a
foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the
same promise.
10 For he was awaiting the city with foundations, whose architect
and builder is God.
11 By faith he also, together with Sarah herself, received power to
father offspring, even beyond the proper age, because he considered
the one who had promised faithful.
12 Therefore from one man, and one as good as dead, descendants
were born as numerous as the stars of heaven and as countless as the
sand on the seashore.
13 All these died in faith without receiving the promises, but they
saw and welcomed them from afar, acknowledging that they were
strangers and sojourners on the earth.
14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking
a homeland.
15 And if they had been thinking of the country they left, they would
have had an opportunity to return.

16 But now they long for a better country, that is, a heavenly one.
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has
prepared a city for them.
17 By faith Abraham, when tested, offered Isaac. The one who had
received the promises was offering his only son,
18 even though he had been told, “Through Isaac your offspring will
be named.”
19 He reasoned that God was able even to raise him from the dead,
and from there, figuratively speaking, he received him back.
20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau even concerning things to
come.
21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons and
worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.
22 By faith Joseph, as his end drew near, mentioned the departure of
the children of Israel and gave instructions about his bones.
23 By faith Moses was hidden for three months by his parents when
he was born, because they saw that the child was beautiful and did
not fear the king's decree.
24 By faith Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of
Pharaoh's daughter,
25 choosing to be mistreated with the people of God rather than to
enjoy the fleeting pleasure of sin.
26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the
treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.
27 By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath, for he
endured as though seeing the one who is invisible.
28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that
the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch them.
29 By faith they crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but when the
Egyptians attempted it, they were swallowed up.
30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after being encircled for seven
days.
31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who
disobeyed, because she welcomed the spies in peace.
32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of
Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets,
33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, practiced righteousness,
obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,
34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were
made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign
armies to flight.
35 Women received their dead back through resurrection. Others
were tortured, refusing release so that they might obtain a better
resurrection.
36 Others experienced mockings and floggings, and even chains and
imprisonment.
37 They were stoned, sawed in two, and killed by the sword. They
went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, afflicted, and
mistreated.
38 The world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and
mountains, in caves and holes in the earth.

39 And all these, though commended through faith, did not receive
the promise,
40 because God had provided something better for us, so that they
would not be made perfect apart from us.

12

1 Therefore, since we too are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily
entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us,
2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for
the joy set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has
sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
3 For consider the one who has endured such hostility from sinners
against themselves, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.
4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point
of shedding blood,
5 and you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons:
“My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly, or lose heart when he
rebukes you,
6 for the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he scourges every son
he receives.”
7 It is for discipline that you endure. God is treating you as sons, for
what son is not disciplined by his father?
8 But if you are without discipline, in which all have shared, then
you are illegitimate children and not sons.
9 Moreover, we had earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we
respected them. Shall we not much more submit to the Father of
spirits and live?
10 For they disciplined us for a few days as seemed best to them, but
he does so for our good, so that we may share in his holiness.
11 For the present, no discipline seems joyful, but painful. Later,
however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those trained
by it.
12 Therefore lift up the drooping hands and strengthen the
weakened knees,
13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may
not be dislocated, but rather be healed.
14 Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no
one will see the Lord.
15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God, that no root of
bitterness springs up to cause trouble and defile many,
16 and that no one is sexually immoral or profane like Esau, who
sold his birthright for a single meal.
17 For you know that even afterward, when he wanted to inherit the
blessing, he was rejected, for he found no opportunity for repentance,
though he sought it with tears.
18 For you have not come to something that can be touched, to
blazing fire, darkness, gloom, and a storm,
19 to the sound of a trumpet and a voice speaking words, whose
hearers begged that no further word be spoken to them.

20 For they could not bear what was commanded: “Even if an animal
touches the mountain, it must be stoned.”
21 And so fearful was the sight that Moses said, “I am terrified and
trembling.”
22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels in a festive gathering,
23 to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, to
God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
24 to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to sprinkled blood
that speaks better than Abel.
25 See that you do not refuse the one who speaks. For if those who
refused the one who warned them on earth did not escape, much less
will we if we turn away from the one who warns from heaven.
26 His voice shook the earth then, but now he has promised, “Once
more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven.”
27 The words “once more” indicate the removal of the things that are
shaken, as things that have been made, so that the things that are not
shaken may remain.
28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be
shaken, let us be grateful, and so offer God acceptable worship with
reverence and awe,
29 for our God is a consuming fire.

13

1 Let brotherly love continue.
2 Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have hosted angels
without knowing it.
3 Remember the prisoners as though imprisoned with them, and
those who are mistreated, since you yourselves are also in a body.
4 Let marriage be honored by all, and let the marriage bed be
undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.
5 Let your way of life be free from the love of money, being content
with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you,
and I will never forsake you.”
6 So we can say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?”
7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
9 Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings, for it is
good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which
have not benefited those who occupied themselves with them.
10 We have an altar from which those who serve in the tabernacle
have no right to eat.
11 For the bodies of the animals whose blood the high priest brings
into the sanctuary for sin are burned outside the camp.
12 Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate to sanctify the
people through his own blood.
13 So let us go to him outside the camp, bearing his reproach.

14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one to come.
15 Through him, then, let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
16 And do not forget to do good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.
17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no benefit to you.
18 Pray for us, for we are convinced that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in every way.
19 I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you sooner.
20 Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, through the blood of the eternal covenant,
21 equip you with everything good to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. Amen.
22 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.
23 Know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he comes soon, I will see you with him.
24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.
25 Grace be with all of you.

James

1 James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve
tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.
2 Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter trials
of various kinds,
3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
4 And let endurance finish its work, so that you may be mature and
complete, lacking in nothing.
5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously
to all without reproach, and it will be given to him.
6 But let him ask in faith, without doubting, for the one who doubts
is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.
7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything
from the Lord,
8 being double-minded, unstable in all his ways.
9 Let the brother in humble circumstances boast in his exaltation,
10 and the rich person in his humiliation, because he will pass away
like a flower of the grass.
11 For the sun rises with scorching heat and dries up the grass. Its
flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So too the rich person will wither
in the midst of his pursuits.
12 Blessed is the man who endures a trial, for when he has stood the
test, he will receive the crown of life that he promised to those who
love him.
13 Let no one say when tempted, “I am tempted by God,” for God
cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.
14 But each person is tempted when drawn away and enticed by his
own desire.
15 Then desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin,
when fully grown, gives birth to death.
16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters.
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down
from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow
caused by turning.
18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, so that
we might be a kind of firstfruits of his creation.
19 Know this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick
to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger,
20 for human anger does not produce the righteousness of God.
21 Therefore put away all filthiness and overflowing wickedness,
and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save
your souls.
22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving
yourselves.
23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a
man looking at his natural face in a mirror.

24 For he looks at himself and goes away, and immediately forgets
what he was like.
25 But the one who looks intently into the perfect law, the law of
liberty, and remains in it, becoming not a forgetful hearer but a doer
who acts, will be blessed in what he does.
26 If anyone thinks he is religious but does not bridle his tongue,
deceiving his own heart instead, his religion is worthless.
27 Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care
for orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself
unstained by the world.

2

1 My brothers and sisters, do not show favoritism as you hold faith
in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
2 For if a man wearing gold rings and splendid clothing comes into
your gathering, and a poor man in filthy clothing also comes in,
3 and you pay special attention to the one wearing the splendid
clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the
poor man, “You stand, or sit there beneath my footstool,”
4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become
judges with evil thoughts?
5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those
who are poor in the world's eyes to be rich in faith and heirs of the
kingdom he promised to those who love him?
6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress
you and drag you into court?
7 Is it not they who blaspheme the good name invoked over you?
8 If you indeed fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You
shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.
9 But if you show favoritism, you commit sin and are convicted by
the law as transgressors.
10 For whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has
become guilty of all of it.
11 For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not
murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have
become a transgressor of the law.
12 Speak and act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.
13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no
mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has
faith but has no works? Can that faith save him?
15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and lacks daily food,
16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; be warmed and filled,”
but you do not give them what the body needs, what good is it?
17 So also faith, if it has no works, is dead by itself.
18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show
me your faith apart from works, and I will show you my faith by my
works.
19 Do you believe that God is one? You do well. Even the demons
believe—and shudder.

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith apart from
works is useless?
21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered
his son Isaac on the altar?
22 You see that faith was working together with his works, and by
works faith was made complete,
23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God,
and it was counted to him as righteousness,” and he was called a
friend of God.
24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.
25 And likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works
when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out another way?
26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith
without works is dead.

3

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters,
knowing that we will receive a stricter judgment.
2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in
speech, he is a mature man, able also to bridle his whole body.
3 Now if we put bits into horses' mouths so that they obey us, we
also direct their whole bodies.
4 Look also at the ships: though they are so large and driven by
fierce winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the
pilot wishes.
5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.
See how small a fire sets so great a forest ablaze!
6 The tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set
among our members, staining the whole body, setting the wheel of life
on fire, and itself set on fire by hell.
7 For every kind of wild animal and bird, of creeping creature and
sea creature, is tamed and has been tamed by humankind.
8 But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full
of deadly poison.
9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human
beings who have been made in the likeness of God.
10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers
and sisters, these things ought not to be so.
11 Does a spring pour out fresh and bitter water from the same
opening?
12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, produce olives, or a
grapevine figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh water.
13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show his
works by his good conduct in the meekness of wisdom.
14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts,
do not boast and lie against the truth.
15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is
earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition are, there are disorder
and every evil practice.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,
open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and without
hypocrisy.
18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who
make peace.

4

1 Where do wars and fights among you come from? Do they not
come from your pleasures that wage war in your members?
2 You desire and do not have. You murder and envy and cannot
obtain. You fight and wage war. You do not have because you do not
ask.
3 You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, to spend it on
your pleasures.
4 Adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is
enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the
world makes himself an enemy of God.
5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks in vain: “He yearns
jealously for the spirit he made to dwell in us”?
6 But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the
proud but gives grace to the humble.”
7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will
flee from you.
8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your
hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
9 Be distressed and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to
mourning and your joy to gloom.
10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
11 Do not speak against one another, brothers and sisters. The one
who speaks against a brother or judges his brother speaks against the
law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of
the law but a judge.
12 There is one lawgiver and judge, the one who can save and
destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?
13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such
and such a city, spend a year there, trade, and make a profit.”
14 Yet you do not know what your life will be tomorrow. For you are
a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this
or that.”
16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.
17 So for anyone who knows the right thing to do and does not do it,
it is sin.

5

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl over the miseries coming
upon you.
2 Your wealth has rotted, and your clothes have become moth-eaten.
3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be a
witness against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have stored up
treasure in the last days.

4 Look, the wages of the workers who harvested your fields, which
you have withheld, are crying out, and the cries of the reapers have
reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.
5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have
fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.
6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one. Does he
not oppose you?
7 Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the
Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
being patient for it until he receives the early and late rains.
8 You too be patient and strengthen your hearts, for the coming of
the Lord has drawn near.
9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that
you may not be judged. Look, the judge is standing at the doors.
10 Brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of
the Lord as an example of suffering and patience.
11 Look, we count as blessed those who endured. You have heard of
Job's endurance and have seen the outcome the Lord brought about,
for the Lord is full of compassion and mercy.
12 But above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by
heaven or by earth or by any other oath. Let your “Yes” be yes and
your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under judgment.
13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful?
Let him sing praises.
14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the
church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the
name of the Lord.
15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will
raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
16 Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one
another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous
person has great power.
17 Elijah was a human being with a nature like ours, and he prayed
earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for
three years and six months.
18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth
produced its fruit.
19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the
truth and someone turns him back,
20 let him know that whoever turns a sinner back from the error of
his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen sojourners of the
Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the
sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling with the
blood of Jesus Christ: may grace and peace be multiplied to you.
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great
mercy he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,
5 who are guarded by the power of God through faith for a salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if
necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith, more precious than
gold that perishes though tested by fire, may result in praise, glory,
and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not
see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with inexpressible and
glorious joy,
9 receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the
grace for you searched and inquired diligently,
11 inquiring what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ in
them was indicating when he foretold the sufferings destined for
Christ and the glories to follow.
12 It was revealed to them that they were serving these things not
for themselves but for you. These things have now been announced to
you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit
sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.
13 Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and set your
hope fully on the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus
Christ.
14 As obedient children, do not conform yourselves to the desires
you formerly had in your ignorance,
15 but as the one who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your
conduct,
16 for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
17 And if you call on as Father the one who judges impartially
according to each person's work, conduct yourselves in fear
throughout the time of your sojourning,
18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile way of life
handed down from your ancestors, not with perishable things such as
silver or gold,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without
blemish or spot.

20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was
revealed in the last times for your sake,
21 you who through him believe in God, who raised him from the
dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.
22 Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth for sincere
brotherly love, love one another earnestly from the heart,
23 having been born again, not from perishable seed but
imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.
24 For
"All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withered, and the flower fell,
25 but the word of the Lord remains forever."
And this is the word that was preached to you as good news.

2

1 Therefore put away all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all
slander.
2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, so that by it
you may grow into salvation,
3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by human beings but
chosen and precious in God's sight,
5 you yourselves, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual
house for a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to
God through Jesus Christ.
6 For it stands in Scripture:
"Look, I am laying in Zion a chosen and precious cornerstone, and
whoever believes in him will never be put to shame."
7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not
believe,
"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"
8 and
"A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense."
They stumble as they disobey the word; to this they were also
appointed.
9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a
people for his own possession, so that you may proclaim the
excellencies of the one who called you out of darkness into his
marvelous light.
10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once
you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
11 Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and sojourners to abstain from
fleshly desires, which wage war against the soul.
12 Keep your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, so that, though
they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good works
and glorify God on the day of visitation.
13 Submit yourselves to every human institution for the Lord's sake,
whether to the king as supreme,
14 or to governors as those sent by him to punish evildoers and
praise those who do good.

15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you silence the
ignorance of foolish people.
16 Live as free people, not using your freedom as a cover for evil, but
as slaves of God.
17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the
king.
18 Household slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all
respect, not only to those who are good and gentle but also to the
crooked.
19 For it is commendable if someone, because he is conscious of God,
endures grief while suffering unjustly.
20 For what credit is there if you endure beatings for sinning? But if
you endure suffering for doing good, this is commendable before God.
21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example so that you might follow in his footsteps.
22 He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.
23 When he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he
suffered, he did not threaten, but entrusted himself to the one who
judges justly.
24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that, having
died to sins, we might live to righteousness. By his wound you were
healed.
25 For you were straying like sheep, but now you have returned to
the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

3

1 Likewise, wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, so that
even if some disobey the word, they may be won without a word
through their wives' conduct,
2 when they observe your pure and respectful conduct.
3 Let your adornment not be outward—the braiding of hair, the
wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothes—
4 but the hidden person of the heart, in the imperishable beauty of a
gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight.
5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God adorned
themselves in former times, submitting themselves to their own
husbands,
6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her
children if you do good and do not fear any terror.
7 Husbands, likewise, live with your wives with understanding,
showing them honor as the weaker vessel and as fellow heirs of the
grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.
8 Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving as brothers
and sisters, tenderhearted, and humble,
9 not repaying evil for evil or insult for insult, but on the contrary
blessing, because to this you were called, so that you might inherit a
blessing.
10 For
“Whoever wants to love life and see good days must keep his tongue
from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.
11 Let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are
attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those
who do evil."
13 And who will harm you if you become zealous for what is good?
14 But even if you suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not
fear what they fear, nor be troubled,
15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to
give a defense to everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope
within you,
16 but with gentleness and respect, keeping a good conscience, so
that when you are slandered, those who revile your good conduct in
Christ may be put to shame.
17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is God's will, than
for doing evil.
18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the
unrighteous, to bring you to God, put to death in the flesh but made
alive in the spirit,
19 in which he also went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,
20 who once disobeyed, when God's patience waited in the days of
Noah, while the ark was being prepared. In it a few, that is, eight
persons, were brought safely through water.
21 Baptism, corresponding to this, now also saves you—not the
removal of dirt from the body, but an appeal to God for a good
conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, with
angels, authorities, and powers subjected to him.

4

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also
with the same thought, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has
ceased from sin,
2 so as to live the remaining time in the flesh no longer for human
desires but for the will of God.
3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what the
Gentiles desire, living in debauchery, lusts, drunkenness, revelries,
drinking parties, and unlawful idolatries.
4 They are surprised that you do not run with them into the same
flood of debauchery, and they slander you.
5 They will give an account to the one who is ready to judge the
living and the dead.
6 For this reason the gospel was preached even to the dead, so that
they might be judged in the flesh according to human beings but live
in the spirit according to God.
7 The end of all things has drawn near. Therefore be self-controlled
and sober for your prayers.
8 Above all, maintain earnest love for one another, because love
covers a multitude of sins.
9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.
10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good
stewards of God's varied grace.

11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as one speaking the words of God. If anyone serves, let him serve from the strength God supplies, so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.
13 But rejoice insofar as you share in Christ's sufferings, so that you may also rejoice with great joy at the revelation of his glory.
14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.
15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler in others' affairs.
16 But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name.
17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the house of God. And if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who disobey the gospel of God?
18 And “If the righteous person is saved with difficulty, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”
19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to the faithful Creator while doing good.

5

1 Therefore I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings, and a sharer in the glory to be revealed:
2 shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing it not under compulsion but willingly, as God desires, not for shameful gain but eagerly,
3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but becoming examples to the flock.
4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
5 Likewise, you who are younger, submit to the elders. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time,
7 casting all your cares on him, for he cares for you.
8 Be sober and watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that your brotherhood throughout the world is experiencing the same sufferings.
10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.
11 To him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.
12 Through Silvanus, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.
13 She who is in Babylon, chosen with you, greets you, and so does Mark my son.

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are
in Christ.

2 Peter

1 Simeon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have
received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our
God and Savior Jesus Christ:
2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God
and of Jesus our Lord.
3 His divine power has granted us everything needed for life and
godliness through the knowledge of the one who called us by his own
glory and excellence.
4 Through these he has granted us precious and very great promises,
so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption in the world because of desire.
5 For this very reason, make every effort to add virtue to your faith,
and knowledge to virtue,
6 and self-control to knowledge, and endurance to self-control, and
godliness to endurance,
7 and brotherly affection to godliness, and love to brotherly
affection.
8 For if these things are yours and abound, they keep you from
being idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 For whoever lacks these things is blind, shortsighted, having
forgotten the cleansing of his former sins.
10 Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more diligent to make
your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will
never stumble.
11 For in this way entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.
12 Therefore I will always be ready to remind you of these things,
though you know them and are established in the truth that is with
you.
13 And I consider it right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up
by way of reminder,
14 knowing that I must soon put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus
Christ has made clear to me.
15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may
be able to recall these things at any time.
16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made
known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we
were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when this
voice came to him from the Majestic Glory: “This is my Son, my
beloved, in whom I am well pleased.”
18 And we ourselves heard this voice coming from heaven when we
were with him on the holy mountain.
19 And we have the prophetic word more firmly confirmed, to which
you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until
the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

20 Know this above all: no prophecy of Scripture arises from one's
own interpretation,
21 for no prophecy was ever brought by human will, but people
spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will
be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive
heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift
destruction on themselves.
2 And many will follow their debauchery, and because of them the
way of truth will be slandered.
3 And in their greed they will exploit you with fabricated words.
Their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction does
not slumber.
4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them
into Tartarus and handed them over to chains of gloom, kept for
judgment,
5 and did not spare the ancient world, but protected Noah, a herald
of righteousness, along with seven others, when he brought a flood on
the world of the ungodly,
6 and reduced the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes,
condemning them to destruction, setting them as an example of what
is coming to the ungodly,
7 and rescued righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the debauched
conduct of the lawless—
8 for as he lived among them, this righteous man tormented his
righteous soul day after day over their lawless deeds by what he saw
and heard—
9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trial and to
keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,
10 especially those who follow the flesh in defiling desire and
despise authority. Bold and self-willed, they do not tremble when they
blaspheme glorious beings,
11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not bring
a blasphemous judgment against them.
12 But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct born for
capture and destruction, blaspheme what they do not understand and
will also be destroyed in their corruption,
13 suffering harm as the wages of unrighteousness. They consider
daytime luxury a pleasure. They are spots and blemishes, reveling in
their deceptions while feasting with you.
14 They have eyes full of adultery and never cease from sin. They
entice unstable souls and have a heart trained in greed. They are
children of a curse.
15 Leaving the straight way, they have gone astray, following the way
of Balaam son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,
16 but was rebuked for his own transgression: a speechless beast of
burden, speaking with a human voice, restrained the prophet's
madness.

17 These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm, for
whom the gloom of darkness has been reserved.
18 For, speaking arrogant, empty words, they entice by fleshly
desires and debauchery those who are barely escaping from those
who live in error.
19 They promise them freedom while they themselves are slaves of
corruption, for a person is enslaved to whatever has overcome him.
20 For if, after escaping the defilements of the world through the
knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they become entangled
in them again and are overcome, their last state has become worse
than the first.
21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the
way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the
holy commandment delivered to them.
22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: “A dog returns
to its own vomit,” and, “A washed sow returns to wallowing in the
mud.”

3

1 This is now the second letter I am writing to you, beloved. In both,
I stir up your sincere minds by way of reminder,
2 so that you remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy
prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your
apostles.
3 Know this above all: in the last days scoffers will come with
scoffing, following their own desires
4 and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since
the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they have from the
beginning of creation.”
5 For they deliberately overlook this: that the heavens existed long
ago, and earth was formed out of water and through water by the
word of God.
6 Through these the world of that time perished, flooded with water.
7 But the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire by the
same word, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly
people.
8 But do not overlook this one thing, beloved: with the Lord one day
is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.
9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise, as some consider
slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should
perish but that all should come to repentance.
10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the
heavens will pass away with a roar, and the elements will be dissolved
as they burn, and the earth and the works in it will be exposed.
11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of
people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God? Because
of that day the heavens will be dissolved in fire, and the elements will
melt as they burn.
13 But according to his promise, we await new heavens and a new
earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, as you await these things, be diligent to be
found by him spotless and blameless, in peace,
15 and consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our
beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given
to him,
16 as he does in all his letters, speaking in them of these things. In
them are some things hard to understand, which the unlearned and
unstable twist, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own
destruction.
17 You, therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, guard
yourselves so that you are not carried away by the error of the lawless
and fall from your own steadfastness.
18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him be glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

1 John

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have
seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and our hands touched,
concerning the Word of life—
2 and the life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify and
proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was
revealed to us—
3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you
too may have fellowship with us. And indeed our fellowship is with
the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.
5 This is the message we have heard from him and announce to you:
God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.
6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while walking in
darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
7 But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship
with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all
sin.
8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth
is not in us.
9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his
word is not in us.

2

1 My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not
sin. But if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous.
2 And he himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for
ours alone but also for the sins of the whole world.
3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep
his commandments.
4 Whoever says, “I have come to know him,” but does not keep his
commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
5 But in the one who keeps his word, the love of God has truly been
made complete. By this we know that we are in him:
6 whoever says he remains in him ought himself to walk as he
walked.
7 Beloved, I am not writing you a new commandment, but an old
commandment that you have had from the beginning. The old
commandment is the word you heard.
8 Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him
and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is
already shining.
9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in
darkness.
10 Whoever loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no
cause for stumbling in him.

11 But whoever hates his brother is in darkness and walks in
darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness
has blinded his eyes.

12 I write to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven
for his name's sake.
13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known the one who is
from the beginning.
I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil
one.
14 I have written to you, children, because you have known the Father.
I have written to you, fathers, because you have known the one
who is from the beginning.
I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the
word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil
one.
15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves
the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of
the eyes, and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from
the world.
17 And the world is passing away, and its desire, but whoever does
the will of God remains forever.
18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you heard that antichrist is
coming, even now many antichrists have arisen. From this we know
that it is the last hour.
19 They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had
been of us, they would have remained with us. But they went out so
that it might be made plain that they are not all of us.
20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all have
knowledge.
21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but
because you know it, and because no lie is from the truth.
22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?
This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.
23 Everyone who denies the Son does not have the Father either.
Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.
24 As for you, let what you heard from the beginning remain in you.
If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you too will
remain in the Son and in the Father.
25 And this is the promise he himself promised us: eternal life.

26 I have written these things to you about those who deceive you.
27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you,
and you have no need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing
teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it
taught you, remain in him.

28 And now, little children, remain in him, so that when he is
revealed we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame
at his coming.
29 If you know that he is righteous, know that everyone who
practices righteousness has been born of him.

3

1 See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be
called children of God! And we are. For this reason the world does not
know us, because it did not know him.
2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not
yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like
him, because we will see him as he is.
3 And everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, just
as he is pure.
4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is
lawlessness.
5 And you know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him
there is no sin.
6 Everyone who remains in him does not sin. Everyone who sins has
neither seen him nor known him.
7 Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who practices
righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous.
8 The one who practices sin is of the devil, because the devil has
been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was
revealed: to destroy the works of the devil.
9 Everyone who has been born of God does not practice sin, because
God's seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been
born of God.
10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are
evident: everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God,
nor is the one who does not love his brother.
11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning, that we
should love one another,
12 not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his
brother. And why did he murder him? Because his deeds were evil,
but his brother's were righteous.
13 Do not be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.
14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love
the brothers and sisters. Whoever does not love remains in death.
15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that
no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.
16 By this we have come to know love: he laid down his life for us;
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters.
17 But if anyone has this world's goods, sees his brother in need, and
closes his heart to him, how does the love of God remain in him?
18 Little children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and
truth.
19 By this we will know that we are of the truth, and will reassure
our heart before him,
20 because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart
and knows all things.
21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence
before God,
22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his
commandments and do what is pleasing in his sight.
23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his
Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he commanded us.

24 Whoever keeps his commandments remains in him, and he in
that person. And by this we know that he remains in us, by the Spirit
whom he gave us.

4

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see
whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone
out into the world.
2 By this you recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses
that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,
3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is
the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now
it is already in the world.
4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them,
because he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and
the world listens to them.
6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is
not from God does not listen to us. By this we recognize the Spirit of
truth and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God, and
everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
8 Whoever does not love has not known God, because God is love.
9 By this the love of God was revealed among us: God has sent his
only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
10 In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God loved us in this way, we too ought to love one
another.
12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in
us, and his love has been made complete in us.
13 By this we know that we remain in him and he in us, because he
has given us of his Spirit.
14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as
Savior of the world.
15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in
him, and he in God.
16 And we have come to know and believe the love God has for us.
God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God, and God
remains in him.
17 By this, love has been made complete among us, so that we may
have confidence on the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are
we in this world.
18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because
fear involves punishment, and whoever fears has not been made
perfect in love.
19 We love because he first loved us.
20 If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is a liar; for
whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God
whom he has not seen.
21 And this commandment we have from him, that whoever loves
God must also love his brother.

5

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of
God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of
him.
2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love
God and carry out his commandments.
3 For this is love for God, that we keep his commandments, and his
commandments are not burdensome,
4 because whatever has been born of God overcomes the world. And
this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.
5 And who is the one who overcomes the world except the one who
believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
6 This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus
Christ—not with the water alone but with the water and with the
blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the
truth.
7 For there are three who testify:
8 the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are in agreement.
9 If we receive human testimony, God's testimony is greater, for this
is God's testimony, that he has testified about his Son.
10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.
Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has
not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.
11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this
life is in his Son.
12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of
God does not have life.
13 I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the
Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.
14 And this is the confidence we have before him, that if we ask
anything according to his will, he hears us.
15 And if we know that he hears us whatever we ask, we know that
we have what we have asked of him.
16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death,
he will ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sin not
leading to death. There is sin leading to death; I do not say that he
should ask about that.
17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.
18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not sin,
but the one who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does
not touch him.
19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the
power of the evil one.
20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us
understanding so that we may know the one who is true. And we are
in the one who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and
eternal life.
21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

2 John

1 The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in
truth, and not I alone but also all who have come to know the truth,
2 because of the truth that remains in us and will be with us forever.
3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and
from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.
4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in truth,
just as we received a commandment from the Father.
5 And now I ask you, lady, not as though writing you a new
commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, that we love
one another.
6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments.
This is the commandment, just as you heard from the beginning, that
you walk in it.
7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do
not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver
and the antichrist.
8 Watch yourselves, so that you do not lose what we have
accomplished, but receive a full reward.
9 Everyone who goes ahead and does not remain in the teaching of
Christ does not have God. Whoever remains in the teaching has both
the Father and the Son.
10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not
receive him into your house or welcome him,
11 for whoever welcomes him shares in his evil deeds.
12 Though I have many things to write to you, I did not want to do so
with paper and ink. Instead I hope to be with you and speak face to
face, so that your joy may be complete.
13 The children of your chosen sister greet you.

3 John

1 The elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.
2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in good
health, just as your soul prospers.
3 For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came and testified to your
faithfulness to the truth, as indeed you walk in truth.
4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in
the truth.
5 Beloved, you act faithfully in whatever you do for the brothers,
even though they are strangers,
6 who have testified to your love before the church. You will do well
to help them on their journey in a manner worthy of God,
7 for they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from
the Gentiles.
8 Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may
become fellow workers for the truth.
9 I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be
first among them, does not welcome us.
10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing:
he speaks against us with malicious words. Not content with that, he
does not welcome the brothers himself, and he stops those who want
to receive them and expels those people from the church.
11 Beloved, do not imitate evil but good. Whoever does good is from
God; whoever does evil has not seen God.
12 Demetrius has been commended by everyone, and by the truth
itself. We also testify, and you know that our testimony is true.
13 I had many things to write to you, but I do not want to write to
you with ink and pen.
14 But I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to face.
15 Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

Jude

1 Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are
called, loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
2 May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
3 Beloved, while making every effort to write to you about the
salvation we share, I found it necessary to write urging you to contend
earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.
4 For certain people have slipped in unnoticed, whose
condemnation was written about long ago. They are ungodly, turning
the grace of our God into debauchery and denying our only Master
and Lord, Jesus Christ.
5 Now I want to remind you, though you already know all this, that
Jesus, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward
destroyed those who did not believe,
6 and the angels who did not keep their own position of authority
but left their own dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloom
for the judgment of the great day.
7 Likewise Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, which
in the same way as these indulged in sexual immorality and went
after different flesh, serve as an example, undergoing the punishment
of eternal fire.
8 Yet these dreamers likewise defile the flesh, reject authority, and
blaspheme glorious beings.
9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and
argued about the body of Moses, did not dare bring a blasphemous
judgment against him, but said, “May the Lord rebuke you.”
10 But these blaspheme whatever they do not know, and they are
destroyed by what they understand by instinct, like irrational animals.
11 Woe to them! For they have walked in the way of Cain, rushed
into Balaam's error for pay, and perished in Korah's rebellion.
12 These are reefs at your love feasts, feasting with you, shepherding
themselves without fear; waterless clouds swept along by winds;
autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted;
13 wild waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering
stars, for whom the gloom of darkness has been reserved forever.
14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied about these,
saying, “Look, the Lord has come with tens of thousands of his holy
ones,
15 to execute judgment against all and to convict all the ungodly of
all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in an ungodly
way, and of all the harsh words that ungodly sinners have spoken
against him.”
16 These are grumblers and faultfinders, following their own
desires. Their mouths speak arrogant words, flattering people to gain
advantage.
17 But you, beloved, remember the words spoken beforehand by the
apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

18 They were telling you, “In the last time there will be scoffers
following their own ungodly desires.”
19 These are the ones who cause divisions, unspiritual, not having
the Spirit.
20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith,
praying in the Holy Spirit,
21 keep yourselves in the love of God, awaiting the mercy of our
Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life.
22 And have mercy on those who doubt;
23 save others, snatching them out of the fire, and have mercy on
others with fear, hating even the tunic stained by the flesh.
24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present
you blameless before his glory with great joy,
25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory,
majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and
forever. Amen.

Revelation

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his
slaves what must take place soon. He made it known by sending his
angel to his slave John,
2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus
Christ, to all that he saw.
3 Blessed is the one who reads, and blessed are those who hear the
words of the prophecy and keep what is written in it, for the time is
near.
4 John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace and peace to you from
the one who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven
spirits before his throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the
dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and
freed us from our sins by his blood—
6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be
glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn
because of him. Yes, amen.
8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and
who was and who is coming, the Almighty.”
9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and kingdom
and endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of
the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud
voice like a trumpet,
11 saying, “Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven
churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis,
Philadelphia, and Laodicea.”
12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me, and
when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed
in a robe reaching to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.
14 His head and his hair were white, like white wool, like snow, and
his eyes were like a flame of fire.
15 His feet were like burnished bronze, as if refined in a furnace,
and his voice was like the sound of many waters.
16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a
sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in its
strength.
17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. He laid his
right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last,
18 and the Living One. I was dead, and look, I am alive forever and
ever, and I have the keys of death and Hades.
19 Write therefore what you saw, what is, and what is to take place
after these things.

20 As for the mystery of the seven stars you saw in my right hand
and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are angels of the
seven churches, and the seven lampstands are seven churches."

2

1 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: "Thus says the one
who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the
seven golden lampstands:
2 I know your works, your toil and your endurance, and that you
cannot tolerate evil people. You tested those who call themselves
apostles and are not, and found them to be liars.
3 You have endurance, and you have borne up for my name's sake,
and you have not grown weary.
4 But I have this against you: you have abandoned your first love.
5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do
the works you did at first. If not, I am coming to you, and I will
remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.
6 But you have this: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I
also hate.
7 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the
churches. To the one who overcomes I will grant to eat from the tree
of life, which is in the paradise of God."
8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: "Thus says the
First and the Last, who was dead and came to life:
9 I know your tribulation and poverty—but you are rich—and the
slander from those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a
synagogue of Satan.
10 Do not fear anything you are about to suffer. Look, the devil is
about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and
you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful to the point of death,
and I will give you the crown of life.
11 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the
churches. The one who overcomes will never be harmed by the
second death."
12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: "Thus says the
one who has the sharp two-edged sword:
13 I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. You hold fast
my name, and you did not deny faith in me, even in the days of
Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you,
where Satan dwells.
14 But I have a few things against you, because you have some there
who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling
block before the children of Israel, so that they would eat food
sacrificed to idols and commit sexual immorality.
15 So you also have those who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans in
the same way.
16 Repent therefore. If not, I am coming to you soon, and I will fight
against them with the sword of my mouth.
17 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the
churches. To the one who overcomes I will give some of the hidden

manna, and I will give him a white stone inscribed with a new name
that no one knows except the one who receives it."
18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: "Thus says the
Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like
burnished bronze:
19 I know your works, your love and faith and service and
endurance, and that your later works are more than your first.
20 But I have this against you: you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who
calls herself a prophetess. She teaches my slaves and deceives them
into committing sexual immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols.
21 I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her
sexual immorality.
22 Look, I am casting her onto a bed, and those who commit adultery
with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works.
23 I will strike her children dead, and all the churches will know that
I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to each of
you according to your works.
24 But to you, the rest in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching and
have not known 'the deep things of Satan,' as they say, I say: I put no
other burden on you.
25 Only hold fast what you have until I come.
26 And to the one who overcomes and keeps my works to the end, I
will give authority over the nations,
27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as clay vessels are
shattered,
28 just as I also have received authority from my Father. And I will
give him the morning star.
29 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the
churches."

3

1 To the angel of the church in Sardis write: "Thus says the one who
has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works.
You have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead.
2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and was about to die, for I
have not found your works complete before my God.
3 Remember, then, how you received and heard; keep it and repent.
If you do not stay awake, I will come like a thief, and you will never
know at what hour I will come upon you.
4 But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their
garments. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.
5 The one who overcomes will be clothed like this in white
garments. I will never erase his name from the book of life, and I will
acknowledge his name before my Father and before his angels.
6 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the
churches."
7 To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: "Thus says the
Holy One, the True One, who has the key of David, who opens and no
one will shut, and shuts and no one opens:

8 I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door that
no one can shut. You have little strength, yet you have kept my word
and have not denied my name.
9 Look, I am giving you some from the synagogue of Satan, who say
they are Jews and are not, but are lying. Look, I will make them come
and bow down before your feet and know that I have loved you.
10 Because you have kept my word of endurance, I will also keep
you from the hour of trial that is about to come upon the whole
inhabited world, to test those who dwell on the earth.
11 I am coming soon. Hold fast to what you have, so that no one may
take your crown.
12 The one who overcomes—I will make him a pillar in the temple of
my God, and he will never go out again. I will write on him the name
of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem,
which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my new name.
13 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the
churches."
14 To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "Thus says the
Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation:
15 I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were
cold or hot!
16 So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am
about to vomit you out of my mouth.
17 For you say, 'I am rich, I have grown wealthy, and I need nothing,'
and you do not know that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and
naked.
18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may
be rich, white garments to clothe yourself so that the shame of your
nakedness may not be exposed, and eye salve to anoint your eyes so
that you may see.
19 All those I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be zealous and repent.
20 Look, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and
opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with
me.
21 The one who overcomes—I will grant him to sit with me on my
throne, just as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on his
throne.
22 Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the
churches."

4

1 After these things I looked, and there was an open door in heaven!
The first voice I had heard, speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come
up here, and I will show you what must take place." After these things,
2 I was immediately in the Spirit. And look, a throne stood in
heaven, and someone was seated on the throne.
3 The one seated there was like jasper and carnelian in appearance,
and a rainbow around the throne was like an emerald in appearance.
4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the
thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with
golden crowns on their heads.

5 From the throne come flashes of lightning, voices, and peals of
thunder. Before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the
seven spirits of God.
6 Before the throne is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. In
the midst of the throne and around the throne are four living
creatures, full of eyes in front and behind.
7 The first living creature is like a lion, the second living creature
like a calf, the third living creature has a face like a man's, and the
fourth living creature is like a flying eagle.
8 Each of the four living creatures has six wings, and they are full of
eyes all around and within. Day and night they never rest, saying,
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is
and who is coming."
9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the
one seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,
10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before the one seated on the
throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever. They will cast
their crowns before the throne, saying,
11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and
power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed
and were created."

5

1 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a
scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.
2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is
worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"
3 No one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the
scroll or look at it.
4 I wept bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll
or look at it.
5 Then one of the elders says to me, "Do not weep. Look, the Lion of
the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome, so that he may
open the scroll and its seven seals."
6 And I saw, in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures
and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing as though slain. He
had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God
sent out into all the earth.
7 He came and took the scroll from the right hand of the one seated
on the throne.
8 When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the
twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp
and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
9 And they sing a new song, saying,
"You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, for you were
slain, and by your blood you purchased for God people from
every tribe and language and people and nation.
10 You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they reign on
the earth."
11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels around the
throne and the living creatures and the elders. Their number was tens
of thousands of tens of thousands, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and
wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”
13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the
earth and on the sea, and everything in them, saying,
“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and
honor and glory and dominion forever and ever!”
14 The four living creatures were saying, “Amen,” and the elders fell
down and worshiped.

6

1 I watched as the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard
one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”
2 I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and a
crown was given to him. He went out conquering and to conquer.
3 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living
creature say, “Come!”
4 Another horse came out, fiery red. Its rider was permitted to take
peace from the earth so that people would slaughter one another, and
a great sword was given to him.
5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature
say, “Come!” I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a
pair of scales in his hand.
6 And I heard what sounded like a voice in the midst of the four
living creatures, saying, “About a quart of wheat for a day's wage, and
about three quarts of barley for a day's wage! Do not harm the oil and
the wine.”
7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth
living creature say, “Come!”
8 I looked, and there was a pale green horse! Its rider was named
Death, and Hades followed him. They were given authority over a
fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, pestilence, and the wild
beasts of the earth.
9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of
those who had been slain because of the word of God and because of
the testimony they held.
10 They cried out with a loud voice, “How long, holy and true Master,
until you judge those who dwell on the earth and avenge our blood?”
11 A white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest
a little longer, until the number of their fellow slaves and brothers and
sisters who were to be killed as they were was complete.
12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great
earthquake. The sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the
whole moon became like blood.
13 The stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe
figs when shaken by a strong wind.
14 The sky withdrew like a scroll being rolled up, and every
mountain and island was moved from its place.
15 The kings of the earth, the great men, the military commanders,
the rich, the mighty, and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and
among the rocks of the mountains.

16 And they say to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide
us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath
of the Lamb,
17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

7

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the
earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind would
blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.
2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun,
holding the seal of the living God. He cried out with a loud voice to the
four angels who had been permitted to harm the earth and the sea,
3 saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have
sealed the slaves of our God on their foreheads.”
4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, sealed
from every tribe of the children of Israel:
5 From the tribe of Judah, 12,000 sealed; from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000; from the tribe of Gad, 12,000;
6 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000; from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000;
from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000;
7 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000; from the tribe of Levi, 12,000;
from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000;
8 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000; from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000;
from the tribe of Benjamin, 12,000 sealed.
9 After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no
one could count, from every nation, and from all tribes, peoples, and
languages. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed
in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cry out with a loud voice,
“Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the
Lamb!”
11 All the angels were standing around the throne and the elders
and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God,
12 saying,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and
power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These who are clothed in white
robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”
14 I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are
the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and serve him
day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will
spread his tent over them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more. The sun will never
beat down on them, nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and
guide them to springs of the water of life. And God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes.”

8

1 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for
about half an hour.
2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven
trumpets were given to them.
3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer.
He was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints
on the golden altar before the throne.
4 The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose from
the angel's hand before God.
5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and
threw it to the earth. There were peals of thunder, voices, flashes of
lightning, and an earthquake.
6 The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound
them.
7 The first sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed
with blood, and it was thrown to the earth. A third of the earth was
burned up, a third of the trees was burned up, and all the green grass
was burned up.
8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a great
mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea. A third of the
sea became blood,
9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the
ships were destroyed.
10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star fell from
heaven, burning like a torch. It fell on a third of the rivers and on the
springs of water.
11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became
wormwood, and many people died from the waters because they had
been made bitter.
12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was
struck, and a third of the moon and a third of the stars, so that a third
of them was darkened, and the day would not shine for a third of its
duration, and the night likewise.
13 Then I looked and heard a single eagle flying in midheaven,
saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the
earth, because of the remaining trumpet blasts of the three angels
who are about to sound!”

9

1 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had
fallen from heaven to the earth. The key to the shaft of the abyss was
given to him.
2 He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke rose from the shaft
like smoke from a great furnace. The sun and the air were darkened
by the smoke from the shaft.
3 Out of the smoke came locusts onto the earth, and they were given
power like the power of the earth's scorpions.
4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or anything
green or any tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of
God on their foreheads.

5 They were not permitted to kill them, but only to torment them for
five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it
stings a person.
6 In those days people will seek death and will never find it. They
will long to die, but death flees from them.
7 The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads
was something like crowns resembling gold, and their faces were like
human faces.
8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions'
teeth.
9 They had breastplates like iron breastplates, and the sound of their
wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses rushing into
battle.
10 They have tails like scorpions, with stingers, and in their tails is
their power to harm people for five months.
11 They have as king over them the angel of the abyss. His name in
Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.
12 The first woe has passed. Look, two more woes are coming after
these things.
13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a single voice
from the horns of the golden altar before God,
14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four
angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”
15 So the four angels who had been prepared for the hour and day
and month and year were released to kill a third of humanity.
16 The number of the cavalry troops was two hundred million; I
heard their number.
17 This is how I saw the horses in the vision and those riding them:
they had breastplates of fiery red, dark blue, and sulfur yellow. The
horses' heads were like lions' heads, and from their mouths come fire,
smoke, and sulfur.
18 A third of humanity was killed by these three plagues: by the fire,
the smoke, and the sulfur coming from their mouths.
19 For the horses' power is in their mouths and in their tails. Their
tails are like snakes, with heads, and with them they inflict harm.
20 The rest of humanity, who were not killed by these plagues, did
not repent of the works of their hands and stop worshiping demons
and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood, which can neither
see nor hear nor walk.
21 Nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their
sexual immorality or their thefts.

10

1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven,
clothed in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the
sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.
2 He held a little scroll open in his hand. He set his right foot on the
sea and his left on the land,
3 and he cried out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he
cried out, the seven thunders spoke with their own voices.

4 When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write, but I heard a
voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders said, and
do not write it down.”
5 The angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his
right hand toward heaven
6 and swore by the one who lives forever and ever, who created
heaven and everything in it, the earth and everything in it, and the
sea and everything in it, “There will be no more delay,
7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about
to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be completed, just as he
proclaimed the good news to his own slaves the prophets.”
8 Then the voice I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying,
“Go, take the open scroll in the hand of the angel standing on the sea
and on the land.”
9 I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He
says to me, “Take it and eat it up. It will make your stomach bitter, but
in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.”
10 I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it up. In my
mouth it was sweet as honey, but when I had eaten it, my stomach
was made bitter.
11 And they say to me, “You must prophesy again about many
peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

11

1 I was given a reed like a rod and was told, “Rise and measure the
temple of God and the altar and those who worship in it.
2 But leave out the courtyard outside the temple, and do not
measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and they will trample
the holy city for forty-two months.
3 I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy
for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”
4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand
before the Lord of the earth.
5 If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and
devours their enemies. If anyone wants to harm them, he must be
killed in this way.
6 They have authority to shut the sky so that no rain falls during the
days of their prophecy. They also have authority over the waters to
turn them to blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as
often as they wish.
7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that comes up from the
abyss will make war against them and overcome them and kill them.
8 Their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that is
spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was also
crucified.
9 Those from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations look at their
dead bodies for three and a half days, and they do not allow their
bodies to be placed in a tomb.
10 Those who dwell on the earth rejoice over them and celebrate,
and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets
tormented those who dwell on the earth.

11 After the three and a half days, a breath of life from God entered
them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear fell on those who
watched them.
12 They heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up
here!” And they went up into heaven in the cloud, while their enemies
watched them.
13 In that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city
fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the
rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.
14 The second woe has passed. Look, the third woe is coming soon.
15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud
voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the
kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and
ever.”
16 The twenty-four elders seated on their thrones before God fell on
their faces and worshiped God,
17 saying,
“We give you thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power and begun to reign.
18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead
to be judged, and to give the reward to your slaves the prophets,
to the saints, and to those who fear your name, small and great,
and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”
19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his
covenant was seen in his temple. There were flashes of lightning,
voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and great hail.

12

1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon beneath her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her
head.
2 She is pregnant and cries out in labor, suffering the agony of giving
birth.
3 Another sign appeared in heaven, and look, a great fiery red
dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his
heads!
4 His tail sweeps away a third of the stars of heaven, and he threw
them to the earth. The dragon stands before the woman who is about
to give birth, so that he may devour her child when she gives birth.
5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations
with a rod of iron. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne.
6 The woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place
prepared by God, so that they may nourish her there for 1,260 days.
7 Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought
against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back,
8 but he did not prevail, and no place was found for them in heaven
any longer.
9 The great dragon was thrown down, the ancient serpent, who is
called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole inhabited world.
He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down
with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, “Now have come the
salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the
authority of his Christ, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has
been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day
and night.
11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of
their testimony, and they did not love their lives even in the face of
death.
12 Therefore rejoice, heavens and those who dwell in them! Woe to
the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great
fury, knowing that he has little time.”
13 When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth,
he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.
14 The woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she
could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a
time, times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent.
15 The serpent poured water like a river from his mouth after the
woman, to sweep her away with the river.
16 But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and
swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.
17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to
make war against the rest of her offspring, those who keep the
commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

13

1 And he stood on the sand of the sea. Then I saw a beast coming up
out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, ten diadems on its
horns, and blasphemous names on its heads.
2 The beast I saw was like a leopard, its feet like a bear's, and its
mouth like a lion's mouth. The dragon gave it his power and his
throne and great authority.
3 One of its heads appeared to have been slain, but its mortal wound
was healed. The whole earth marveled and followed the beast.
4 They worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the
beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast,
and who can wage war against it?”
5 It was given a mouth speaking boasts and blasphemies, and it was
given authority to act for forty-two months.
6 It opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his
name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.
7 It was permitted to make war against the saints and overcome
them, and it was given authority over every tribe and people and
language and nation.
8 All who dwell on the earth will worship it, everyone whose name
has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of
life of the Lamb who was slain.
9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.
10 If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone is
to be killed with the sword, with the sword he is to be killed. Here is
the endurance and faith of the saints.

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It had two
horns like a lamb's, but it spoke like a dragon.
12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and
it makes the earth and those who dwell in it worship the first beast,
whose mortal wound was healed.
13 It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven
to the earth before people's eyes.
14 It deceives those who dwell on the earth by the signs it was
permitted to perform in the beast's presence, telling those who dwell
on the earth to make an image of the beast that has the sword wound
and came to life.
15 It was permitted to give breath to the image of the beast, so that
the image of the beast might speak and cause all who would not
worship the image of the beast to be killed.
16 It causes everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave,
to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,
17 so that no one can buy or sell except the one who has the mark:
the name of the beast or the number of its name.
18 Here is wisdom. Let the one who has understanding calculate the
number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and its number is
six hundred sixty-six.

14

1 Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion,
and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name
written on their foreheads.
2 And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters
and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like harpists
playing their harps.
3 They sing what is like a new song before the throne and before the
four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song
except the 144,000 who had been purchased from the earth.
4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for
they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever
he goes. These were purchased from humanity as firstfruits to God
and to the Lamb.
5 No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

6 Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal
gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth and to every nation
and tribe and language and people.
7 He said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because
the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the one who made
heaven and earth and sea and springs of water.”

8 Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon
the great, who made all the nations drink the wine of the passion of
her sexual immorality!”

9 Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If
anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his
forehead or on his hand,

10 he too will drink the wine of God's fury, poured undiluted into the
cup of his wrath, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur before
the holy angels and before the Lamb.
11 The smoke of their torment rises forever and ever, and they have
no rest day or night, those who worship the beast and its image, and
anyone who receives the mark of its name."
12 Here is the endurance of the saints, those who keep the
commandments of God and faith in Jesus.
13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write: 'Blessed are the
dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "they
will rest from their toil, for their works follow them."
14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the
cloud was one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head and
a sharp sickle in his hand.
15 Another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to
the one seated on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour
to reap has come, because the earth's harvest is ripe."
16 The one seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and
the earth was reaped.
17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too
had a sharp sickle.
18 And another angel came from the altar, the one who has authority
over the fire. He called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp
sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the
earth's vine, for its grapes are ripe."
19 So the angel swung his sickle into the earth, harvested the earth's
vine, and threw the grapes into the great winepress of God's fury.
20 The winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed
from the winepress as high as the horses' bridles for about 180 miles.

15

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven
angels with seven plagues, the last, for in them God's fury was
brought to completion.
2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those
who had overcome the beast and its image and the number of its
name standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.
3 They sing the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the song of the
Lamb, saying,
"Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God, the Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways, King of the ages!
4 Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All the nations will come and worship before you, for your
righteous acts have been revealed."
5 After these things I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of
testimony in heaven was opened.
6 The seven angels with the seven plagues came out of the sanctuary,
clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests.

7 One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven
golden bowls full of the fury of God, who lives forever and ever.
8 The sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and
from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven
plagues of the seven angels were completed.

16

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven
angels, “Go and pour out the seven bowls of God's fury on the earth.”
2 The first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and an ugly
and painful sore broke out on the people who had the mark of the
beast and worshiped its image.
3 The second poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood
like that of a dead person, and every living creature in the sea died.
4 The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of
water, and they became blood.
5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying,
“Righteous are you, the one who is and who was, the Holy One,
because you have made these judgments.
6 For they shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given
them blood to drink.
They deserve it.”
7 And I heard the altar saying,
“Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your judgments!”
8 The fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was permitted to
scorch people with fire.
9 People were scorched by intense heat, and they blasphemed the
name of God, who has authority over these plagues. They did not
repent and give him glory.
10 The fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its
kingdom was plunged into darkness. They gnawed their tongues in
pain
11 and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and
their sores, but they did not repent of their works.
12 The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and
its water dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the rising of
the sun.
13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming from the mouth
of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the
false prophet.
14 For they are spirits of demons performing signs, which go out to
the kings of the whole inhabited world to gather them for the battle of
the great day of God, the Almighty.
15 “Look, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays
awake and keeps his garments, so that he will not walk naked and
have his shame exposed.”
16 And they gathered them to the place called in Hebrew
Armageddon.
17 The seventh poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice
came from the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!”

18 There were flashes of lightning, voices, and peals of thunder, and
there was a great earthquake, such as had not occurred since people
came to be on the earth—so mighty an earthquake, so great.
19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations
fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the
cup of the wine of his furious wrath.
20 Every island fled, and the mountains were not found.
21 Huge hailstones, weighing about seventy-five pounds each, fall
from heaven on people. They blasphemed God because of the plague
of hail, for its plague is exceedingly great.

17

1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke
to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great
prostitute who sits on many waters,
2 with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality,
and with the wine of whose sexual immorality those who dwell on the
earth became drunk."
3 He carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. And I saw a
woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, with
seven heads and ten horns.
4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet and adorned with
gold, precious stones, and pearls. In her hand she held a golden cup
full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.
5 On her forehead was written a name, a mystery: “Babylon the
great, the mother of prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth.”
6 I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the
blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.
7 The angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the
mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the
seven heads and the ten horns.
8 The beast you saw was and is not, and is about to come up from
the abyss, and goes to destruction. Those who dwell on the earth,
whose name has not been written in the book of life from the
foundation of the world, will marvel when they see the beast, because
it was and is not and will be present.
9 Here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are seven
mountains on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings:
10 five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. When he
comes, he must remain a little while.
11 The beast that was and is not is itself an eighth king, and is one of
the seven, and goes to destruction.
12 The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a
kingdom, but they receive authority as kings for one hour with the
beast.
13 They have one purpose and give their power and authority to the
beast.
14 They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will
overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those
with him are called and chosen and faithful.”
15 And he says to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits,
are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.

16 The ten horns you saw and the beast will hate the prostitute. They
will make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh, and burn her up with
fire.
17 For God put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose, to have
one purpose, and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of
God are fulfilled.
18 The woman you saw is the great city that reigns over the kings of
the earth."

18

1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven,
with great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his glory.
2 He cried out with a mighty voice, saying,
"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every
unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, and a haunt for
every unclean and hated beast.
3 For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of the passion of
her sexual immorality.
The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and
the merchants of the earth grew rich through the power of her
luxury."

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,
"Come out of her, my people, so that you do not share in her sins and
do not receive any of her plagues.
5 For her sins have piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her
wrongs.
6 Repay her as she herself repaid, and repay her double according to
her works.
In the cup she mixed, mix a double portion for her.
7 As much as she glorified herself and lived in luxury, give her that
much torment and mourning.
For she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen, I am not a widow, and I
will never see mourning.'
8 For this reason her plagues will come in a single day: death and
mourning and famine.
She will be burned up with fire, for mighty is the Lord God who
judged her."
9 The kings of the earth who committed sexual immorality and lived
in luxury with her will weep and mourn over her when they see the
smoke of her burning.
10 They will stand far off for fear of her torment, saying,
"Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city!
For in one hour your judgment has come."
11 The merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no
one buys their cargo anymore:
12 cargo of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple
cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all thyine wood, every object of ivory, and
every object of very costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

13 cinnamon, aromatic spice, incense, fragrant ointment,
frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and
carriages, slaves, and human lives.
14 "The fruit your soul longed for has departed from you, and all your
luxuries and splendor have vanished from you, and they will
never find them again."
15 The merchants of these things, who grew rich from her, will stand
far off for fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,
16 saying,
"Woe, woe, the great city, clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and
adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls!
17 For in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!"
And every shipmaster, everyone who sails from place to place,
sailors, and all who work at sea stood far off
18 and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying,
"What city is like the great city?"
19 They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and
mourning, saying,
"Woe, woe, the great city, where all who had ships at sea grew rich
from her costly wealth!
For in one hour she has been laid waste."

20 Rejoice over her, heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets,
for God has judged your case against her!

21 Then a mighty angel lifted a stone like a great millstone and
threw it into the sea, saying,
"So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and
she will never be found again.
22 The sound of harpists and musicians and flute players and
trumpeters will never be heard in you again.
No craftsman of any craft will ever be found in you again, and the
sound of a mill will never be heard in you again.
23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again, and the voice of
bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.
For your merchants were the great men of the earth, and by your
sorcery all the nations were deceived.
24 In her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who
had been slain on the earth."

19

1 After these things I heard what sounded like the loud voice of a
great multitude in heaven, saying,
"Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
2 for his judgments are true and righteous.
He has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with
her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his
slaves at her hand."
3 A second time they said,
"Hallelujah!

Her smoke rises forever and ever."
4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and
worshiped God, who is seated on the throne, saying,
"Amen! Hallelujah!"

5 A voice came from the throne, saying,
"Praise our God, all his slaves, and those who fear him, small and
great."
6 And I heard what sounded like the voice of a great multitude, like
the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder,
saying,
"Hallelujah!
For the Lord God, the Almighty, reigns.
7 Let us rejoice and exult, and we will give him the glory, for the
marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself
ready.
8 She was granted to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and pure."
For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
9 And he says to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those invited to the
marriage supper of the Lamb.' " And he says to me, "These are true
words of God."
10 I fell at his feet to worship him, but he says to me, "Do not do that!
I am a fellow slave with you and your brothers and sisters who hold
the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the
spirit of prophecy."
11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider
is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and wages
war.
12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems.
He has a name written that no one knows except himself.
13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the
Word of God.
14 The armies in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in
fine linen, white and pure.
15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it he may
strike the nations. He will rule them with a rod of iron, and he treads
the winepress of the wine of the furious wrath of God, the Almighty.
16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written: "King of
kings and Lord of lords."
17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun. He cried out with a loud
voice to all the birds flying in midheaven, "Come, gather for the great
supper of God,
18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military commanders, the
flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh
of all, free and slave, small and great."
19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies
gathered to wage war against the one riding the horse and against his
army.
20 The beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had
performed signs in its presence, by which he deceived those who

received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image.
The two were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulfur.
21 The rest were killed by the sword that came from the mouth of
the one riding the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

20

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key to
the abyss and a great chain in his hand.
2 He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and
Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.
3 He threw him into the abyss, shut it, and sealed it over him so that
he would deceive the nations no more until the thousand years were
completed. After these things he must be released for a little while.

4 Then I saw thrones, and those who sat on them were given
authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been
beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word
of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and
had not received the mark on their forehead or on their hand. They
came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years
were completed. This is the first resurrection.
6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first
resurrection. Over these the second death has no authority, but they
will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a
thousand years.

7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released
from his prison
8 and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the
earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like
the sand of the sea.
9 They went up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the
camp of the saints and the beloved city. Fire came down from heaven
and devoured them.
10 The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and
sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are also, and they will be
tormented day and night forever and ever.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and the one seated on it. Earth
and heaven fled from his face, and no place was found for them.
12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne,
and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book
of life. The dead were judged by what was written in the books,
according to their works.
13 The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and Hades gave up the
dead in them. Each was judged according to their works.
14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the
second death, the lake of fire.
15 Anyone not found written in the book of life was thrown into the
lake of fire.

21

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and
the first earth had passed away, and the sea is no more.
2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Look, the dwelling of God is with humanity.
He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples, and God
himself will be with them.
4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more.
The former things have passed away."
5 The one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making all things
new." And he says, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."
6 And he said to me, "These things have come to pass! I am the Alpha
and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts I
will give freely from the spring of the water of life.
7 The one who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his
God, and he will be my son.
8 But as for the cowardly, the unbelieving, the detestable,
murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars,
their portion will be in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is
the second death."
9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the
seven last plagues came and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show
you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
10 He carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain and
showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from
God,
11 having the glory of God. Its radiance was like a very precious
stone, like jasper, clear as crystal.
12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve
angels, and names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes
of the children of Israel.
13 On the east were three gates, on the north three gates, on the
south three gates, and on the west three gates.
14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the
twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15 The one speaking with me had a golden measuring reed to
measure the city and its gates and its wall.
16 The city lies square, its length the same as its width. He measured
the city with the reed: about 1,400 miles. Its length and width and
height are equal.
17 He also measured its wall: about 216 feet, by human measure,
which is also the angel's.
18 The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like pure
glass.
19 The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of
precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire,
the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the
eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh
jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each gate was made of a
single pearl. The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent
glass.
22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the
Lamb are its temple.
23 The city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the
glory of God illuminated it, and the Lamb is its lamp.
24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth bring
their glory into it.
25 Its gates will never be shut by day, for there will be no night there,
26 and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
27 Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who practices
abomination or falsehood, but only those written in the Lamb's book
of life.

22

1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
2 down the middle of the city's street. On either side of the river was
the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit each
month. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
3 There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the
Lamb will be in it, and his slaves will serve him.
4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.
5 There will be no more night. They have no need of lamplight or
sunlight, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign
forever and ever.
6 And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord,
the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his slaves
what must take place soon.”
7 “And look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the
words of the prophecy of this book.”
8 I, John, am the one who hears and sees these things. When I heard
and saw them, I fell at the feet of the angel who was showing me these
things to worship him.
9 But he says to me, “Do not do that! I am a fellow slave with you
and your brothers and sisters who are prophets, and with those who
keep the words of this book. Worship God!”
10 And he says to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of
this book, for the time is near.
11 Let the one who does wrong go on doing wrong, and the filthy go
on being filthy; let the righteous go on practicing righteousness, and
the holy go on being holy.”
12 “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay
each one according to their work.
13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the
Beginning and the End.”

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the
right to the tree of life and may enter the city through the gates.
15 Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the
murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices
falsehood.
16 “I, Jesus, sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the
churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright
Morning Star.”
17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”
Let the one who hears say, “Come.”
Let the one who thirsts come;
let the one who wishes take the water of life freely.
18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this
book: if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues
written in this book.
19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this
prophecy, God will take away his portion from the tree of life and
from the holy city, which are described in this book.
20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Psalm

1

1 Blessed is the man who does not walk by the counsel of the wicked,
or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the company of scoffers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on
his law day and night.
3 He is like a tree planted beside streams of water, yielding its fruit in
season, whose leaves do not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.
4 The wicked are not like this;
they are like chaff driven by the wind.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in
the assembly of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the
wicked will perish.

2

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers conspire
together against the LORD and his anointed one:
3 “Let us tear their bonds apart and throw off their ropes."
4 The one enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord mocks them.
5 Then he speaks to them in his anger and terrifies them in his fury:
6 “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”
7 I will proclaim the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my son;
today I have fathered you.
8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the
ends of the earth as your possession.
9 You will break them with an iron rod and shatter them like a potter's
vessel."
10 Now, kings, be wise;
accept correction, judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the son, lest he become angry and you perish on the way, for
his anger can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

3

A psalm of David, when he fled from his son Absalom.
1 LORD, how many are my foes!
Many rise against me.
2 Many say of me, “There is no salvation for him in God.” Selah.

3 But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory and the one who
lifts my head.
4 I cry aloud to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy mountain.
Selah.

5 I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sustains me.
6 I will not fear the tens of thousands who have taken their stand
against me on every side.
7 Rise up, LORD!
Save me, my God!
For you have struck all my enemies on the cheek;
you have broken the teeth of the wicked.
8 Salvation belongs to the LORD.
May your blessing rest on your people! Selah.

4

1 Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness.
You made room for me in distress;
be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
2 You men, how long will you turn my honor to shame?
How long will you love what is worthless and seek a lie? Selah.

3 Know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.
4 Tremble, and do not sin.
Reflect in your hearts as you lie on your beds, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer righteous sacrifices, and trust in the LORD.
6 Many say, “Who will show us any good?”
Lift up the light of your face upon us, LORD.
7 You have put greater joy in my heart than theirs when their grain
and new wine abound.
8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make
me dwell in safety.

5

1 Listen to my words, LORD;
consider my groaning.
2 Attend to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.
3 LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my prayer before you and keep watch.
4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil cannot dwell with you.
5 The arrogant cannot stand before your eyes;
you hate all who do evil.
6 You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD detests the bloodthirsty and deceitful.
7 But through your abundant steadfast love I will enter your house;
in reverence for you I will bow toward your holy temple.
8 LORD, lead me in your righteousness because of those who watch for
my downfall;
make your way straight before me.
9 For nothing in their speech is trustworthy;
within them is destruction.
Their throat is an open grave;

they flatter with their tongue.
10 Declare them guilty, God;
let their own schemes bring them down.
Drive them out for their many transgressions, for they have rebelled against you.
11 Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them sing for joy forever.
Spread your protection over them, and let those who love your name exult in you.
12 For you bless the righteous, LORD;
you surround them with favor as with a shield.

6

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your fury.
2 Be gracious to me, LORD, for I am wasting away;
heal me, LORD, for my bones tremble.
3 My soul is deeply shaken.
And you, LORD—how long?
4 Return, LORD, and deliver my soul;
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
5 For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol, who will give you thanks?
6 I am worn out with groaning;
every night I flood my bed and drench my couch with tears.
7 My eye wastes away with grief;
it grows old because of all my foes.
8 Away from me, all who do evil, for the LORD has heard my weeping.
9 The LORD has heard my plea;
the LORD will receive my prayer.
10 Let all my enemies be put to shame and deeply shaken;
let them turn back in sudden shame.

7

1 LORD my God, in you I take refuge;
save me from all who pursue me, and deliver me,
2 lest one tear me apart like a lion, ripping me to pieces with no one to rescue me.
3 LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is injustice in my hands,
4 if I have repaid with evil one who was at peace with me, or
plundered my foe without cause,
5 let the enemy pursue me and overtake me;
let him trample my life to the ground and lay my honor in the dust. Selah.

6 Rise up, LORD, in your anger;
rise against the fury of my foes.
Awake on my behalf;
you have decreed judgment.
7 Let the assembly of peoples surround you;
return on high above it.
8 The LORD judges the peoples.

Judge me, LORD, according to my righteousness and the integrity
within me.
9 Let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and establish the righteous,
you who test hearts and deepest thoughts, righteous God.
10 My shield rests with God, who saves the upright in heart.
11 God is a righteous judge, a God who is indignant every day.
12 If a man does not turn back, God will sharpen his sword;
he has bent his bow and made it ready.
13 He has prepared deadly weapons for him;
he makes his arrows fiery shafts.
14 Look, the wicked man is in labor with evil;
he conceives trouble and gives birth to falsehood.
15 He digs a pit and hollows it out, then falls into the hole he has made.
16 The trouble he causes returns on his own head;
his violence comes down on his own crown.
17 I will thank the LORD for his righteousness and sing praise to the
name of the LORD Most High.

8

1 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your splendor above the heavens.
2 From the mouths of children and nursing infants you have
established strength because of your foes, to silence the enemy
and the avenger.
3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and
stars you have established,
4 what is mortal man that you remember him, the son of man that you
care for him?
5 You made him a little lower than God and crowned him with glory
and honor.
6 You gave him rule over the works of your hands;
you put everything beneath his feet:
7 all sheep and cattle, and also the beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the sky and the fish of the sea, whatever travels the
paths of the seas.
9 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

9

1 I will thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
I will recount all your wonders.
2 I will rejoice and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, Most High.
3 When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before you.
4 For you have upheld my right and my cause;
you have sat on the throne, judging righteously.
5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;
you have erased their name forever and ever.
6 The enemy has come to an end, in ruins forever;
you have uprooted their cities, and their very memory has
perished.
7 But the LORD is enthroned forever;

he has established his throne for judgment.
8 He will judge the world in righteousness and govern the peoples
with equity.
9 The LORD will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in
times of distress.
10 Those who know your name trust in you, for you have not forsaken
those who seek you, LORD.
11 Sing praise to the LORD, who dwells in Zion;
proclaim his deeds among the peoples.
12 For the one who calls bloodshed to account remembers them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
13 Be gracious to me, LORD;
see my affliction from those who hate me, you who lift me from
the gates of death,
14 so that I may recount all your praises in the gates of daughter Zion
and rejoice in your salvation.
15 The nations have sunk into the pit they made;
their foot is caught in the net they hid.
16 The LORD has made himself known;
he has carried out judgment.
The wicked man is trapped by the work of his own hands.
Higgaion. Selah.

17 The wicked will return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.
18 For the needy will not be forgotten forever, nor will the hope of the
poor perish for all time.
19 Rise up, LORD!
Do not let mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you.
20 Strike them with fear, LORD;
let the nations know they are only mortal. Selah.

10

1 Why, LORD, do you stand far away?
Why do you hide in times of distress?
2 In his pride the wicked man pursues the poor;
let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.
3 For the wicked man boasts of his heart's desire, and the greedy man
curses and spurns the LORD.
4 In his haughtiness the wicked man does not seek him;
all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”
5 His ways prosper at all times;
your judgments are high above his sight.
He snorts at all his foes.
6 He says in his heart, “I will not be shaken;
through all generations I will never face adversity.”
7 His mouth is full of curses, deceit, and oppression;
trouble and evil lie beneath his tongue.
8 He sits in ambush in the villages;
in hiding places he murders the innocent.
His eyes watch secretly for the helpless.

9 He lurks in hiding like a lion in its lair;
he lies in wait to seize the poor.
He seizes the poor by drawing them into his net.
10 He crouches and lies low, and the helpless fall under his might.
11 He says in his heart, “God has forgotten;
he has hidden his face and will never see.”
12 Rise up, LORD!
God, lift your hand!
Do not forget the afflicted.
13 Why does the wicked man spurn God and say in his heart, “You will not call me to account”?
14 But you have seen;
you observe trouble and grief to take them in hand.
The helpless entrust themselves to you;
you have been the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break the arm of the wicked and evil man;
call his wickedness to account until none can be found.
16 The LORD is King forever and ever;
the nations have perished from his land.
17 You have heard the desire of the humble, LORD;
you strengthen their heart and incline your ear,
18 to bring justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mortals of the earth may strike terror no more.

11

1 In the LORD I take refuge.
How can you say to me, “Flee like a bird to your mountain”?
2 For look, the wicked bend the bow;
they set their arrow on the string to shoot from the darkness at the upright in heart.
3 When the foundations are torn down, what can the righteous do?
4 The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD’s throne is in heaven.
His eyes behold;
his eyelids examine humankind.
5 The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and those who love violence.
6 He will rain snares upon the wicked;
fire, sulfur, and a scorching wind will be the portion of their cup.
7 For the LORD is righteous;
he loves righteous deeds.
The upright will behold his face.

12

1 Save us, LORD, for the faithful are gone;
the loyal have vanished from humankind.
2 They speak falsehood to one another;
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
3 May the LORD cut off every flattering lip and every tongue that speaks boastfully,
4 those who say, “With our tongue we will prevail;

our lips are our own.
Who is lord over us?"
5 "Because the poor are oppressed and the needy groan, I will now rise
up," says the LORD.
"I will give safety to the one who longs for it."
6 The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in an
earthen furnace, purified seven times.
7 You, LORD, will guard them;
you will protect him from this generation forever.
8 The wicked prowl on every side when vileness is exalted among
humankind.

13

1 How long, LORD?
Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts, with sorrow in my heart
each day?
How long will my enemy rise above me?
3 Look and answer me, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
4 lest my enemy say, "I have overcome him," and my foes rejoice when
I stumble.
5 But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart will rejoice in your salvation.
6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt generously with me.

14

1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt;
their deeds are detestable.
No one does good.
2 The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if anyone
understands, if anyone seeks God.
3 All have turned aside;
together they have become corrupt.
No one does good, not even one.
4 Do all who do evil have no understanding?
They devour my people as they eat bread, and they do not call on
the LORD.
5 There they are filled with dread, for God is with the generation of the
righteous.
6 You put the poor man's plans to shame, but the LORD is his refuge.
7 Oh, that Israel's salvation would come from Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will
exult and Israel will rejoice.

15

1 LORD, who may stay in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?
2 One who walks with integrity, does what is righteous, and speaks
truth from his heart;

3 who does not slander with his tongue, does no harm to his neighbor,
and brings no reproach upon those near him;
4 who despises the vile but honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not go back on his word;
5 who does not lend his money at interest or accept a bribe against the
innocent.
One who does these things will never be shaken.

16

1 Guard me, God, for in you I take refuge.
2 My soul, you have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is
all my delight.
4 The sorrows of those who hurry after another god will multiply.
I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood or take their
names upon my lips.
5 The LORD is my allotted portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, my inheritance is beautiful to me.
7 I will bless the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my inmost thoughts instruct me.
8 I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let your faithful one
see the pit.
11 You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forever.

17

1 Hear a just cause, LORD;
attend to my cry.
Listen to my prayer from lips without deceit.
2 Let my vindication come from your presence;
let your eyes behold what is right.
3 You have tested my heart, visited me at night, and refined me;
you find nothing.
I have resolved that my mouth will not transgress.
4 As for human deeds, by the word of your lips I have kept myself
from the paths of the violent.
5 My steps have held to your tracks;
my feet have not slipped.
6 I call on you, for you will answer me, God;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
7 Show the wonders of your steadfast love, you who save by your right
hand those who take refuge from their attackers.

8 Guard me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings
9 from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.
10 They have closed their unfeeling hearts;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
11 Now they surround us at every step;
they fix their eyes on throwing us to the ground.
12 He is like a lion longing to tear prey apart, like a young lion lurking in hiding.
13 Rise up, LORD!
Confront him and bring him down;
with your sword deliver my soul from the wicked,
14 with your hand, LORD, from men, from men of this world whose portion is in this life.
You fill their bellies with your stored treasures;
their sons are satisfied and leave their surplus to their little ones.
15 As for me, I will behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake, I will be satisfied with your likeness.

18

For the music leader. Of David, the servant of the LORD, who spoke the words of this song to the LORD on the day the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.
1 He said: “I love you, LORD, my strength.
2 The LORD is my crag, my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
3 I call on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.
4 The cords of death enclosed me;
torrents of destruction terrified me.
5 The cords of Sheol surrounded me;
the snares of death confronted me.
6 In my distress I called on the LORD and cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came before him, into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and quaked;
the foundations of the mountains trembled and shook because he was angry.
8 Smoke rose from his nostrils, and consuming fire came from his mouth;
coals blazed from it.
9 He bent the heavens and came down, with thick darkness beneath his feet.
10 He rode on a cherub and flew;
he soared on the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his hiding place, his shelter all around him: dark waters and dense clouds.
12 From the brightness before him his clouds passed, with hail and coals of fire.
13 The LORD thundered in the heavens;

the Most High sounded his voice, with hail and coals of fire.
14 He sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he hurled lightning in abundance and threw them into confusion.
15 Then the watercourses appeared, and the foundations of the world
were laid bare at your rebuke, LORD, at the blast of breath from
your nostrils.
16 He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he drew me out of mighty waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy and from those who hated
me, for they were too powerful for me.
18 They confronted me on the day of my calamity, but the LORD was
my support.
19 He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.
20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he repaid me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD and have not wickedly turned
away from my God.
22 All his judgments were before me, and I did not put his statutes
away from me.
23 I was blameless with him and kept myself from my iniquity.
24 So the LORD repaid me according to my righteousness, according to
the cleanness of my hands before his eyes.
25 With the faithful you show yourself faithful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless.
26 With the pure you show yourself pure, and with the crooked you
deal shrewdly.
27 For you save an afflicted people, but you bring down haughty eyes.
28 For you light my lamp;
the LORD my God brightens my darkness.
29 With you I can charge a troop;
with my God I can leap over a wall.
30 God's way is perfect;
the word of the LORD is refined.
He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.
31 For who is God besides the LORD?
Who is a rock except our God?
32 It is God who girds me with strength and makes my way blameless.
33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer and sets me on my heights.
34 He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bronze
bow.
35 You have given me the shield of your salvation;
your right hand supports me, and your gentleness makes me
great.
36 You give my steps room beneath me, and my ankles have not
slipped.
37 I pursued my enemies and overtook them;
I did not turn back until they were finished.
38 I crushed them so that they could not rise;
they fell beneath my feet.
39 You girded me with strength for battle;

you subdued beneath me those who rose against me.
40 You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and I destroyed those
who hated me.
41 They cried for help, but there was no savior;
they cried to the LORD, but he did not answer them.
42 I ground them fine as dust before the wind;
I poured them out like mud in the streets.
43 You delivered me from the strife of the people and made me head of
nations;
a people I had not known serves me.
44 As soon as they hear, they obey me;
foreigners feign submission to me.
45 Foreigners wither away and come trembling from their strongholds.
46 The LORD lives!
Blessed be my rock!
Exalted be the God of my salvation!
47 He is the God who grants me vengeance and subdues peoples
beneath me,
48 who delivers me from my enemies.
You lift me above those who rise against me;
you rescue me from the violent man.
49 Therefore I will thank you among the nations, LORD, and sing
praise to your name.
50 He grants great deliverance to his king and shows steadfast love to
his anointed, to David and his offspring forever."

19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the expanse proclaims the work of his hands.
2 Day pours out speech to day, and night reveals knowledge to night.
3 There is no speech, and there are no words;
their voice is not heard.
4 Yet their line goes out through all the earth, their words to the ends
of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his chamber and rejoices
like a strong man to run its course.
6 It rises from one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the
other;
nothing is hidden from its heat.
7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, making the simple wise.
8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, giving light to the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true, altogether righteous.
10 They are more desirable than gold, than much fine gold, and
sweeter than honey, than drippings from the honeycomb.
11 By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can discern his errors?

Clear me of hidden faults.
13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins;
do not let them rule over me.
Then I will be blameless and free of great transgression.
14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable before you, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

20

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob set you safely on high.
2 May he send you help from the sanctuary and support you from Zion.
3 May he remember all your offerings and accept your burnt offering.
Selah.

4 May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.
5 We will shout for joy over your salvation and raise our banners in
the name of our God.
May the LORD fulfill all your requests.
6 Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heavens with the saving might
of his right hand.
7 Some rely on chariots and some on horses, but we call to mind the
name of the LORD our God.
8 They have bowed down and fallen, but we have risen and stand firm.
9 LORD, save!
May the king answer us on the day we call.

21

1 LORD, the king rejoices in your strength;
how greatly he exults in your salvation!
2 You have granted him his heart's desire and have not withheld the
request of his lips. Selah.

3 For you meet him with blessings of goodness;
you set a crown of fine gold on his head.
4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: length of days forever
and ever.
5 His glory is great through your salvation;
you bestow splendor and majesty on him.
6 For you make him a blessing forever;
you gladden him with joy in your presence.
7 For the king trusts in the LORD, and through the steadfast love of the
Most High he will not be shaken.
8 Your hand will find all your enemies;
your right hand will find those who hate you.
9 You will make them like a fiery furnace when you appear.
The LORD will swallow them in his anger, and fire will consume
them.
10 You will destroy their fruit from the earth and their offspring from
humankind.
11 Though they intend evil against you and devise a scheme, they
cannot succeed.

12 For you will make them turn their backs when you aim your
bowstrings at their faces.
13 Be exalted, LORD, in your strength!
We will sing and praise your might.

22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my
groaning?
2 My God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find
no rest.
3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
4 In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by humankind and
despised by the people.
7 All who see me mock me;
they sneer with their lips and shake their heads:
8 "Commit yourself to the LORD!
Let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, since he delights in him."
9 Yet you brought me from the womb;
you made me trust at my mother's breasts.
10 From birth I was cast upon you;
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to
help.
12 Many bulls surround me;
mighty bulls of Bashan encircle me.
13 They open their mouths against me like a lion tearing prey and
roaring.
14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.
My heart has become like wax;
it melts within me.
15 My strength has dried up like a pottery shard, and my tongue clings
to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
16 For dogs surround me;
a band of evildoers encircles me, like a lion at my hands and feet.
17 I can count all my bones;
they look on and stare at me.
18 They divide my garments among themselves and cast lots for my
clothing.
19 But you, LORD, do not be far away;
my strength, hurry to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my only life from the power of the
dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild oxen you have answered me.

22 I will proclaim your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
23 You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, honor him!
Stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
24 For he has not despised or detested the affliction of the afflicted;
he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard when he cried to him for help.
25 From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.
26 The humble will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him.
May your hearts live forever!
27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of the nations will bow before you.
28 For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
29 All the prosperous of the earth will eat and bow down;
before him all who go down to the dust will kneel, even one who cannot keep himself alive.
30 Offspring will serve him;
a coming generation will be told about the Lord.
31 They will come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet to be born: he has done it.

23

1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I will lack nothing.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters.
3 He restores my soul;
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and steadfast love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will return to the house of the LORD for long days to come.

24

1 The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.
2 For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
3 Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
4 One with clean hands and a pure heart, who has not invoked my life in vain or sworn deceitfully.
5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face:
Jacob. Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, gates!
Be lifted up, ancient doors, that the King of glory may enter!
8 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, gates!
Lift them up, ancient doors, that the King of glory may enter!
10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts—he is the King of glory! Selah.

25

1 To you, LORD, I lift up my soul.
2 My God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame or let my enemies exult over me.
3 Indeed, none who wait for you will be put to shame;
those who act treacherously without cause will be put to shame.
4 Make your ways known to me, LORD;
teach me your paths.
5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day.
6 Remember your compassion, LORD, and your steadfast love, for they are from of old.
7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love, for the sake of your goodness, LORD.
8 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
9 He guides the humble in justice and teaches the humble his way.
10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
11 For your name's sake, LORD, forgive my iniquity, for it is great.
12 Who is the man who fears the LORD?
He will teach him the way he should choose.
13 His soul will dwell in well-being, and his offspring will inherit the land.
14 The LORD's intimate counsel is for those who fear him;
he makes his covenant known to them.
15 My eyes are always toward the LORD, for he will draw my feet out of the net.
16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am alone and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart have grown;
bring me out of my distresses.
18 See my affliction and my toil, and forgive all my sins.
19 See how many my enemies are and how violently they hate me.
20 Guard my soul and deliver me;
do not let me be put to shame, for in you I take refuge.
21 Let integrity and uprightness guard me, for I wait for you.
22 Redeem Israel, God, from all his troubles.

26

1 Vindicate me, LORD, for I have walked in my integrity and trusted in the LORD;
I will not slip.
2 Examine me, LORD, and test me;
refine my inmost thoughts and my heart.
3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I have walked in your faithfulness.
4 I have not sat with false men, nor will I join those who conceal what they are.
5 I hate the assembly of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.
6 I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, LORD,
7 to sound my thanksgiving aloud and recount all your wonders.
8 LORD, I love the dwelling of your house and the place where your glory resides.
9 Do not gather my soul with sinners or my life with bloodthirsty men,
10 whose hands hold wicked schemes and whose right hands are full of bribes.
11 But I will walk in my integrity;
redeem me and be gracious to me.
12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the assemblies I will bless the LORD.

27

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom shall I dread?
2 When evildoers came against me to devour my flesh, my foes and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.
3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear;
though war rise against me, even then I will trust.
4 One thing I have asked of the LORD, and this I will seek: to dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and inquire in his temple.
5 For he will hide me in his shelter on the day of trouble;
he will conceal me in the hiding place of his tent and lift me high upon a rock.
6 Now my head will rise above the enemies around me;
in his tent I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy.
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
7 Hear my voice, LORD, when I cry;
be gracious to me and answer me.
8 On your behalf my heart says, “Seek my face.”
Your face, LORD, I will seek.
9 Do not hide your face from me;
do not turn your servant away in anger.
You have been my help;
do not cast me off or forsake me, God of my salvation.
10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

11 Teach me your way, LORD, and lead me on a level path because of
those who watch for my downfall.
12 Do not hand me over to the will of my foes, for false witnesses have
risen against me, breathing violence.
13 If I had not believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in
the land of the living...
14 Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage.
Wait for the LORD!

28

1 To you, LORD, I call;
my rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me.
If you remain silent toward me, I will become like those who go
down to the pit.
2 Hear my pleading when I cry to you for help, when I lift my hands
toward your holy inner sanctuary.
3 Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who
speak peace to their neighbors while evil is in their hearts.
4 Give to them according to their deeds and the evil of their actions;
give to them according to the work of their hands.
Repay them what they deserve.
5 Because they pay no heed to the deeds of the LORD or the work of his
hands, he will tear them down and not build them up.
6 Blessed be the LORD, for he has heard my pleading!
7 The LORD is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusted in him, and I was helped.
My heart exults, and with my song I thank him.
8 The LORD is their strength;
he is the saving stronghold of his anointed.
9 Save your people and bless your inheritance;
shepherd them and carry them forever.

29

1 Ascribe to the LORD, heavenly beings;
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is over mighty waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
5 The voice of the LORD breaks cedars;
the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He makes them skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild
ox.
7 The voice of the LORD cleaves flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD makes the wilderness tremble;
the LORD makes the wilderness of Kadesh tremble.
9 The voice of the LORD makes deer give birth and strips the forests
bare;

in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
10 The LORD sat enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits as King forever.
11 The LORD will give strength to his people;
the LORD will bless his people with peace.

30

1 I will exalt you, LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
2 LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.
3 LORD, you brought my soul up from Sheol;
you kept me alive from going down to the pit.
4 Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones;
give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
5 For his anger is but a moment, his favor a lifetime.
Weeping may lodge for the night, but joy comes in the morning.
6 In my ease I said, “I will never be shaken.”
7 LORD, by your favor you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face, and I was terrified.
8 To you, LORD, I cried, and to the Lord I pleaded:
9 “What gain is there in my blood, in my going down to the pit?
Will the dust thank you?
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
10 Hear, LORD, and be gracious to me;
LORD, be my helper.”
11 You turned my mourning into dancing;
you loosened my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
12 so that my glory may sing praise to you and not be silent.
LORD my God, I will thank you forever.

31

1 In you, LORD, I take refuge;
never let me be put to shame.
Deliver me in your righteousness.
2 Incline your ear to me;
rescue me quickly.
Be my rock of refuge, a fortress to save me.
3 For you are my crag and my fortress;
for your name's sake, lead me and guide me.
4 Draw me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my stronghold.
5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, LORD, faithful God.
6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.
7 I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, for you have seen my affliction and known the troubles of my soul.
8 You have not handed me over to the enemy;
you have set my feet in a spacious place.
9 Be gracious to me, LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away with grief, my soul and my body too.

10 For my life is spent in sorrow and my years in sighing;
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.
11 Because of all my foes I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and a terror to those who know me;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
12 I am forgotten, out of mind like the dead;
I have become like a ruined vessel.
13 For I hear the slander of many—terror on every side!
They conspire together against me, plotting to take my life.
14 But I trust in you, LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
15 My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and those who pursue me.
16 Make your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.
17 LORD, do not let me be put to shame, for I have called on you.
Let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in Sheol.
18 Let lying lips be silenced, lips that speak arrogantly against the righteous with pride and contempt.
19 How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and shown to those who take refuge in you, in the sight of humankind!
20 You hide them in the shelter of your presence from human plots;
you conceal them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed be the LORD, for he has shown me the wonders of his steadfast love in a besieged city!
22 In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from before your eyes."
Yet you heard my pleading when I cried to you for help.
23 Love the LORD, all you his faithful ones!
The LORD guards the loyal, but repays the proud in full measure.
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD.

32

1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not count iniquity, and in whose spirit is no deceit.
3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day.
4 For day and night your hand lay heavy on me;
my vitality dried up in the heat of summer. Selah.

5 I made my sin known to you and did not cover my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.

6 Therefore let everyone faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely, when mighty waters overflow, they will not reach him.
7 You are my hiding place;

you guard me from distress and surround me with songs of
deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
9 Do not be like a horse or mule, without understanding, which must
be restrained with bit and bridle;
otherwise it will not come near you.
10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds
the one who trusts in the LORD.
11 Rejoice in the LORD and exult, you righteous!
Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

33

1 Sing for joy in the LORD, you righteous;
praise befits the upright.
2 Thank the LORD with the lyre;
sing praise to him on a harp of ten strings.
3 Sing him a new song;
play skillfully with shouts of joy.
4 For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in
faithfulness.
5 He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath
of his mouth all their host.
7 He gathers the waters of the sea like a heap;
he puts the depths in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of him.
9 For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
10 The LORD frustrates the counsel of the nations;
he thwarts the plans of the peoples.
11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart from
generation to generation.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has
chosen as his inheritance.
13 The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
14 From his dwelling place he watches all who inhabit the earth.
15 He forms the hearts of them all and understands all their deeds.
16 No king is saved by a great army;
no warrior is delivered by great strength.
17 A horse is a false hope for salvation;
its great might cannot rescue.
18 Look, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who
hope in his steadfast love,
19 to deliver their souls from death and keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
21 For our heart rejoices in him, because we trust in his holy name.

22 May your steadfast love be upon us, LORD, as we hope in you.

34

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be in my mouth.
2 My soul will boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Magnify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked to him and grew radiant;
let their faces never be put to shame.
6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him from all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD camps around those who fear him and rescues them.
8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
9 Fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 Young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
11 Come, children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 Who is the man who desires life and loves days in which to see good?
13 Guard your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
14 Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears attend to their cry.
16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off their memory from the earth.
17 They cry out, and the LORD hears and delivers them from all their troubles.
18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous man, but the LORD delivers him from them all.
20 He guards all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
21 Evil will kill the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
22 The LORD redeems the souls of his servants;
none who take refuge in him will be condemned.

35

1 Contend, LORD, with those who contend with me;
fight those who fight against me.
2 Take hold of shield and great shield, and rise to my aid.
3 Draw out the spear and block the way against my pursuers;

say to my soul, “I am your salvation.”
4 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and disgrace;
let those who plot my harm turn back in humiliation.
5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD
driving them away.
6 Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD
pursuing them.
7 For without cause they hid their net for me in a pit;
without cause they dug to take my life.
8 Let ruin come upon him unawares;
let the net he hid catch him, and let him fall into it to his ruin.
9 Then my soul will exult in the LORD and rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones will say, “LORD, who is like you, delivering the afflicted
from one stronger than he, the poor and needy from the one
who robs him?”
11 Violent witnesses rise up;
they question me about things I do not know.
12 They repay me evil for good, leaving my soul bereft.
13 But when they were sick, I wore sackcloth;
I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer returned to my
breast.
14 I went about as for a friend or brother;
I bowed down in mourning, as one grieving for his mother.
15 But when I stumbled, they rejoiced and gathered;
stricken men I did not know gathered against me.
They tore at me without ceasing.
16 With godless mockers who jeer for a cake, they gnash their teeth at
me.
17 Lord, how long will you look on?
Rescue my soul from their ravages, my only life from young lions.
18 I will thank you in the great assembly;
among a mighty people I will praise you.
19 Do not let those wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me, or those
who hate me without cause wink their eye.
20 For they do not speak peace;
they devise deceitful words against those who live quietly in the
land.
21 They open their mouths wide against me and say, “Aha, aha!
Our eyes have seen it!”
22 You have seen, LORD;
do not be silent.
Lord, do not be far from me.
23 Rouse yourself and awake for my judgment, my God and my Lord,
for my cause.
24 Judge me according to your righteousness, LORD my God;
do not let them rejoice over me.
25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha, just what we wanted!”
Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up!”
26 Let those who rejoice at my harm be put to shame and humiliation
together;

let those who exalt themselves over me be clothed in shame and disgrace.
27 Let those who desire my vindication shout for joy and rejoice;
let them always say, “May the LORD, who delights in his servant’s well-being, be magnified!”
28 Then my tongue will speak of your righteousness and of your praise all day.

36

1 An oracle in my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:
there is no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes too much to discover and hate his iniquity.
3 The words of his mouth are evil and deceit;
he has stopped acting wisely and doing good.
4 He plots evil on his bed;
he sets himself on a way that is not good and does not reject evil.
5 LORD, your steadfast love reaches the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are a great deep.
You save man and beast, LORD.
7 How precious is your steadfast love, God!
Humankind takes refuge in the shadow of your wings.
8 They are filled from the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
9 For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
10 Extend your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright in heart.
11 Do not let the foot of pride come against me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.
12 There the evildoers have fallen;
they are thrust down and cannot rise.

37

1 Do not fret over evildoers or envy those who do wrong.
2 For they will soon wither like grass and fade like green vegetation.
3 Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on faithfulness.
4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
6 He will bring forth your righteousness like the light, your just cause like the noonday.
7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.
Do not fret over the man whose way prospers, who carries out wicked schemes.
8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath;
do not fret—it only leads to evil.

9 For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD will
inherit the land.
10 In a little while the wicked man will be no more;
you will look at his place, and he will not be there.
11 But the meek will inherit the land and delight in abundant peace.
12 The wicked man plots against the righteous man and gnashes his
teeth at him.
13 The Lord laughs at him, for he sees that his day is coming.
14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bow to bring down the
poor and needy, to slaughter those whose way is upright.
15 Their sword will enter their own heart, and their bows will be
broken.
16 Better is the little the righteous man has than the abundance of
many wicked people.
17 For the arms of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD supports
the righteous.
18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless, and their inheritance
will last forever.
19 They will not be put to shame in times of disaster, and in days of
famine they will have enough.
20 But the wicked will perish;
the enemies of the LORD, like the beauty of pastures, will vanish;
like smoke they will vanish.
21 The wicked man borrows and does not repay, but the righteous man
is gracious and gives.
22 For those he blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be
cut off.
23 A man's steps are established by the LORD, and he delights in his
way.
24 Though he falls, he will not lie cast down, for the LORD holds his
hand.
25 I was young and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous man
forsaken or his offspring begging for bread.
26 All day he is gracious and lends, and his offspring are a blessing.
27 Turn from evil and do good, and dwell forever.
28 For the LORD loves justice and will not forsake his faithful ones.
They are guarded forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be
cut off.
29 The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.
30 The mouth of the righteous man speaks wisdom, and his tongue
speaks justice.
31 The law of his God is in his heart;
his steps do not slip.
32 The wicked man watches the righteous man and seeks to kill him.
33 The LORD will not abandon him to his hand or condemn him when
he is judged.
34 Wait for the LORD and keep his way;
he will raise you up to inherit the land.
You will see when the wicked are cut off.
35 I have seen a wicked, ruthless man spreading like a lush tree in its
native soil.
36 But he passed away and was gone;

I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Observe the blameless and look at the upright, for there is a future
for the man of peace.
38 But transgressors will be destroyed together;
the future of the wicked will be cut off.
39 The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in times of distress.
40 The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they
take refuge in him.

38

1 LORD, do not rebuke me in your indignation or discipline me in your
fury.
2 For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down
upon me.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your anger, no peace in
my bones because of my sin.
4 For my iniquities have risen over my head;
like a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.
5 My wounds stink and fester because of my folly.
6 I am bent and bowed down deeply;
all day I go about in mourning.
7 For my loins are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my
flesh.
8 I am numb and utterly crushed;
I roar from the turmoil of my heart.
9 Lord, all my longing lies before you, and my sighing is not hidden
from you.
10 My heart pounds, my strength leaves me;
even the light of my eyes is gone.
11 My friends and companions stand apart from my wound, and those
close to me stand far away.
12 Those who seek my life lay snares;
those who seek my harm speak of ruin and ponder deceit all day.
13 But I am like a deaf man who does not hear, like a man unable to
speak who does not open his mouth.
14 I have become like a man who does not hear, with no rebuttal in his
mouth.
15 For I wait for you, LORD;
you will answer, Lord my God.
16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice over me;
when my foot slips, they exalt themselves over me.”
17 For I am ready to stumble, and my pain is always before me.
18 I confess my iniquity;
I am troubled over my sin.
19 But my enemies are vigorous and strong, and those who hate me
wrongfully have grown in number.
20 Those who repay evil for good oppose me because I pursue what is
good.
21 Do not forsake me, LORD;

my God, do not be far from me.
22 Hurry to help me, Lord, my salvation.

39

1 I said, "I will guard my ways so that I do not sin with my tongue;
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth while the wicked man is before me."
2 I was mute and silent;
I kept still even from good, but my pain grew worse.
3 My heart grew hot within me;
as I pondered, a fire burned.
Then I spoke with my tongue:
4 "LORD, make me know my end and the measure of my days, so that I may know how fleeting I am.
5 Look, you have made my days mere handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely every person, though standing firm, is only a breath. Selah.

6 Surely a man walks about as a shadow;
surely they bustle in vain.
He heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather it.
7 And now, Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions;
do not make me the fool's reproach.
9 I am mute;
I do not open my mouth, for you have done it.
10 Remove your stroke from me;
I am spent under the assault of your hand.
11 With rebukes for iniquity you discipline a man;
like a moth you consume what he treasures.
Surely every person is a breath. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, LORD, and listen to my cry for help;
do not be silent at my tears.
For I am a stranger with you, a temporary resident like all my fathers.
13 Look away from me, that I may regain cheer before I depart and am no more."

40

1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined toward me and heard my cry for help.
2 He brought me up from the roaring pit, from the miry clay;
he set my feet upon a rock and made my steps firm.
3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust and does not turn to the arrogant or those who stray after falsehood.
5 Many are the wonders you have done, LORD my God, and your thoughts toward us;

none can compare with you.
I would proclaim and tell them, but they are too many to recount.
6 Sacrifice and offering you have not desired;
you have opened my ears.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
7 Then I said, “Here I come;
in the book scroll it is written of me.
8 I delight to do your will, my God;
your law is deep within me.”
9 I have proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
look, I have not restrained my lips.
LORD, you know.
10 I have not hidden your righteousness within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and salvation.
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
11 You, LORD, do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your steadfast love and truth always guard me.
12 For evils beyond number surround me;
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see.
They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me.
13 Be pleased, LORD, to deliver me;
LORD, hurry to help me.
14 Let those who seek my life to destroy it be put to shame and humiliation together;
let those who desire my harm turn back in disgrace.
15 Let those who say to me, “Aha, aha!”
be appalled because of their shame.
16 Let all who seek you exult and rejoice in you;
let those who love your salvation always say, “May the LORD be magnified!”
17 But I am poor and needy;
may the Lord think of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
my God, do not delay.

41

1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor;
the LORD will deliver him in the day of trouble.
2 The LORD will guard him and keep him alive;
he will be called blessed in the land.
Do not hand him over to the will of his enemies.
3 The LORD sustains him on his bed of sickness;
in his illness you restore him completely.
4 I said, “LORD, be gracious to me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.”
5 My enemies speak evil of me: “When will he die and his name perish?”
6 If one comes to see me, he speaks falsehood;
his heart gathers evil to itself, and when he goes outside, he tells it.

7 All who hate me whisper together against me;
they plot my harm:
8 "A deadly calamity has fastened on him;
now that he lies down, he will never rise again."
9 Even my close friend, whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted
his heel against me.
10 But you, LORD, be gracious to me and raise me up, that I may repay
them.
11 By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy does not shout in
triumph over me.
12 As for me, you uphold me in my integrity and set me before you
forever.
13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to
everlasting.
Amen and amen.

42

1 As a deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When may I come and appear before God?
3 My tears have been my bread day and night, while they say to me all
day, "Where is your God?"
4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul within me: how I used
to pass among the throng and lead them to the house of God,
with shouts of joy and thanksgiving, a crowd keeping festival.
5 Why are you bowed down, my soul, and why do you groan within
me?
Hope in God, for I will yet praise him for the saving help of his
presence.
6 My God, my soul is bowed down within me;
therefore I remember you from the land of the Jordan and the
Hermon peaks, from Mount Mizar.
7 Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and waves have swept over me.
8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and by night his song
is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
9 I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning under the enemy's oppression?"
10 Like a deadly blow to my bones are my foes' taunts, as they say to
me all day, "Where is your God?"
11 Why are you bowed down, my soul, and why do you groan within
me?
Hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my saving help and my God.

43

1 Vindicate me, God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation;
deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
2 For you are the God of my refuge;
why have you rejected me?
Why must I go about mourning under the enemy's oppression?
3 Send out your light and your truth;

let them guide me and bring me to your holy mountain and your
dwelling places.
4 Then I will come to the altar of God, to God, my exceeding joy, and
thank you with the lyre, God, my God.
5 Why are you bowed down, my soul, and why do you groan within
me?
Hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my saving help and my God.

44

1 God, we have heard with our ears;
our fathers have told us the work you did in their days, in days of
old.
2 With your hand you drove out nations and planted our fathers;
you afflicted peoples and let our fathers spread.
3 For they did not possess the land by their sword, nor did their arm
save them, but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your
face, because you delighted in them.
4 You are my King, God;
command deliverance for Jacob.
5 Through you we push back our foes;
through your name we trample those who rise against us.
6 For I do not trust in my bow, and my sword cannot save me.
7 But you have saved us from our foes and put those who hate us to
shame.
8 In God we boast all day, and we will praise your name forever. Selah.

9 Yet you have rejected and disgraced us;
you no longer go out with our armies.
10 You make us turn back before the foe, and those who hate us
plunder for themselves.
11 You give us up like sheep for food and scatter us among the nations.
12 You sell your people for next to nothing and gain no wealth from
their price.
13 You make us a reproach to our neighbors, a mockery and a scorn to
those around us.
14 You make us a byword among the nations, a shaking of the head
among the peoples.
15 All day my disgrace is before me, and shame covers my face,
16 at the voice of the one who taunts and reviles, at the presence of the
enemy and the avenger.
17 All this has come upon us, yet we have not forgotten you or dealt
falsely with your covenant.
18 Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps strayed from
your path,
19 though you have crushed us in a haunt of jackals and covered us
with the shadow of death.
20 If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to
a foreign god,
21 would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
22 Yet for your sake we are killed all day;
we are counted as sheep for slaughter.

23 Awake! Why do you sleep, Lord?
Rouse yourself;
do not reject us forever!
24 Why do you hide your face and forget our affliction and oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
our belly clings to the ground.
26 Rise up to help us;
redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

45

1 My heart overflows with a noble theme;
I recite my work to the king.
My tongue is the pen of a skillful scribe.
2 You are fairer than all other men;
grace is poured upon your lips.
Therefore God has blessed you forever.
3 Gird your sword upon your thigh, mighty warrior, in your splendor and majesty.
4 In your majesty ride forth victoriously for the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness;
let your right hand teach you awesome deeds.
5 Your arrows are sharp;
peoples fall beneath you.
They strike the hearts of the king's enemies.
6 Your throne, God, is forever and ever;
the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of equity.
7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.
8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia;
from ivory palaces stringed instruments gladden you.
9 Kings' daughters are among your honored women;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
10 Listen, daughter, look and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house.
11 The king will desire your beauty;
he is your lord, so bow before him.
12 The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift;
the rich among the people will seek your favor.
13 Within the palace the king's daughter is all glorious;
her clothing is woven with gold.
14 In embroidered garments she is led to the king;
the virgins who follow her, her companions, are brought to you.
15 They are led with joy and gladness;
they enter the king's palace.
16 Your sons will take the place of your fathers;
you will appoint them princes throughout the earth.
17 I will cause your name to be remembered in every generation;
therefore peoples will praise you forever and ever.

46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a help readily found in distress.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and mountains
slip into the heart of the seas,
3 though its waters roar and foam, though mountains tremble at its
surging. Selah.

4 There is a river whose streams gladden the city of God, the holy
dwelling place of the Most High.
5 God is in her midst;
she will not be shaken.
God will help her at the break of dawn.
6 Nations roar, kingdoms totter;
he sounds his voice, and the earth melts.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, the desolations he has made on
the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
he breaks the bow and cuts the spear apart;
he burns the chariots with fire.
10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.

47

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with cries of joy!
2 For the LORD Most High is awesome, a great King over all the earth.
3 He subdues peoples beneath us, nations beneath our feet.
4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.
Selah.

5 God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a ram's
horn.
6 Sing praise to God, sing praise!
Sing praise to our King, sing praise!
7 For God is King of all the earth;
sing praise with understanding.
8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of
Abraham.
10 For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.

48

1 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, on
his holy mountain.

2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion, in the
far reaches of the north, the city of the great King.
3 Within her palaces God has made himself known as a stronghold.
4 For look, the kings assembled;
they advanced together.
5 They saw and were astounded;
they were terrified and fled in haste.
6 Trembling seized them there, anguish like that of a woman in labor.
7 With an east wind you shatter the ships of Tarshish.
8 As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God.
God will establish her forever. Selah.

9 We ponder your steadfast love, God, in the midst of your temple.
10 Like your name, God, your praise reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let Mount Zion rejoice;
let the daughters of Judah exult because of your judgments.
12 Walk around Zion and encircle her;
count her towers.
13 Set your hearts on her ramparts;
examine her palaces, so that you may tell a coming generation.
14 For this is God, our God forever and ever;
he will guide us until death.

49

1 Hear this, all you peoples;
listen, all who inhabit the world,
2 both common people and nobles, rich and poor together.
3 My mouth will speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart will be
understanding.
4 I will incline my ear to a proverb and unfold my riddle with the lyre.
5 Why should I fear in days of evil, when the iniquity of those at my
heels surrounds me,
6 those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?
7 No man can ransom his brother or give God a ransom for him
8 —the ransom for their life is too costly;
he must give it up forever—
9 so that he might live on forever and never see the pit.
10 For he sees that the wise die;
the fool and the senseless perish together and leave their wealth
to others.
11 Their inward thought is that their houses will last forever, their
dwellings from generation to generation;
they name lands after themselves.
12 But man in his splendor does not remain;
he is like the beasts that perish.
13 This way of theirs is folly, yet those who follow them approve their
words. Selah.

14 Like sheep they are destined for Sheol;

death will shepherd them.
The upright will rule over them in the morning;
Sheol will consume their form, far from their dwelling.
15 But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will
take me. Selah.

16 Do not fear when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house
increases.
17 For at his death he will take nothing with him;
his splendor will not descend after him.
18 Though in his lifetime he blesses himself—and people praise you
when you do well for yourself—
19 his soul will go to the generation of his fathers;
they will never see light.
20 Man in his splendor, without understanding, is like the beasts that
perish.

50

1 The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from
the rising of the sun to its setting.
2 From Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
3 Our God comes and does not keep silent;
fire devours before him, and a mighty storm rages around him.
4 He summons the heavens above and the earth, to judge his people:
5 "Gather my faithful ones to me, those who made my covenant by
sacrifice."
6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.
Selah.

7 "Hear, my people, and I will speak;
Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
8 I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.
9 I will not take a bull from your house or male goats from your pens,
10 for every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know every bird of the mountains, and all that moves in the field
is mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all it
contains are mine.
13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of male goats?
14 Offer thanksgiving as a sacrifice to God, and fulfill your vows to the
Most High.
15 Call on me in the day of distress;
I will deliver you, and you will honor me."
16 But to the wicked man God says, "What right have you to recite my
statutes or take my covenant upon your lips,
17 when you hate discipline and cast my words behind you?
18 When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you share your
lot with adulterers.

19 You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue weaves
deceit.
20 You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your mother's son.
21 You have done these things, and I kept silent;
you thought I was just like you.
But I will rebuke you and lay it all before your eyes.
22 Consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart with no one
to rescue.
23 The one who offers thanksgiving as a sacrifice honors me;
to the one who orders his way I will show the salvation of God."

51

For the music director. A psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan
came to him after David had gone in to Bathsheba.
1 Be gracious to me, God, according to your steadfast love;
in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight, so that you are just when you speak and blameless when
you judge.
5 Indeed, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother
conceived me.
6 Indeed, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden place
you make wisdom known to me.
7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a steadfast spirit within
me.
11 Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit
from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and let a willing spirit
sustain me.
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to
you.
14 Deliver me from bloodguilt, God, God of my salvation, and my
tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
15 Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
16 For you do not desire sacrifice, or I would give it;
you do not delight in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and crushed heart, God, you will not despise.
18 Do good to Zion in your favor;
build the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then you will delight in righteous sacrifices, burnt offering and
whole burnt offering;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

52

1 Why do you boast of evil, mighty man?
The steadfast love of God endures all day.
2 Your tongue devises destruction like a sharpened razor, working deceit.
3 You love evil more than good, falsehood more than speaking righteousness. Selah.

4 You love every devouring word, deceitful tongue.
5 But God will tear you down forever;
he will seize you and pull you from your tent, uprooting you from the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous will see and fear, and they will laugh at him:
7 "Look at the man who did not make God his stronghold, but trusted in his great riches and grew strong in his evil desire!"
8 But I am like a flourishing olive tree in the house of God;
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
9 I will thank you forever, for you have done it;
I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of your faithful ones.

53

1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt and commit detestable injustice;
no one does good.
2 God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if anyone understands, if anyone seeks God.
3 All have turned back;
together they have become corrupt.
No one does good, not even one.
4 Do those who do evil have no understanding?
They devour my people as they eat bread, and they do not call on God.
5 There they are filled with dread where there was nothing to dread, for God has scattered the bones of the one encamped against you.
You have put them to shame, for God has rejected them.
6 Oh, that Israel's salvation would come from Zion!
When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will exult and Israel will rejoice.

54

1 Save me, God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
2 God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers have risen against me, and ruthless men seek my life;
they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Look, God is my helper;
the Lord is among those who sustain my life.
5 He will return evil upon those who watch for my downfall;

in your faithfulness destroy them.
6 Willingly I will sacrifice to you;
I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.
7 For he has delivered me from every distress, and my eye has looked upon my enemies.

55

1 Listen to my prayer, God;
do not hide yourself from my plea.
2 Attend to me and answer me;
I am restless in my complaint and groan
3 at the voice of the enemy, at the oppression of the wicked.
For they bring trouble down upon me and hate me in their anger.
4 My heart writhes within me, and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
5 Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror covers me.
6 I said, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and find rest.
7 Look, I would wander far away and lodge in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hurry to a refuge from the raging wind and storm.”
9 Swallow them up, Lord;
divide their tongues, for I see violence and strife in the city.
10 Day and night they go around it on its walls;
evil and trouble are within it.
11 Destruction is in its midst;
oppression and deceit never leave its squares.
12 For it is not an enemy who taunts me;
that I could bear.
It is not one who hates me who exalts himself over me;
from him I could hide.
13 But it is you, a man my equal, my companion and close friend,
14 with whom I shared sweet counsel, as we walked in the house of God among the throng.
15 Let death take them by surprise;
let them go down alive to Sheol, for evil is in their dwellings and within them.
16 As for me, I will call on God, and the LORD will save me.
17 Evening, morning, and noon I complain and groan, and he hears my voice.
18 He has ransomed my soul in peace from the battle against me, for many were with me.
19 God will hear and humble them, he who has been enthroned from of old.
Selah.
For they do not change and do not fear God.
20 He stretches out his hands against those at peace with him;
he has broken his covenant.
21 His mouth is smoother than butter, but war is in his heart.
His words are softer than oil, yet they are drawn swords.
22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never let the righteous man be shaken.

23 But you, God, will bring them down to the pit of destruction;
bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live out half their days.
But I will trust in you.

56

For the music director; according to Jonath Elem Rehokim. A miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

1 Be gracious to me, God, for a mortal tramples me;
all day he fights and oppresses me.
2 Those who watch for my downfall trample me all day, for many fight against me in pride.
3 When I am afraid, I will trust in you.
4 In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;
I will not fear.
What can flesh do to me?
5 All day they twist my words;
all their thoughts against me are for evil.
6 They gather and hide;
they watch my steps, waiting to take my life.
7 Will they escape despite their evil?
In your anger bring down the peoples, God.
8 You have counted my wanderings;
put my tears in your wineskin.
Are they not in your record?
9 Then my enemies will turn back on the day I call.
This I know: God is for me.
10 In God I praise his word;
in the LORD I praise his word.
11 In God I trust;
I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
12 My vows to you are upon me, God;
I will bring you thank offerings.
13 For you have delivered my soul from death.
Have you not also kept my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

57

1 Be gracious to me, God, be gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge in you.
In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge until destruction passes.
2 I cry to God Most High, to God who brings things to completion for me.
3 He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put my trampler to shame.
Selah.
God will send his steadfast love and truth.
4 My soul is among lions;
I lie among fiery men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongue is a sharp sword.
5 Be exalted above the heavens, God;
let your glory be over all the earth.

6 They prepared a net for my steps;
my soul was bowed down.
They dug a pit before me, but fell into it themselves. Selah.

7 My heart is steadfast, God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.
8 Awake, my glory!
Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
9 I will thank you among the peoples, Lord;
I will sing praise to you among the nations.
10 For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, and your truth to the clouds.
11 Be exalted above the heavens, God;
let your glory be over all the earth.

58

1 Do you really speak righteousness, you silent ones?
Do you judge uprightly, human beings?
2 Rather, in your heart you work injustice;
on the earth you weigh out the violence of your hands.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb;
those who speak lies go astray from birth.
4 Their venom is like a serpent's venom, like a deaf cobra that stops its ear
5 and will not listen to the voice of charmers, however skillful the spellbinder.
6 God, break the teeth in their mouths;
shatter the fangs of the young lions, LORD.
7 Let them melt away like water that flows off;
when he shoots his arrows, let them be cut to pieces.
8 Let them be like a snail that melts as it moves, like a woman's stillborn child that never sees the sun.
9 Before your pots feel the heat of the thornwood, he will sweep it away in a whirlwind, green or burning alike.
10 The righteous man will rejoice when he sees vengeance;
he will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
11 Then people will say, “Surely there is a reward for the righteous;
surely there is a God who judges on earth.”

59

1 Deliver me from my enemies, my God;
set me safely on high above those who rise against me.
2 Deliver me from those who do evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men.
3 For look, they lie in wait for my life;
fierce men gather against me, not for my transgression or my sin, LORD.
4 Without guilt on my part they run and take their stand.
Awake, come to meet me, and see!
5 You, LORD, God of hosts, God of Israel, awake to punish all the nations;
be gracious to none of the treacherous evildoers. Selah.

6 They return at evening, growling like a dog and prowling around the
city.
7 Look, they pour out words from their mouths, with swords on their
lips, for they say, “Who hears?”
8 But you, LORD, laugh at them;
you mock all the nations.
9 In the face of his strength I watch for you, for God is my stronghold.
10 The God of my steadfast love will meet me;
God will let me look upon those who watch for my downfall.
11 Do not kill them, lest my people forget;
make them wander by your might and bring them down, Lord,
our shield.
12 For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips, let them be
caught in their pride, for the curses and lies they tell.
13 Consume them in wrath;
consume them until they are no more.
Let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth.
Selah.

14 Let them return at evening, growling like a dog and prowling
around the city.
15 Let them wander in search of food and grumble if they are not
satisfied.
16 But I will sing of your strength and shout for joy at your steadfast
love in the morning, for you have been my stronghold and my
refuge in the day of my distress.
17 My strength, I will sing praise to you, for God is my stronghold, the
God of my steadfast love.

60

1 God, you have rejected us and broken through our ranks;
you have been angry.
Restore us!
2 You have made the earth quake and split it open;
heal its breaches, for it totters.
3 You have made your people see hard things;
you have given us wine that makes us stagger.
4 You have given a banner to those who fear you, to be raised because
of truth. Selah.

5 So that your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand
and answer me.
6 God has spoken in his holiness: “I will exult;
I will divide Shechem and measure out the Valley of Succoth.
7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is the helmet of my head;
Judah is my scepter.
8 Moab is my washbasin;
upon Edom I will cast my sandal.
Philistia, shout because of me!”
9 Who will lead me to the fortified city?
Who will guide me as far as Edom?

10 Is it not you, God, who have rejected us?
You no longer go out with our armies, God.
11 Give us help against the foe, for human rescue is futile.
12 With God we will do mighty deeds;
he will trample our foes.

61

1 Hear my cry, God;
attend to my prayer.
2 From the ends of the earth I call to you when my heart grows faint;
lead me to a rock higher than I am.
3 For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.
4 Let me dwell in your tent forever;
let me take refuge in the shelter of your wings. Selah.

5 For you, God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the inheritance of those who fear your name.
6 Add days to the days of the king;
let his years extend through generation after generation.
7 Let him sit enthroned before God forever;
appoint steadfast love and truth to guard him.
8 Then I will sing praise to your name forever, fulfilling my vows day after day.

62

1 For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold;
I will not be greatly shaken.
3 How long will you assault a man, all of you battering him down like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
4 They plan only to thrust him down from his high place;
they delight in falsehood.
With their mouth they bless, but inwardly they curse. Selah.

5 Wait in silence for God alone, my soul, for my hope comes from him.
6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold;
I will not be shaken.
7 My salvation and my glory rest on God;
my strong rock and my refuge are in God.
8 Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your heart before him.
God is our refuge. Selah.

9 Common people are only a breath, nobles a lie;
in the scales they rise, together lighter than a breath.
10 Do not trust in extortion or set vain hopes on robbery;
if wealth increases, do not set your heart on it.
11 Once God has spoken;
twice I have heard this: power belongs to God,

12 and to you, Lord, belongs steadfast love, for you repay each person
according to his work.

63

1 God, you are my God;
I seek you earnestly.
My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you in a dry and weary
land without water.
2 So I have beheld you in the sanctuary, to see your power and your
glory.
3 For your steadfast love is better than life;
my lips will praise you.
4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift my hands.
5 My soul will be satisfied as with rich, choice food, and my mouth will
praise you with joyful lips,
6 when I remember you on my bed and meditate on you through the
watches of the night.
7 For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing
for joy.
8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand supports me.
9 But those who seek to destroy my life will go down to the depths of
the earth.
10 They will be given over to the power of the sword;
they will be a portion for jackals.
11 But the king will rejoice in God;
all who swear by him will boast, for the mouths of those who
speak lies will be stopped.

64

1 Hear my voice, God, in my complaint;
guard my life from the terror of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the conspiracy of evildoers, from the tumult of those
who do evil,
3 who sharpen their tongue like a sword and aim a bitter word as their
arrow,
4 to shoot from hiding at the blameless man;
suddenly they shoot at him without fear.
5 They encourage one another in an evil plan;
they talk of hiding snares and say, “Who will see them?”
6 They devise injustices: “We have completed a carefully devised plan.”
The inward self and heart of man are deep.
7 But God will shoot them with an arrow;
suddenly they will be wounded.
8 Their own tongue will make them stumble;
all who see them will shake their heads.
9 Then all people will fear;
they will proclaim the work of God and understand what he has
done.
10 The righteous man will rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him;

all the upright in heart will boast.

65

1 Praise awaits you in silence, God, in Zion;
to you the vow will be fulfilled.
2 You who hear prayer, to you all flesh will come.
3 Iniquities overwhelm me, but you atone for our transgressions.
4 Blessed is the one you choose and bring near to dwell in your courts.
We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
5 With awesome deeds in righteousness you answer us, God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and the distant seas,
6 who establishes the mountains by his strength, girded with might,
7 who stills the roar of the seas, the roar of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.
8 Those who dwell at the farthest reaches fear your signs;
you make the coming of morning and evening shout for joy.
9 You visit the earth and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The stream of God is full of water;
you prepare their grain, for so you prepare the earth.
10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its growth.
11 You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip abundance.
12 The wilderness pastures drip with it, and the hills gird themselves with joy.
13 The pastures clothe themselves with flocks, and the valleys wrap themselves in grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

66

1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
2 Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.
3 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Through your great strength your enemies feign submission to you.
4 All the earth will bow before you and sing praise to you;
they will sing praise to your name.” Selah.

5 Come and see the works of God;
awesome are his deeds toward humankind.
6 He turned the sea into dry land;
they crossed the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him.
7 He rules by his might forever;
his eyes watch the nations.
Let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah.

8 Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,
9 who keeps our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.
10 For you have tested us, God;
you have refined us as silver is refined.
11 You brought us into the net;
you laid a burden on our loins.
12 You let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into abundance.
13 I will enter your house with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you,
14 the vows my lips uttered and my mouth spoke when I was in distress.
15 I will offer you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice cattle with male goats. Selah.

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will recount what he has done for my soul.
17 I called to him with my mouth, and praise was beneath my tongue.
18 If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard.
19 But God has indeed heard;
he has attended to my prayer.
20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer or his steadfast love from me!

67

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us;
may he make his face shine upon us, Selah,
2 so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, God;
let all the peoples praise you.
4 Let the nations rejoice and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations on earth. Selah.

5 Let the peoples praise you, God;
let all the peoples praise you.
6 The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, will bless us.
7 God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

68

1 Let God rise up;
let his enemies scatter, and let those who hate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God.
3 But let the righteous rejoice and exult before God;
let them be glad with joy.
4 Sing to God, sing praise to his name;
raise a highway for the one who rides through the deserts.
The LORD is his name;

exult before him.
5 A father to the fatherless and a judge for widows is God in his holy
dwelling.
6 God gives the lonely a home and brings prisoners out into prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
7 God, when you went out before your people, when you marched
through the wilderness, Selah,
8 the earth quaked and the heavens poured rain before God;
Sinai itself quaked before God, the God of Israel.
9 You showered generous rain, God;
when your inheritance was weary, you established it.
10 Your community dwelled in it;
in your goodness you provided for the poor, God.
11 The Lord gives the word;
the women who proclaim the good news are a great host:
12 "The kings of armies flee, they flee!"
And the woman at home divides the spoil.
13 Though you lie among the sheepfolds, the wings of a dove are
covered with silver, its pinions with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings there, it snowed on Zalmon.
15 A mountain of God is Mount Bashan;
a mountain of many peaks is Mount Bashan.
16 Why do you look with envy, mountains of many peaks, at the
mountain God desired for his dwelling?
Indeed, the LORD will dwell there forever.
17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, thousands upon
thousands;
the Lord is among them;
Sinai is in the sanctuary.
18 You ascended on high and led captives away;
you received gifts from people, even the rebellious, so that the
LORD God might dwell there.
19 Blessed be the Lord, who bears our burdens day after day, the God
of our salvation. Selah.

20 Our God is a God of deliverances;
to the LORD, the Lord, belong escapes from death.
21 Surely God will crush the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of
one who goes on in his guilt.
22 The Lord said, "I will bring them back from Bashan;
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,
23 so that your foot may crush them in blood, and the tongue of your
dogs may have its share of the enemies."
24 They have seen your processions, God, the processions of my God,
my King, in the sanctuary.
25 The singers go before, the musicians behind, with young women
playing tambourines in their midst.
26 In the assemblies bless God;
bless the LORD, you who spring from Israel's fountain.

27 There is Benjamin, the youngest, leading them, the princes of Judah
with their throng, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of
Naphtali.
28 Your God has commanded your strength;
strengthen, God, what you have done for us.
29 Because of your temple at Jerusalem, kings will bring you gifts.
30 Rebuke the beast of the reeds, the herd of bulls among the calves of
the peoples, until it bows down with pieces of silver.
Scatter the peoples who delight in war.
31 Dignitaries will come from Egypt;
Cush will hasten to stretch its hands toward God.
32 Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
sing praise to the Lord, Selah,
33 to the one who rides in the ancient heavens of heavens.
Look, he sounds his voice, a mighty voice.
34 Ascribe strength to God;
his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.
35 Awesome are you, God, from your sanctuaries!
The God of Israel gives strength and might to the people.
Blessed be God!

69

1 Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck.
2 I have sunk into deep mire where there is no foothold.
I have come into deep waters, and the flood has swept over me.
3 I am weary from crying out;
my throat is parched.
My eyes fail as I wait for my God.
4 Those who hate me without cause outnumber the hairs of my head.
Mighty are those who would destroy me, my enemies without
reason.
I must restore what I did not steal.
5 God, you know my foolishness;
my guilt is not hidden from you.
6 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame because of me,
Lord GOD of hosts.
Do not let those who seek you be disgraced because of me, God of
Israel.
7 For I have borne reproach for your sake;
disgrace has covered my face.
8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, a foreigner to my mother's
sons.
9 For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of
those who reproach you have fallen on me.
10 I wept and fasted, and this brought me reproach.
11 I made sackcloth my clothing and became a byword to them.
12 Those who sit at the gate talk about me, and I am the song of those
who drink strong drink.
13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, LORD, at a time of favor.
God, in your abundant steadfast love, answer me with your
saving faithfulness.
14 Rescue me from the mire;

do not let me sink.
Let me be rescued from those who hate me and from the deep waters.
15 Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me, or the pit close its mouth over me.
16 Answer me, LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
turn to me in your abundant compassion.
17 Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress.
Answer me quickly.
18 Draw near to my soul and redeem it;
ransom me because of my enemies.
19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my disgrace;
all my adversaries are before you.
20 Reproach has broken my heart, and I am sick.
I looked for sympathy, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.
21 They put poison in my food and gave me vinegar to drink for my thirst.
22 Let their table before them become a snare, and their security a trap.
23 Let their eyes grow dark so they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually.
24 Pour out your indignation on them;
let your burning anger overtake them.
25 Let their camp be desolate;
let no one live in their tents.
26 For they persecute the one you have struck, and they talk about the pain of those you have wounded.
27 Add guilt to their guilt, and do not let them enter into your righteousness.
28 Let them be erased from the book of the living and not be inscribed with the righteous.
29 But I am afflicted and in pain;
let your salvation, God, set me safely on high.
30 I will praise the name of God with a song and magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 This will please the LORD more than an ox, more than a bull with horns and hooves.
32 The humble will see and rejoice.
You who seek God, let your hearts live!
33 For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his prisoners.
34 Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.
35 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah;
they will dwell there and possess it.
36 The offspring of his servants will inherit it, and those who love his name will dwell in it.

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1 God, deliver me!
LORD, hurry to help me!
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and humiliated;

let those who desire my harm turn back in disgrace.
3 Let those who say, “Aha!
Aha!”
turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation always say, “Let God be magnified!”
5 But I am poor and needy;
God, hurry to me!
You are my help and my deliverer;
LORD, do not delay.

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1 In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
2 In your righteousness, rescue and deliver me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
3 Be a rock where I may dwell, where I can always come.
You have commanded that I be saved, for you are my rock and my fortress.
4 My God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
5 For you are my hope, Lord GOD, my trust from my youth.
6 I have leaned on you from the womb;
you brought me out of my mother's womb.
My praise is always of you.
7 I have become a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.
8 Let my mouth be filled with your praise and with your glory all day long.
9 Do not cast me off in old age;
do not forsake me when my strength is spent.
10 For my enemies speak against me, and those who watch for my life conspire together,
11 saying, “God has forsaken him.
Pursue him and seize him, for there is no one to rescue him.”
12 God, do not be far from me;
my God, hurry to help me.
13 Let the adversaries of my soul be ashamed and consumed;
let those who seek my harm be covered with reproach and disgrace.
14 But I will always hope and add to all your praise.
15 My mouth will recount your righteousness and your salvation all day long, for I do not know their number.
16 I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD;
I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone.
17 God, you have taught me from my youth, and to this day I declare your wonderful deeds.
18 Even when I am old and gray, God, do not forsake me, until I declare your powerful arm to another generation, your might to all who are to come.
19 Your righteousness, God, reaches the heights.

You have done great things;
God, who is like you?
20 You, who have shown me many bitter troubles, will revive me again;
from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.
21 You will increase my honor and comfort me again.
22 I too will give you thanks with the harp for your faithfulness, my God;
I will sing praise to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel.
23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you, and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.
24 My tongue too will speak of your righteousness all day long, for those who seek my harm have been ashamed and humiliated.

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1 God, give the king your judgments, and the king's son your righteousness.
2 May he judge your people with righteousness and your afflicted ones with justice.
3 May the mountains bring peace to the people, and the hills, through righteousness.
4 May he defend the afflicted among the people, save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
5 May they fear you as long as the sun endures, and as long as the moon, through all generations.
6 May he come down like rain on mown grass, like showers watering the earth.
7 May the righteous flourish in his days, and peace abound until the moon is no more.
8 May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
9 May desert dwellers bow before him, and his enemies lick the dust.
10 May the kings of Tarshish and the coastlands bring tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba present gifts.
11 May all kings bow down before him, and all nations serve him.
12 For he will rescue the needy who cry out, and the afflicted who have no helper.
13 He will have pity on the weak and needy, and save the lives of the needy.
14 He will redeem their lives from oppression and violence;
their blood will be precious in his eyes.
15 May he live!
May gold from Sheba be given to him.
May prayer be offered for him continually, and blessings all day long.
16 May there be abundant grain in the land, even on the mountaintops.
May its fruit sway like Lebanon, and people flourish from the city like the grass of the earth.
17 May his name endure forever;
may his name continue as long as the sun.
May people bless themselves by him;
may all nations call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does
wonderful things.
19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and amen.
20 The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

73

1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet had almost strayed;
my steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For they have no pangs in their death, and their bodies are well fed.
5 They have none of the troubles of other mortals;
they are not afflicted like the rest of humanity.
6 So pride is their necklace, and violence covers them like a garment.
7 Their eyes bulge with fatness;
the imaginings of their hearts overflow.
8 They scoff and speak of oppression with malice;
they speak from on high.
9 They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues roam the
earth.
10 Therefore his people return here, and they drink water in
abundance.
11 They say, “How does God know?
Does the Most High have knowledge?”
12 Look, these are the wicked: always at ease, they increase their
wealth.
13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and washed my hands in
innocence.
14 For I have been afflicted all day long and disciplined every morning.
15 If I had said, “I will speak this way,” I would have betrayed the
generation of your children.
16 When I tried to understand this, it was a wearisome task in my eyes,
17 until I entered the sanctuaries of God;
then I understood their end.
18 Surely you set them on slippery ground;
you cast them down to ruin.
19 How suddenly they are desolated!
They are swept away, brought to an end by terrors.
20 Like a dream when one awakes, Lord, when you arise, you will
despise their image.
21 When my heart was embittered and I was pierced within,
22 I was senseless and did not understand;
I was like a beast before you.
23 Yet I am always with you;
you have taken hold of my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me
in glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And with you, I desire nothing on earth.

26 My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the rock of my heart and my
portion forever.
27 For look, those far from you will perish;
you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.
28 But as for me, the nearness of God is my good.
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may recount all your
works.

74

1 God, why have you rejected us forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?
2 Remember your congregation, which you acquired long ago, the
tribe you redeemed as your inheritance, this Mount Zion where
you have dwelt.
3 Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins, to all the destruction the
enemy has done in the sanctuary.
4 Your adversaries roared within your meeting place;
they set up their own banners as signs.
5 They appeared like men raising axes in a thicket of trees.
6 Now they smash all its carved work with hatchets and hammers.
7 They set your sanctuary on fire;
they profaned the dwelling place of your name, bringing it to the
ground.
8 They said in their hearts, “Let us crush them all together!”
They burned every meeting place of God in the land.
9 We do not see our signs;
there is no longer a prophet, and no one among us knows how
long.
10 How long, God, will the adversary taunt?
Will the enemy revile your name forever?
11 Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand?
Bring it out from your bosom and destroy them!
12 Yet God is my King from long ago, working acts of salvation in the
midst of the earth.
13 You divided the sea by your strength;
you shattered the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.
14 You crushed the heads of Leviathan;
you gave him as food to the desert dwellers.
15 You split open springs and streams;
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.
16 The day is yours, and the night is yours as well;
you established the light and the sun.
17 You set all the boundaries of the earth;
you formed summer and winter.
18 Remember this: the enemy has taunted you, LORD, and a foolish
people has reviled your name.
19 Do not give the life of your turtledove to the wild beast;
do not forget the lives of your afflicted ones forever.
20 Have regard for the covenant, for the dark places of the land are
full of haunts of violence.
21 Do not let the oppressed turn back in disgrace;

let the afflicted and needy praise your name.
22 Rise up, God, defend your cause!
Remember how the fool taunts you all day long.
23 Do not forget the clamor of your adversaries, the uproar of those who rise against you, which goes up continually.

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1 We give thanks to you, God;
we give thanks, for your name is near.
People recount your wonderful deeds.
2 "When I choose the appointed time, I will judge with equity.
3 When the earth and all its inhabitants melt away, I am the one who has set its pillars firm. Selah.

4 I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn.
5 Do not lift your horn on high or speak with an arrogant neck.' "
6 For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the wilderness.
7 It is God who judges: he brings one down and lifts another up.
8 For in the LORD's hand is a cup, with foaming wine, full of mixed drink.
He pours from it, and all the wicked of the earth will drain it, drinking even its dregs.
9 But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praise to the God of Jacob.
10 I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

76

1 God is known in Judah;
his name is great in Israel.
2 His shelter is in Salem, and his dwelling place in Zion.
3 There he shattered the flaming arrows of the bow, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah.

4 You are radiant, majestic beyond the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted have been plundered;
they have sunk into sleep.
None of the mighty warriors could use their hands.
6 At your rebuke, God of Jacob, both chariot and horse fell into deep sleep.
7 You, you are to be feared!
Who can stand before you once your anger is aroused?
8 From heaven you made judgment heard;
the earth feared and was still,
9 when God rose to judge, to save all the humble of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely human wrath will praise you;
with the remainder of wrath you will gird yourself.
11 Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them;

let all who surround him bring gifts to the One who is to be feared.
12 He cuts off the spirit of rulers;
he is feared by the kings of the earth.

77

1 I cry aloud to God;
aloud to God, and he listens to me.
2 In the day of my distress I sought the Lord.
My hand was stretched out through the night without growing weary;
my soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remember God and groan;
I meditate, and my spirit grows faint. Selah.

4 You hold my eyelids open;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I consider the days of old, the years long past.
6 I remember my song in the night;
I meditate in my heart, and my spirit searches:
7 "Will the Lord reject us forever?
Will he never show favor again?
8 Has his steadfast love ceased forever?
Has his promise come to an end for all generations?
9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has he shut up his compassion in anger?" Selah.

10 Then I said, "This is my grief: the changing of the right hand of the Most High."
11 I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
12 I will meditate on all your work and ponder your deeds.
13 God, your way is holy.
What god is as great as God?
14 You are the God who works wonders;
you have made your strength known among the peoples.
15 With your arm you redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 The waters saw you, God;
the waters saw you and writhed;
even the depths trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies gave voice, and your arrows sped about.
18 Your thunder sounded in the whirlwind;
lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.
19 Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters, yet your footprints were not known.
20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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1 Listen, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter riddles from long ago,
3 things we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children, but will recount to the
coming generation the praises of the LORD, his might, and the
wonders he has done.
5 He established a testimony in Jacob and set a law in Israel, which he
commanded our fathers to make known to their children,
6 so that the coming generation might know, children yet to be born,
who would arise and tell their own children,
7 that they might put their confidence in God, not forget the deeds of
God, and keep his commandments.
8 Then they would not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious
generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast and
whose spirit was not faithful to God.
9 The men of Ephraim, armed with bows, turned back on the day of
battle.
10 They did not keep God's covenant and refused to walk in his law.
11 They forgot his deeds and the wonders he had shown them.
12 He worked wonders before their fathers in the land of Egypt, in the
fields of Zoan.
13 He split the sea and brought them through;
he made the waters stand like a heap.
14 He led them with a cloud by day, and all night with the light of fire.
15 He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them abundant drink, as
from the depths.
16 He brought streams out of the rock and made waters flow down like
rivers.
17 Yet they continued to sin against him, rebelling against the Most
High in the dry land.
18 They tested God in their hearts by asking for food to satisfy their
appetite.
19 They spoke against God, saying, "Can God set a table in the
wilderness?
20 Look, he struck the rock, and water gushed out and streams
overflowed.
But can he also give bread?
Can he provide meat for his people?"
21 So the LORD heard and was enraged;
fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger rose against Israel,
22 because they did not believe in God or trust in his salvation.
23 Yet he commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of
heaven.
24 He rained manna on them to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.
25 Mortals ate the bread of the mighty ones;
he sent them provisions in abundance.
26 He set the east wind blowing in the heavens and drove the south
wind by his strength.

27 He rained meat on them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the
seas.
28 He made them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.
29 They ate and were completely satisfied;
he brought them what they craved.
30 They had not turned from their craving, and their food was still in
their mouths,
31 when God's anger rose against them.
He killed the strongest among them and struck down the young
men of Israel.
32 Despite all this they kept on sinning and did not believe in his
wonders.
33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath, and their years in
terror.
34 When he killed them, they sought him;
they turned back and earnestly sought God.
35 They remembered that God was their rock, and God Most High their
redeemer.
36 But they flattered him with their mouths and lied to him with their
tongues.
37 Their hearts were not steadfast toward him, and they were not
faithful to his covenant.
38 Yet he was compassionate;
he atoned for their guilt and did not destroy them.
Again and again he turned his anger away and did not stir up all
his wrath.
39 He remembered that they were flesh, a wind that passes and does
not return.
40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved
him in the wasteland!
41 Again and again they tested God and pained the Holy One of Israel.
42 They did not remember his hand, the day he ransomed them from
the adversary,
43 when he performed his signs in Egypt and his wonders in the fields
of Zoan.
44 He turned their rivers to blood, so they could not drink from their
streams.
45 He sent swarms of flies among them that devoured them, and frogs
that destroyed them.
46 He gave their crops to the devouring locust, and the fruit of their
labor to the locust swarm.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore-fig trees with
frost.
48 He gave their cattle over to hail, and their herds to lightning bolts.
49 He sent upon them his burning anger, wrath, indignation, and
distress—a company of messengers of calamity.
50 He cleared a path for his anger;
he did not spare their lives from death, but gave their lives over to
pestilence.
51 He struck every firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their vigor in
the tents of Ham.
52 But he led his people out like sheep and guided them like a flock in
the wilderness.
53 He led them safely, and they were not afraid;

but the sea covered their enemies.
54 He brought them to his holy territory, to this mountain his right
hand had acquired.
55 He drove out nations before them, allotted their land as an
inheritance by the measuring line, and settled the tribes of
Israel in their tents.
56 Yet they tested and rebelled against God Most High, and did not
keep his testimonies.
57 They turned back and were faithless like their fathers;
they swerved like an unreliable bow.
58 They provoked him to anger with their high places and to jealousy
with their carved images.
59 God heard and was enraged;
he utterly rejected Israel.
60 He forsook the dwelling at Shiloh, the tent he had established
among mortals.
61 He gave his strength over to captivity, and his splendor into the
adversary's hand.
62 He gave his people over to the sword and was enraged against his
inheritance.
63 Fire devoured their young men, and no wedding songs were sung
for their young women.
64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows did not weep.
65 Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, like a warrior shouting because
of wine.
66 He beat his adversaries back and put them to everlasting shame.
67 He rejected the tent of Joseph and did not choose the tribe of
Ephraim.
68 But he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loved.
69 He built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth he established
forever.
70 He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds.
71 From following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob
his people, Israel his inheritance.
72 He shepherded them with integrity of heart and guided them with
skillful hands.

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1 God, nations have invaded your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple and reduced Jerusalem to
heaps of rubble.
2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food to the birds of
heaven, the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the earth.
3 They have poured out their blood like water around Jerusalem, with
no one to bury them.
4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, a mockery and a scorn
to those around us.
5 How long, LORD?
Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you, and on the
kingdoms that do not call on your name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his dwelling place.
8 Do not remember against us the sins of those before us;
let your compassion hurry to meet us, for we have been brought
very low.
9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.
Rescue us and atone for our sins for your name's sake.
10 Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”
Before our eyes, let vengeance for the shed blood of your servants
be known among the nations.
11 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before you;
by your mighty arm preserve those doomed to die.
12 Return sevenfold into our neighbors' bosom the reproach with
which they have reproached you, Lord.
13 Then we, your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give you
thanks forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

80

1 Listen, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your might and
come to save us.
3 Restore us, God;
let your face shine, and we will be saved.
4 LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger smoke against the
prayer of your people?
5 You have fed them the bread of tears and given them tears to drink
in great measure.
6 You have made us an object of contention to our neighbors, and our
enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Restore us, God of hosts;
let your face shine, and we will be saved.
8 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out nations and planted it.
9 You cleared the ground before it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
10 The mountains were covered by its shade, the mighty cedars by its
branches.
11 It sent its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.
12 Why have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the
road pluck its fruit?
13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and the creatures of the field
feed on it.
14 God of hosts, please return!
Look down from heaven and see;
care for this vine,
15 the stock your right hand planted, and the son you made strong for
yourself.
16 It is burned with fire and cut down;

they perish at the rebuke of your face.
17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, on the son of man
you made strong for yourself.
18 Then we will not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
19 Restore us, LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, and we will be saved.

81

1 Sing for joy to God our strength;
shout to the God of Jacob.
2 Raise a song and sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.
3 Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast
day.
4 For this is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
5 He established it as a testimony in Joseph when he went out against
the land of Egypt.
I heard a language I did not know:
6 "I relieved his shoulder of the burden;
his hands were freed from the basket.
7 In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you from the hiding place of thunder.
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

8 Listen, my people, and I will warn you.
Israel, if only you would listen to me!
9 There must be no strange god among you, and you must not bow
down to a foreign god.
10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of
Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would have none of me.
12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to walk in their own
counsels.
13 If only my people would listen to me, if Israel would walk in my
ways!
14 I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their
adversaries.
15 Those who hate the LORD would feign submission to him, and their
time would last forever.
16 He would feed him the finest wheat, and I would satisfy you with
honey from the rock."

82

1 God stands in the assembly of God;
among the gods he gives judgment:
2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show favor to the wicked?
Selah.

3 Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the afflicted and poor.

4 Rescue the weak and needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
5 They neither know nor understand;
they walk about in darkness.
All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 I said, 'You are gods, all of you sons of the Most High.'
7 Yet you will die like mortals and fall like any ruler."
8 Rise up, God, judge the earth, for all the nations are yours to inherit.

83

1 God, do not remain silent;
do not hold your peace or be still, God.
2 For look, your enemies are in uproar;
those who hate you have lifted their heads.
3 They plot cunningly against your people and conspire against those you shelter.
4 They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation, so that the name of Israel is remembered no more."
5 For they conspire with one accord;
they make a covenant against you:
6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites,
7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre.
8 Assyria too has joined them;
they have become an arm of strength for the children of Lot.
Selah.

9 Do to them as you did to Midian, to Sisera and Jabin at the Kishon River,
10 who were destroyed at Endor and became dung for the ground.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
12 who said, "Let us take possession of the pastures of God."
13 My God, make them like whirling dust, like stubble before the wind.
14 As fire burns a forest, as a flame sets the mountains ablaze,
15 so pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your storm.
16 Fill their faces with dishonor, that they may seek your name, LORD.
17 Let them be ashamed and terrified forever;
let them be disgraced and perish.
18 Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD, you alone are Most High over all the earth.

84

1 How lovely are your dwelling places, LORD of hosts!
2 My soul longs, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young, near your altars, LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are always praising you. Selah.

5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the highways.
6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with blessings.
7 They go from strength to strength;
each appears before God in Zion.
8 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Look upon our shield, God;
look on the face of your anointed.
10 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD gives grace and glory.
He withholds no good thing from those who walk in integrity.
12 LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

85

1 LORD, you have shown favor to your land;
you have restored the fortunes of Jacob.
2 You have forgiven the guilt of your people;
you have covered all their sin. Selah.

3 You have withdrawn all your wrath;
you have turned from your burning anger.
4 Restore us, God of our salvation;
put an end to your anger against us.
5 Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
6 Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
7 Show us your steadfast love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.
8 I will listen to what God the LORD will say, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones.
But let them not return to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have met;
righteousness and peace have kissed.
11 Faithfulness springs up from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.
12 The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.
13 Righteousness will go before him and prepare a way for his steps.

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1 Incline your ear, LORD, and answer me, for I am afflicted and needy.
2 Preserve my life, for I am faithful to you.
You are my God;

save your servant who trusts in you.
3 Be gracious to me, Lord, for I cry to you all day long.
4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, Lord, I lift up my soul.
5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, abundant in steadfast love to
all who call on you.
6 Listen to my prayer, LORD, and attend to the voice of my pleas.
7 In the day of my distress I will call on you, for you will answer me.
8 There is none like you among the gods, Lord, nor are there any
works like yours.
9 All the nations you have made will come and bow down before you,
Lord, and glorify your name.
10 For you are great and do wonderful things;
you alone are God.
11 Teach me your way, LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to fear your name.
12 I will give you thanks, Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify
your name forever.
13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have rescued my soul from the depths of Sheol.
14 God, the arrogant have risen against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you
before them.
15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger
and abundant in steadfast love and faithfulness.
16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your
servant woman.
17 Show me a sign of your goodness, that those who hate me may see
and be ashamed, because you, LORD, have helped and
comforted me.

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1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.
2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of
Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of you, city of God. Selah.

4 "I will name Rahab and Babylon among those who know me.
Look, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush: 'This one was born there.' "
5 Of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one were born in her," and
the Most High himself will establish her.
6 The LORD will count as he registers the peoples, "This one was born
there." Selah.

7 Singers and flute players alike will say, "All my springs are in you."

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A song. A psalm for the sons of Korah. For the music director;
according to Mahalath Leannoth. A maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.
1 LORD, God of my salvation, I cry out before you day and night.
2 Let my prayer come before you;

incline your ear to my cry.
3 For my soul is filled with troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.
4 I am counted with those who go down to the pit;
I am like a man without strength,
5 adrift among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your hand.
6 You have put me in the deepest pit, in dark places, in the depths.
7 Your wrath weighs heavily on me;
you have afflicted me with all your waves. Selah.

8 You have put my acquaintances far from me;
you have made me repulsive to them.
I am shut in and cannot get out.
9 My eyes grow dim from affliction.
I call to you, LORD, every day;
I spread out my hands to you.
10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Will the shades of the dead rise and give you thanks? Selah.

11 Is your steadfast love recounted in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
12 Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But I cry to you for help, LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
14 Why, LORD, do you reject my soul and hide your face from me?
15 I have been afflicted and near death from my youth;
I bear your terrors and am bewildered.
16 Your burning anger has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me.
17 They surround me like water all day long;
together they close in on me.
18 You have put lover and friend far from me;
my companions are darkness.

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1 I will sing of the LORD's acts of steadfast love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known to all generations.
2 For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
4 'I will establish your offspring forever and build your throne for all generations.' " Selah.

5 The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
6 For who in the skies can compare with the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

7 God is greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, awesome above
all who surround him.
8 LORD God of hosts, who is mighty like you, LORD?
Your faithfulness surrounds you.
9 You rule the raging sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.
10 You crushed Rahab like one slain;
with your mighty arm you scattered your enemies.
11 The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours as well;
you founded the world and all that fills it.
12 You created the north and the south;
Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name.
13 You have a mighty arm;
your hand is strong, your right hand lifted high.
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful shout;
LORD, they walk in the light of your face.
16 They rejoice in your name all day long, and in your righteousness
they are exalted.
17 For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our horn
is lifted high.
18 For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of
Israel.
19 Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones and said, “I have
laid help on a warrior;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.
20 I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.
21 My hand will remain firm with him;
my arm will strengthen him.
22 No enemy will oppress him, no wicked man afflict him.
23 I will crush his adversaries before him and strike those who hate
him.
24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love will be with him, and in my
name his horn will be lifted high.
25 I will set his hand on the sea, his right hand on the rivers.
26 He will call to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my
salvation.’
27 I too will make him my firstborn, the highest of the kings of the
earth.
28 I will keep my steadfast love for him forever;
my covenant with him will stand firm.
29 I will establish his offspring forever, and his throne as long as the
heavens endure.
30 If his sons forsake my law and do not walk in my judgments,
31 if they profane my statutes and do not keep my commandments,
32 I will punish their rebellion with the rod and their guilt with blows.
33 But I will not withdraw my steadfast love from him or prove false to
my faithfulness.
34 I will not profane my covenant or alter what has passed my lips.

35 Once I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.
36 His offspring will endure forever, and his throne like the sun before me.
37 Like the moon it will be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies." Selah.

38 But you have rejected and spurned him;
you have been enraged with your anointed.
39 You have renounced the covenant of your servant;
you have profaned his crown in the dust.
40 You have broken down all his walls and reduced his strongholds to ruin.
41 All who pass along the road plunder him;
he has become a reproach to his neighbors.
42 You have lifted high the right hand of his adversaries;
you have made all his enemies rejoice.
43 You have turned back the edge of his sword and have not made him stand in battle.
44 You have brought his splendor to an end and cast his throne to the ground.
45 You have shortened the days of his youth and covered him with shame. Selah.

46 How long, LORD?
Will you hide yourself forever?
Will your wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember how brief my life is.
Why have you created all mortals in vain?
48 What man can live and not see death?
Can he rescue his soul from the hand of Sheol? Selah.

49 Where are your former acts of steadfast love, Lord, which you swore to David in your faithfulness?
50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of your servants, how I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,
51 with which your enemies have taunted, LORD, with which they have taunted the footsteps of your anointed.
52 Blessed be the LORD forever!
Amen and amen.

90

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place through all generations.
2 Before the mountains were born, before you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You return mortals to dust and say, "Return, children of Adam."
4 For a thousand years in your eyes are like yesterday when it has passed, like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away;
they are like sleep, like grass that sprouts in the morning.
6 In the morning it blossoms and grows;
by evening it withers and dries up.

7 For we are consumed by your anger and terrified by your wrath.
8 You have set our guilt before you, our secrets in the light of your face.
9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years like a sigh.
10 The years of our life are seventy, or eighty if we have strength;
yet their pride is toil and sorrow, for they pass quickly, and we fly away.
11 Who knows the power of your anger, your wrath according to the fear you are due?
12 Teach us so to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
13 Return, LORD!
How long?
Have compassion on your servants.
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.
16 Let your work be seen by your servants, and your majesty by their children.
17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.
Establish the work of our hands for us;
yes, establish the work of our hands.

91

1 The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
3 For he will rescue you from the fowler's snare and from deadly pestilence.
4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will take refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
5 You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,
6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that ravages at noon.
7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
9 Because you have made the LORD, my refuge, the Most High, your dwelling place,
10 no evil will befall you, no plague come near your tent.
11 For he will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.
12 They will bear you up in their hands, so that you do not strike your foot against a stone.
13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the young lion and the serpent.
14 “Because he has set his love on me, I will rescue him;
I will set him safely on high, because he knows my name.
15 He will call on me, and I will answer him.

I will be with him in distress;
I will rescue him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD and sing praise to your name,
Most High,
2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness
by night,
3 with a ten-stringed instrument and a harp, with the melody of the
lyre.
4 For you have gladdened me by your work, LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.
5 How great are your works, LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep.
6 A senseless man does not know, and a fool does not understand this:
7 though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, it is so
they may be destroyed forever.
8 But you, LORD, are on high forever.
9 For look, your enemies, LORD—for look, your enemies will perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.
10 You have lifted my horn like that of a wild ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.
11 My eyes look upon those who watch me;
my ears hear the evildoers who rise against me.
12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree and grow like a cedar in
Lebanon.
13 Planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of
our God.
14 They will still bear fruit in old age;
they will be full of sap and green,
15 declaring that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no injustice in him.

93

1 The LORD reigns, clothed in majesty;
the LORD is clothed in strength and has girded himself.
Indeed, the world stands firm;
it will not be shaken.
2 Your throne stands firm from long ago;
you are from everlasting.
3 The floods have risen, LORD;
the floods have lifted their voice;
the floods lift their waves.
4 Mightier than the roar of many waters, than the mighty breakers of
the sea, is the LORD on high.
5 Your testimonies are utterly trustworthy;
holiness befits your house, LORD, for all days to come.

94

1 LORD, God of vengeance, God of vengeance, shine forth!
2 Rise up, Judge of the earth;

repay the proud what they deserve.
3 How long will the wicked, LORD, how long will the wicked exult?
4 They pour out arrogant words;
all evildoers boast.
5 They crush your people, LORD, and afflict your inheritance.
6 They kill the widow and the foreigner, and murder the fatherless.
7 They say, “The LORD does not see;
the God of Jacob does not notice."
8 Understand, you senseless among the people!
Fools, when will you be wise?
9 Does the one who planted the ear not hear?
Does the one who formed the eye not see?
10 Will the one who disciplines nations not correct, the one who teaches humanity knowledge?
11 The LORD knows human thoughts, that they are but a breath.
12 Blessed is the man you discipline, LORD, whom you teach from your law,
13 to give him rest from days of trouble until a pit is dug for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not reject his people or forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgment will return to righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked?
Who will stand for me against evildoers?
17 If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have dwelt in silence.
18 When I say, “My foot is slipping,” your steadfast love, LORD, sustains me.
19 When anxious thoughts multiply within me, your consolations delight my soul.
20 Can a destructive throne be allied with you, one that fashions harm by statute?
21 They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn innocent blood.
22 But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge.
23 He will bring their own wickedness back on them and destroy them for their evil;
the LORD our God will destroy them.

95

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and shout to him with songs.
3 For the LORD is a great God, a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks are his.
5 The sea is his, for he made it;
his hands formed the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep of
his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice:
8 "Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in
the wilderness,
9 where your fathers tested me and put me to the proof, though they
had seen my work.
10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, 'They are a
people whose hearts go astray;
they have not known my ways.'
11 So I swore in my anger, 'They will not enter my rest.' "

96

1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
2 Sing to the LORD;
bless his name.
Proclaim the good news of his salvation day after day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations, his wonders among all the
peoples.
4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the
heavens.
6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe to the LORD, families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD
glory and strength.
8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"
Indeed, the world stands firm;
it will not be shaken.
He will judge the peoples with equity.
11 Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;
let the sea roar and all that fills it.
12 Let the field exult and everything in it;
then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy
13 before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with
his faithfulness.

97

1 The LORD reigns!
Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad.
2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3 Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.
4 His lightning lit up the world;

the earth saw and trembled.
5 The mountains melted like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of
all the earth.
6 The heavens declared his righteousness, and all the peoples saw his
glory.
7 Let all who serve carved images be ashamed, those who boast in
idols.
Bow down before him, all you gods!
8 Zion heard and was glad;
the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of your judgments, LORD.
9 For you, LORD, are Most High over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He guards the lives of his faithful ones and rescues them from the
hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the
remembrance of his holiness.

98

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wonderful things.
His right hand and his holy arm have won him victory.
2 The LORD has made his salvation known;
he has revealed his righteousness before the eyes of the nations.
3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house
of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
4 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth in joyful song and sing praise.
5 Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of
song.
6 With trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn, shout before the
King, the LORD.
7 Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell in
it.
8 Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the mountains sing for joy together
9 before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with
equity.

99

1 The LORD reigns;
let the peoples tremble!
He is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake!
2 The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted above all the peoples.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
He is holy!
4 The King's strength loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have worked justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt the LORD our God and bow down at his footstool.
He is holy!
6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel among those who
called on his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the statute he gave them.
8 LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them, though you punished them for
their deeds.
9 Exalt the LORD our God and bow down at his holy mountain, for the
LORD our God is holy.

100

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth!
2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful singing.
3 Know that the LORD is God.
He made us, and we are his, his people, the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.
5 For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all
generations.

101

1 I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, LORD, I will sing praise.
2 I will give heed to the blameless way.
When will you come to me?
I will walk with integrity of heart within my house.
3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes.
I hate the deeds of those who turn aside;
they will not cling to me.
4 A perverse heart will be far from me;
I will have nothing to do with evil.
5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, I will destroy.
I will not tolerate haughty eyes and an arrogant heart.
6 My eyes will be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with
me;
the one who walks in a blameless way will serve me.
7 No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house;
no one who speaks lies will remain before my eyes.
8 Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land, cutting off all
evildoers from the city of the LORD.

102

A prayer of an afflicted person, when he grows faint and pours out his lament before the LORD.
1 LORD, hear my prayer;
let my cry for help come to you.
2 Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress.

Incline your ear to me;
answer me quickly when I call.
3 For my days vanish like smoke, and my bones burn like a hearth.
4 My heart is stricken and withered like grass;
I forget to eat my bread.
5 Because of my groaning, my bones cling to my flesh.
6 I am like a pelican in the wilderness, like an owl among the ruins.
7 I lie awake, like a lonely bird on a rooftop.
8 All day long my enemies taunt me;
those who rage against me use me in their curses.
9 For I eat ashes like bread and mix my drink with tears,
10 because of your indignation and wrath, for you have lifted me up and thrown me away.
11 My days are like a lengthening shadow, and I wither like grass.
12 But you, LORD, are enthroned forever;
your remembrance endures to all generations.
13 You will rise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show her favor;
the appointed time has come.
14 For your servants cherish her stones and show favor to her dust.
15 The nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth your glory.
16 For the LORD will have rebuilt Zion and appeared in his glory.
17 He will have turned to the prayer of the destitute and not despised their prayer.
18 Let this be written for a generation to come, and a people yet to be created will praise the LORD.
19 For he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth,
20 to hear the groaning of the prisoner and release those doomed to die,
21 that the name of the LORD may be proclaimed in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem,
22 when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
23 He weakened my strength along the way;
he shortened my days.
24 I say, “My God, do not take me away in the midst of my days;
your years endure through all generations.
25 Long ago you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
26 They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
Like clothing you will change them, and they will be changed.
27 But you are the same, and your years will have no end.
28 The children of your servants will dwell secure, and their offspring will be established before you.”

103

1 Bless the LORD, my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, my soul, and forget none of his benefits.
3 He forgives all your guilt and heals all your diseases.
4 He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with steadfast
love and compassion.
5 He satisfies your life with good things, so that your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.
6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
7 He made his ways known to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel.
8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and
abundant in steadfast love.
9 He will not accuse forever or keep his anger for all time.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins or repaid us
according to our guilt.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his
steadfast love toward those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.
13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has
compassion on those who fear him.
14 For he knows how we are formed;
he remembers that we are dust.
15 As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field.
16 The wind passes over it, and it is gone;
its place knows it no more.
17 But the LORD's steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting
toward those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's
children,
18 to those who keep his covenant and remember his precepts to do
them.
19 The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom
rules over all.
20 Bless the LORD, you his angels, mighty in strength, who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word.
21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his servants who do his will.
22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all the places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, my soul!

104

1 Bless the LORD, my soul!
LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed in splendor and majesty.
2 He wraps himself in light as in a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent curtain.
3 He lays the beams of his upper chambers in the waters;
he makes the clouds his chariot and walks on the wings of the
wind.
4 He makes the winds his messengers, flaming fire his servants.
5 He founded the earth on its bases, so that it will never be shaken.
6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
7 At your rebuke they fled;

at the sound of your thunder they hurried away.
8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank, to the place you established for them.
9 You set a boundary they cannot cross, so they will not return to cover the earth.
10 He sends springs into the ravines;
they flow between the mountains.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
12 Beside them the birds of heaven dwell;
they sing among the branches.
13 He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.
14 He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for human cultivation, to bring forth food from the earth:
15 wine that gladdens the human heart, oil that makes the face shine, and bread that strengthens the human heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
17 There the birds make their nests;
the stork has her home in the cypress trees.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the hyraxes.
19 He made the moon for appointed times;
the sun knows its setting.
20 You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about.
21 The young lions roar for prey, seeking their food from God.
22 When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.
23 People go out to their work, to their labor until evening.
24 How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
25 There is the sea, great and wide, teeming with creatures beyond number, living things both small and great.
26 There the ships sail, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.
27 All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
28 You give to them, and they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are satisfied with good things.
29 You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
you renew the face of the ground.
31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works.
32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles;
he touches the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist.
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him;

I will rejoice in the LORD.
35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, my soul!
Praise the LORD!

105

1 Give thanks to the LORD;
call on his name;
make his deeds known among the peoples.
2 Sing to him;
sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonders.
3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
4 Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.
5 Remember the wonders he has done, his signs and the judgments of his mouth,
6 you offspring of Abraham his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
7 He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
8 He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded for a thousand generations,
9 the covenant he made with Abraham, his oath to Isaac.
10 He confirmed it to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
11 saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan as your allotted inheritance.”
12 When they were few in number, very few, and foreigners in it,
13 they wandered from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people.
14 He allowed no one to oppress them;
he rebuked kings for their sake:
15 “Do not touch my anointed ones;
do my prophets no harm.”
16 He summoned famine upon the land and broke every staff of bread.
17 He sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
18 They hurt his foot with fetters;
he was put in irons,
19 until the time his word came to pass;
the word of the LORD tested him.
20 The king sent and released him;
the ruler of peoples set him free.
21 He made him lord of his house and ruler over all his possessions,
22 to bind his officials as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.
23 Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob lived as a foreigner in the land of Ham.
24 He made his people very fruitful and stronger than their adversaries.
25 He turned their hearts to hate his people, to plot against his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
27 They performed his signs among them, wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness and made it dark;
    they did not rebel against his word.
29 He turned their waters to blood and killed their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spoke, and swarms of flies came, gnats throughout their
        territory.
32 He gave them hail for rain, flaming fire in their land.
33 He struck their vines and fig trees and shattered the trees
        throughout their territory.
34 He spoke, and locusts came, devouring locusts without number.
35 They devoured every plant in their land and ate the fruit of their
        soil.
36 He struck every firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their
        vigor.
37 He brought them out with silver and gold;
    no one among his tribes stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen
        upon it.
39 He spread a cloud as a covering, and fire to give light by night.
40 They asked, and he brought quail and satisfied them with the bread
        of heaven.
41 He opened a rock, and water gushed out;
    it flowed through the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy word, and Abraham his servant.
43 He brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with shouts of
        gladness.
44 He gave them the lands of nations, and they inherited the fruit of
        the peoples' labor,
45 so that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.
    Praise the LORD!

106

1 Praise the LORD!
    Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
    his steadfast love endures forever.
2 Who can recount the mighty deeds of the LORD or proclaim all his
        praise?
3 Blessed are those who uphold justice, who do righteousness at all
        times.
4 Remember me, LORD, with the favor you show your people;
    visit me with your salvation,
5 that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, rejoice in the joy
        of your nation, and glory with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned with our fathers;
    we have acted perversely and done wickedly.
7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand your wonders or remember
        your many acts of steadfast love;
    they rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.
8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, to make his might known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up;

he led them through the depths as through a wilderness.
10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them and
redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 The waters covered their adversaries;
not one of them remained.
12 Then they believed his words and sang his praise.
13 But they soon forgot his works;
they did not wait for his counsel.
14 They craved intensely in the wilderness and tested God in the
wasteland.
15 He gave them what they asked for, but sent wasting disease among
them.
16 They envied Moses in the camp, and Aaron, the holy one of the
LORD.
17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan;
it covered the company of Abiram.
18 Fire blazed among their company;
a flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf at Horeb and bowed down to a cast-metal image.
20 They exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that eats grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,
22 wonders in the land of Ham, awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
23 He said he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen one stood
in the breach before him, to turn back his wrath from
destroying them.
24 They despised the pleasant land and did not believe his word.
25 They grumbled in their tents and did not listen to the voice of the
LORD.
26 So he raised his hand in an oath to them, to make them fall in the
wilderness,
27 to make their offspring fall among the nations and scatter them
among the lands.
28 They yoked themselves to Baal of Peor and ate sacrifices offered to
the dead.
29 They provoked him to anger by their deeds, and a plague broke out
among them.
30 Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was
stopped.
31 It was counted to him as righteousness through all generations
forever.
32 They angered him at the waters of Meribah, and trouble came to
Moses because of them,
33 because they rebelled against his Spirit, and Moses spoke rashly
with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the peoples as the LORD had commanded
them,
35 but mingled with the nations and learned their practices.
36 They served their idols, which became a snare to them.
37 They sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons.
38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters
whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was
polluted with blood.

39 They defiled themselves by their deeds and prostituted themselves
by their practices.
40 Then the LORD's anger burned against his people, and he abhorred
his inheritance.
41 He gave them into the hand of the nations, and those who hated
them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies oppressed them, and they were subdued under their
hand.
43 Many times he rescued them, but they rebelled in their schemes and
sank down in their guilt.
44 Yet he looked on their distress when he heard their cry.
45 For their sake he remembered his covenant and relented according
to his many acts of steadfast love.
46 He caused all their captors to have compassion on them.
47 Save us, LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that
we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to
everlasting!
Let all the people say, “Amen!”
Praise the LORD!

107

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from the
hand of the adversary
3 and gathered from the lands, from the east and the west, from the
north and the sea.
4 They wandered in the wilderness along a desolate way;
they found no city to dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them.
6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he rescued them
from their distress.
7 He led them by a straight way to a city where they could dwell.
8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love, for his
wonders for the children of Adam.
9 For he satisfies the thirsty soul and fills the hungry soul with good
things.
10 Some sat in darkness and the shadow of death, prisoners in
affliction and iron,
11 because they had rebelled against the words of God and despised
the counsel of the Most High.
12 He humbled their hearts with hard labor;
they stumbled, and there was no one to help.
13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them
from their distress.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and tore
their chains apart.
15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love, for his
wonders for the children of Adam.
16 For he shattered doors of bronze and cut through bars of iron.
17 Fools suffered because of their rebellious ways and their guilt.

18 They loathed all food and drew near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them
from their distress.
20 He sent his word and healed them;
he rescued them from their pits.
21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love, for his
wonders for the children of Adam.
22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and recount his works with
joyful singing.
23 Those who go down to the sea in ships, doing business on the
mighty waters,
24 have seen the works of the LORD and his wonders in the deep.
25 He spoke and raised a storm wind that lifted its waves.
26 They rose to the heavens and sank to the depths;
their souls melted in their calamity.
27 They reeled and staggered like a drunkard;
all their skill was swallowed up.
28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them
out of their distress.
29 He turned the storm to calm, and the waves grew quiet.
30 They rejoiced because the waters were quiet, and he guided them to
the harbor they desired.
31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love, for his
wonders for the children of Adam.
32 Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in
the council of the elders.
33 He turns rivers into wilderness, springs of water into thirsty ground,
34 fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those
who dwell in it.
35 He turns wilderness into pools of water, dry ground into springs.
36 There he settles the hungry, and they establish a city to dwell in.
37 They sow fields and plant vineyards that yield a fruitful harvest.
38 He blesses them, and they multiply greatly;
he does not let their cattle decrease.
39 Then they diminish and are brought low through oppression,
calamity, and sorrow.
40 He pours contempt on nobles and makes them wander in a
trackless waste.
41 But he lifts the needy high above affliction and makes their families
like flocks.
42 The upright see and rejoice, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.
43 Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the LORD's
acts of steadfast love.

108

1 My heart is steadfast, God;
I will sing and make music with my whole being.
2 Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
3 I will give you thanks among the peoples, LORD;
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

4 For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your
faithfulness reaches the clouds.
5 Be exalted above the heavens, God;
let your glory be over all the earth.
6 So that your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand
and answer me.
7 God has spoken in his holiness: “I will exult;
I will divide Shechem and measure out the Valley of Succoth.
8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is the helmet for my head, Judah my scepter.
9 Moab is my washbasin;
upon Edom I will cast my sandal;
over Philistia I will shout in triumph.”
10 Who will bring me to the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
11 Have you not rejected us, God?
You do not go out with our armies, God.
12 Give us help against the adversary, for human deliverance is
worthless.
13 With God we will do valiantly;
he will trample our adversaries.

109

1 God of my praise, do not be silent.
2 For wicked and deceitful mouths have opened against me;
they speak to me with a lying tongue.
3 They surround me with hateful words and fight against me without
cause.
4 In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer.
5 They repay me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
6 Appoint a wicked man over him;
let an accuser stand at his right hand.
7 When he is tried, let him come out guilty;
let his prayer be counted as sin.
8 Let his days be few;
let another take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.
10 Let his children wander continually and beg, seeking food from
their ruined homes.
11 Let a creditor seize all he has;
let strangers plunder the fruit of his labor.
12 Let no one extend steadfast love to him or show compassion to his
fatherless children.
13 Let his offspring be cut off;
in the next generation let their name be erased.
14 Let the guilt of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, and let
his mother's sin not be erased.
15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off their
memory from the earth.
16 For he did not remember to show steadfast love, but pursued the
afflicted and needy man, the brokenhearted, to put him to
death.

17 He loved cursing, and it came upon him;
he did not delight in blessing, and it went far from him.
18 He clothed himself with cursing like a robe;
it entered him like water, like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be to him like a garment he wraps around himself, like a belt
he always wears.
20 Let this be the recompense of my accusers from the LORD, of those
who speak evil against my life.
21 But you, LORD, the Lord, act on my behalf for your name's sake;
rescue me, for your steadfast love is good.
22 For I am afflicted and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.
23 I fade like a lengthening shadow;
I am shaken off like a locust.
24 My knees falter from fasting;
my flesh has lost its fat.
25 I have become a reproach to them;
when they see me, they shake their heads.
26 Help me, LORD my God;
save me according to your steadfast love.
27 Let them know that this is your hand, that you, LORD, have done it.
28 Let them curse, but you bless.
Let them rise and be ashamed, but let your servant rejoice.
29 Let my accusers be clothed in disgrace;
let them wrap themselves in their shame as in a robe.
30 With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD;
I will praise him in the midst of the multitude.
31 For he stands at the right hand of the needy, to save him from those
who condemn his life.

110

1 The LORD declares to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make
your enemies a footstool for your feet."
2 The LORD will send forth your mighty scepter from Zion.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!
3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in
holy splendor;
from the womb of the dawn, yours is the dew of your youth.
4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest
forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."
5 The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his anger.
6 He will judge among the nations, filling the land with corpses;
he will shatter heads across a vast land.
7 He will drink from the stream along the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

111

1 Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart, in the council of
the upright and in the assembly.
2 Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is splendor and majesty, and his righteousness endures
forever.
4 He has made his wonders remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.
5 He gives food to those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
6 He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the
inheritance of the nations.
7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his precepts are trustworthy,
8 upheld forever and ever, established in faithfulness and uprightness.
9 He sent redemption to his people;
he ordained his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice his precepts have good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

112

1 Praise the LORD!
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in
his commandments.
2 His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures
forever.
4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, compassionate, and righteous.
5 It goes well with the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts
his affairs with justice.
6 For he will never be shaken;
the righteous will be remembered forever.
7 He will not fear bad news;
his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
8 His heart is secure;
he will not fear, until he looks upon his adversaries.
9 He has freely distributed his gifts to the needy;
his righteousness endures forever.
His horn will be lifted high in honor.
10 The wicked man will see and be angry;
he will gnash his teeth and melt away.
The desire of the wicked will perish.

113

1 Praise the LORD!
Praise, servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.
2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from now on and forever.
3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to
be praised.
4 The LORD is high above all nations, his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

6 who stoops to look on the heavens and the earth?
7 He raises the weak from the dust and lifts the needy from the refuse heap,
8 to seat them with nobles, with the nobles of his people.
9 He gives the barren woman a home as a joyful mother of children.
Praise the LORD!

114

1 When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign speech,
2 Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw and fled;
the Jordan turned back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.
5 What troubles you, sea, that you flee, Jordan, that you turn back,
6 mountains, that you skip like rams, hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, earth, before the Lord, before the God of Jacob,
8 who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring.

115

1 Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for your steadfast love and faithfulness.
2 Why should the nations say, “Where is their God now?”
3 Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
5 They have mouths but cannot speak, eyes but cannot see.
6 They have ears but cannot hear, noses but cannot smell.
7 They have hands but cannot feel, feet but cannot walk;
they make no sound in their throats.
8 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.
9 Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
10 House of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
12 The LORD has remembered us;
he will bless us.
He will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, small and great alike.
14 May the LORD increase you, you and your children.
15 May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
16 The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of Adam.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD, nor any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD from now on and forever.
Praise the LORD!

116

1 I love the LORD, for he hears my voice and my pleas.
2 Because he has inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.
3 The cords of death surrounded me;
the anguish of Sheol overtook me.
I found distress and sorrow.
4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: “Please, LORD, rescue my soul!”
5 The LORD is gracious and righteous;
our God is compassionate.
6 The LORD guards the simple;
I was brought low, and he saved me.
7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
8 For you have rescued my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
9 I will walk before the LORD in the lands of the living.
10 I believed, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”
11 In my alarm I said, “All people are liars.”
12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
13 I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
14 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the LORD's eyes is the death of his faithful ones.
16 Please, LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your servant woman.
You have loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
18 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

117

1 Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
2 For mighty is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

118

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.
2 Let Israel now say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
3 Let the house of Aaron now say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
5 From my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me in a spacious place.
6 The LORD is on my side;
I will not fear.

What can a human being do to me?
7 The LORD is on my side among my helpers;
I will look upon those who hate me.
8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.
9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in nobles.
10 All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
11 They surrounded me, yes, surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
12 They surrounded me like bees;
they were snuffed out like fire among thorns.
In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
13 You pushed me hard to make me fall, but the LORD helped me.
14 The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
15 Shouts of joy and salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The
LORD's right hand does valiantly!
16 The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
the LORD's right hand does valiantly!”
17 I will not die, but live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
18 The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over
to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous will enter through it.
21 I will give you thanks, for you have answered me and become my
salvation.
22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
24 This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Please, LORD, save us now!
Please, LORD, grant us success now!
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light.
Bind the festival sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God, and I will give you thanks;
my God, I will exalt you.
29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.

119

1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the
LORD.
2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies and seek him with all
their heart.
3 They do no wrong;
they walk in his ways.
4 You have commanded that your precepts be kept diligently.

5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast in keeping your statutes!
6 Then I would not be put to shame when I look to all your
commandments.
7 I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous
judgments.
8 I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.
9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
10 With all my heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.
11 I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against
you.
12 Blessed are you, LORD;
teach me your statutes.
13 With my lips I recount all the judgments of your mouth.
14 I rejoice in the way of your testimonies as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on your precepts and look to your ways.
16 I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.
17 Deal generously with your servant, so that I may live and keep your
word.
18 Open my eyes, so that I may see wonderful things in your law.
19 I am a stranger on the earth;
do not hide your commandments from me.
20 My soul is crushed with longing for your judgments at all times.
21 You rebuke the arrogant, the accursed who stray from your
commandments.
22 Roll away reproach and contempt from me, for I have kept your
testimonies.
23 Even though rulers sit and speak against me, your servant
meditates on your statutes.
24 Your testimonies are also my delight;
they are my counselors.
25 My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to your word.
26 I recounted my ways, and you answered me;
teach me your statutes.
27 Help me understand the way of your precepts, so that I may
meditate on your wonders.
28 My soul melts with sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word.
29 Keep the way of falsehood far from me, and graciously grant me
your law.
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set your judgments before me.
31 I cling to your testimonies;
LORD, do not put me to shame.
32 I will run in the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my
heart.

33 Teach me the way of your statutes, LORD, and I will keep it to the
end.
34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and observe it
with all my heart.
35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
36 Incline my heart to your testimonies and not to dishonest gain.
37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
give me life in your ways.
38 Confirm your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.
39 Turn away the reproach I dread, for your judgments are good.
40 Look, I long for your precepts;
give me life in your righteousness.
41 Let your acts of steadfast love come to me, LORD, your salvation
according to your promise.
42 Then I will have an answer for the one who taunts me, for I trust in
your word.
43 Do not take the word of truth entirely from my mouth, for I hope in
your judgments.
44 I will keep your law continually, forever and ever.
45 I will walk in a spacious place, for I have sought your precepts.
46 I will speak of your testimonies before kings and will not be
ashamed.
47 I will delight in your commandments, which I love.
48 I will lift my hands to your commandments, which I love, and
meditate on your statutes.
49 Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me
hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction: your word has given me life.
51 The arrogant mock me beyond measure, but I have not turned away
from your law.
52 I remember your judgments of old, LORD, and I am comforted.
53 Burning indignation grips me because of the wicked who forsake
your law.
54 Your statutes have been my songs in the house where I sojourn.
55 At night I remember your name, LORD, and I keep your law.
56 This has become mine because I have kept your precepts.
57 The LORD is my portion;
I have promised to keep your words.
58 I seek your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
59 I have considered my ways and turned my feet to your testimonies.
60 I hasten and do not delay in keeping your commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked entangle me, but I have not forgotten your
law.
62 At midnight I rise to praise you because of your righteous
judgments.
63 I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your
precepts.
64 The earth is full of your steadfast love, LORD;
teach me your statutes.

65 You have dealt well with your servant, LORD, according to your
word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your
commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.
68 You are good and do good;
teach me your statutes.
69 The arrogant smear me with lies, but with all my heart I keep your
precepts.
70 Their hearts are unfeeling, thick as fat, but I delight in your law.
71 It was good for me to be afflicted, so that I might learn your statutes.
72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces of
gold and silver.
73 Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding, so that I may learn your commandments.
74 Those who fear you will see me and rejoice, for I have hoped in
your word.
75 I know, LORD, that your judgments are righteous and that in
faithfulness you have afflicted me.
76 Let your steadfast love comfort me, according to your promise to
your servant.
77 Let your compassion come to me, so that I may live, for your law is
my delight.
78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they have wronged me with
lies;
I will meditate on your precepts.
79 Let those who fear you turn to me, those who know your
testimonies.
80 Let my heart be blameless in your statutes, so that I may not be put
to shame.
81 My soul faints with longing for your salvation;
I hope in your word.
82 My eyes fail with longing for your promise;
I ask, “When will you comfort me?”
83 Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I have not
forgotten your statutes.
84 How many are your servant’s days?
When will you bring judgment on my persecutors?
85 The arrogant have dug pits for me, contrary to your law.
86 All your commandments are trustworthy;
they persecute me with lies.
Help me!
87 They have almost put an end to me on the earth, but I have not
forsaken your precepts.
88 Give me life according to your steadfast love, so that I may keep the
testimony of your mouth.
89 Forever, LORD, your word stands firm in the heavens.
90 Your faithfulness endures through all generations;
you established the earth, and it stands.
91 They stand to this day according to your judgments, for all things
are your servants.

92 If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my
affliction.
93 I will never forget your precepts, for through them you have given
me life.
94 I am yours;
save me, for I have sought your precepts.
95 The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your
testimonies.
96 I have seen an end to all perfection, but your commandment is
exceedingly broad.
97 Oh, how I love your law!
It is my meditation all day long.
98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are
mine forever.
99 I have more insight than all my teachers, for your testimonies are
my meditation.
100 I have more understanding than the aged, for I keep your precepts.
101 I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I may keep your
word.
102 I have not turned aside from your judgments, for you yourself
have taught me.
103 How sweet is your word to my palate, sweeter than honey to my
mouth!
104 Through your precepts I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.
105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
106 I have sworn and confirmed it: I will keep your righteous
judgments.
107 I am afflicted beyond measure;
LORD, give me life according to your word.
108 Please accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, LORD, and teach
me your judgments.
109 My life is always in my hand, but I have not forgotten your law.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from
your precepts.
111 Your testimonies are my inheritance forever, for they are the joy of
my heart.
112 I have inclined my heart to carry out your statutes forever, to the
end.
113 I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.
114 You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in your word.
115 Depart from me, you evildoers, so that I may keep the
commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according to your promise, so that I may live;
do not let me be put to shame in my hope.
117 Support me, so that I may be saved, and I will regard your statutes
continually.
118 You reject all who stray from your statutes, for their deceit is
falsehood.
119 You remove all the wicked of the earth like dross;
therefore I love your testimonies.

120 My flesh shudders in fear of you, and I am afraid of your
judgments.
121 I have done what is just and right;
do not abandon me to my oppressors.
122 Stand as guarantor for your servant's good;
do not let the arrogant oppress me.
123 My eyes fail with longing for your salvation and for your righteous
promise.
124 Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach
me your statutes.
125 I am your servant;
give me understanding, so that I may know your testimonies.
126 It is time for the LORD to act;
they have broken your law.
127 Therefore I love your commandments more than gold, more than
fine gold.
128 Therefore I consider all your precepts right in all things;
I hate every false way.
129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
130 The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant, for I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those
who love your name.
133 Establish my steps according to your word, and let no evil rule over
me.
134 Redeem me from human oppression, so that I may keep your
precepts.
135 Make your face shine on your servant, and teach me your statutes.
136 Streams of water flow down from my eyes because they do not
keep your law.
137 You are righteous, LORD, and your judgments are upright.
138 The testimonies you have commanded are righteous and utterly
faithful.
139 My zeal consumes me because my adversaries have forgotten your
words.
140 Your word is thoroughly refined, and your servant loves it.
141 I am small and despised, but I have not forgotten your precepts.
142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is
truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have found me, but your commandments are
my delight.
144 Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding, so that I may live.
145 I call with all my heart;
answer me, LORD!
I will keep your statutes.
146 I call to you;
save me, so that I may keep your testimonies.
147 I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your word.
148 My eyes are awake before the night watches, so that I may
meditate on your word.
149 Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;
LORD, give me life according to your judgments.
150 Those who pursue wicked schemes draw near;
they are far from your law.
151 You are near, LORD, and all your commandments are truth.
152 Long ago I learned from your testimonies that you established
them forever.
153 Look on my affliction and rescue me, for I have not forgotten your
law.
154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to your promise.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.
156 Your compassion is great, LORD;
give me life according to your judgments.
157 My persecutors and adversaries are many, but I have not turned
aside from your testimonies.
158 I see the treacherous and feel disgust, because they do not keep
your word.
159 See how I love your precepts;
LORD, give me life according to your steadfast love.
160 The sum of your word is truth, and every righteous judgment of
yours endures forever.
161 Rulers persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of
your word.
162 I rejoice in your word like one who finds great spoil.
163 I hate and detest falsehood, but I love your law.
164 Seven times a day I praise you because of your righteous
judgments.
165 Great peace belongs to those who love your law, and there is no
stumbling block for them.
166 I hope for your salvation, LORD, and I carry out your
commandments.
167 My soul keeps your testimonies, and I love them greatly.
168 I keep your precepts and your testimonies, for all my ways are
before you.
169 Let my cry come before you, LORD;
give me understanding according to your word.
170 Let my plea come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.
171 Let my lips pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing of your word, for all your commandments are
righteous.
173 Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.
174 I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live and praise you, and let your judgments help me.
176 I have strayed like a lost sheep;
seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commandments.

120

1 In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.
2 LORD, deliver my life from lying lips and a deceitful tongue.
3 What will he give you, and what more will he add to you, deceitful
tongue?
4 A warrior's sharpened arrows, with burning coals of broom wood.
5 Woe to me, for I sojourn in Meshech;
I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
6 Too long have I lived with those who hate peace.
7 I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

121

1 I lift my eyes to the mountains.
Where does my help come from?
2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
3 May he not let your foot slip;
may the one who watches over you not slumber.
4 Indeed, the one who watches over Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.
5 The LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
6 The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from now on
and forever.

122

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
2 Our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city firmly joined together.
4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, according to the
testimony given to Israel, to give thanks to the name of the
LORD.
5 For there stand thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of
David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you live at ease.
7 May there be peace within your walls and ease within your palaces."
8 For the sake of my brothers and companions I will say, "Peace be
within you."
9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

123

1 I lift my eyes to you, to you who are enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes
of a servant woman look to the hand of her mistress, so our
eyes look to the LORD our God, until he is gracious to us.
3 Be gracious to us, LORD, be gracious to us, for we have had more
than enough contempt.
4 Our soul has had more than enough of the mockery of those at ease
and the contempt of the arrogant.

124

1 Let Israel now say, “If the LORD had not been on our side,
2 if the LORD had not been on our side when people rose against us,
3 then they would have swallowed us alive when their anger burned against us.
4 Then the waters would have swept us away;
the torrent would have passed over us.
5 Then the raging waters would have passed over us.”
6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
7 We have escaped like a bird from the fowlers' snare;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

125

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but remains forever.
2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from now on and forever.
3 For the scepter of wickedness will not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous will not stretch out their hands to do wrong.
4 Do good, LORD, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.
5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways, the LORD will lead away with evildoers.
Peace be upon Israel!

126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”
3 The LORD did great things for us, and we were glad.
4 Restore our fortunes, LORD, like the streams in the Negev.
5 Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.
6 The one who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will surely return with shouts of joy, carrying his sheaves.

127

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
2 It is in vain that you rise early and stay up late, eating the bread of painful toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.
3 Indeed, children are a heritage from the LORD;
the fruit of the womb is a reward.
4 Like arrows in a warrior’s hand are sons born in one’s youth.
5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

They will not be put to shame when they speak with enemies at the gate.

128

1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways.
2 You will eat the fruit of your hands' labor;
you will be blessed, and it will go well with you.
3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots around your table.
4 Indeed, this is how the man who fears the LORD will be blessed.
5 May the LORD bless you from Zion;
may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
6 May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

129

1 Let Israel now say, "They have oppressed me greatly from my youth.
2 They have oppressed me greatly from my youth, but they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowmen plowed on my back;
they made their furrow long.
4 The LORD is righteous;
he has cut the cords of the wicked."
5 May all who hate Zion be put to shame and turned back.
6 May they be like grass on the rooftops, which withers before it is pulled up,
7 with which the reaper cannot fill his hand, nor the binder of sheaves his arms.
8 Nor do those who pass by say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you;
we bless you in the name of the LORD."

130

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD.
2 Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas.
3 If you, LORD, kept account of iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
4 But with you there is forgiveness, so that you may be feared.
5 I wait for the LORD;
my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
6 My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
7 Israel, hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him there is abundant redemption.
8 He himself will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

131

1 LORD, my heart is not proud, and my eyes are not haughty;
I do not pursue great things or things too wonderful for me.
2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

3 Israel, hope in the LORD, from now on and forever.

132

1 Remember David, LORD, and all his hardships,
2 how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
3 “I will not enter my dwelling tent or climb into my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
5 until I find a place for the LORD, dwelling places for the Mighty One
of Jacob.”
6 Look, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of the forest.
7 Let us enter his dwelling places;
let us bow down at his footstool.
8 Arise, LORD, to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength.
9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful
ones shout for joy.
10 For the sake of David your servant, do not reject your anointed one.
11 The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn
back: “I will set one of your own descendants on your throne.
12 If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I will teach
them, their sons too will sit on your throne forever.”
13 For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired it as his dwelling:
14 “This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless its provisions;
I will satisfy its poor with bread.
16 I will clothe its priests with salvation, and its faithful ones will shout
aloud for joy.
17 There I will make a horn sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.
18 I will clothe his enemies with shame, but his crown will gleam upon
him.”

133

1 Look, how good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together
in unity!
2 It is like fine oil on the head, running down the beard, Aaron’s beard,
running down onto the collar of his robes.
3 It is like the dew of Hermon falling on the mountains of Zion;
for there the LORD commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

134

1 Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who stand by
night in the house of the LORD.
2 Lift your hands toward the sanctuary and bless the LORD.
3 May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.

135

1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD;
praise him, you servants of the LORD,

2 who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.
3 Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing praises to his name, for it is pleasant.
4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his treasured possession.
5 For I know that the LORD is great, and our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all the depths.
7 He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;
he makes lightning for the rain and brings the wind out of his storehouses.
8 He struck down the firstborn of Egypt, both human and animal.
9 He sent signs and wonders into your midst, Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants.
10 He struck down many nations and killed mighty kings:
11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
12 He gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to Israel his people.
13 LORD, your name endures forever;
LORD, your renown endures through all generations.
14 For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.
15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
16 They have mouths but do not speak;
they have eyes but do not see.
17 They have ears but do not hear;
there is no breath in their mouths.
18 Those who make them will become like them, as will all who trust in them.
19 House of Israel, bless the LORD!
House of Aaron, bless the LORD!
20 House of Levi, bless the LORD!
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
21 Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

136

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.
3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.
4 To him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever.
5 To him who made the heavens with understanding, for his steadfast love endures forever.
6 To him who spread out the earth over the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever.
7 To him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever.
8 The sun to rule the day, for his steadfast love endures forever.

9 The moon and stars to rule the night, for his steadfast love endures
forever.
10 To him who struck Egypt through its firstborn, for his steadfast love
endures forever.
11 And brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love
endures forever.
12 With a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love
endures forever.
13 To him who divided the Red Sea into parts, for his steadfast love
endures forever.
14 And brought Israel through its midst, for his steadfast love endures
forever.
15 And overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, for his
steadfast love endures forever.
16 To him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast
love endures forever.
17 To him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures
forever.
18 And killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever.
19 Sihon king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever.
20 And Og king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever.
21 And gave their land as an inheritance, for his steadfast love endures
forever.
22 An inheritance to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures
forever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love
endures forever.
24 And rescued us from our adversaries, for his steadfast love endures
forever.
25 Who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.
26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures
forever.

137

1 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat and wept when we
remembered Zion.
2 On the poplars there we hung our lyres.
3 For there our captors demanded songs of us, and our tormentors
demanded joy: “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
4 How can we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land?
5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember
you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
7 Remember against the people of Edom, LORD, the day of Jerusalem,
when they said, “Raze it, raze it to its very foundation!”
8 Daughter Babylon, doomed to devastation, blessed is the one who
repays you for what you have done to us.
9 Blessed is the one who seizes your little ones and dashes them
against the rock.

138

1 I will give you thanks with all my heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your
name for your steadfast love and your truth, for you have
exalted your word above all your name.
3 On the day I called, you answered me;
you made me bold with strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth will give you thanks, LORD, for they have
heard the words of your mouth.
5 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the
LORD.
6 Though the LORD is high, he looks upon the lowly, but he knows the
proud from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my enemies, and
your right hand saves me.
8 The LORD will complete what he does for me.
LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not forsake the works of your hands.

139

1 LORD, you have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise;
you understand my thought from afar.
3 You examine my path and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, you, LORD, know it completely.
5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high for me to attain.
7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
9 If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the farthest edge of the
sea,
10 even there your hand will lead me, and your right hand will hold
me fast.
11 If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light
around me will become night,”
12 even darkness is not dark to you;
the night shines like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
13 For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works, and my soul knows it well.
15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in secret,
woven together in the depths of the earth.
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;
in your book were written all the days formed for me, when none
of them yet existed.
17 How precious are your thoughts to me, God!
How vast is their sum!
18 If I counted them, they would outnumber the sand;

when I awake, I am still with you.
19 If only you would slay the wicked, God!
Depart from me, you bloodthirsty men!
20 They speak of you with malicious intent;
your adversaries take your name in vain.
21 Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD, and feel disgust at those who rise against you?
22 I hate them with complete hatred;
they have become my enemies.
23 Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24 See if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

140

1 Rescue me, LORD, from evil people;
protect me from violent men,
2 who plot evil in their hearts and stir up wars every day.
3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent's;
viper's venom is under their lips. Selah.

4 Keep me, LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
protect me from violent men who plot to trip my steps.
5 The proud have hidden a trap and cords for me;
they have spread a net beside the path and set snares for me. Selah.

6 I say to the LORD, "You are my God;
hear the voice of my pleas, LORD."
7 LORD, the Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of battle.
8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, LORD;
do not advance their scheme, lest they exalt themselves. Selah.

9 As for the heads of those who surround me, let the harm of their own lips cover them.
10 Let coals fall upon them;
let him cast them into the fire, into deep pits from which they cannot rise.
11 Let no slanderer be established in the land;
let evil hunt down the violent man to overthrow him.
12 I know that the LORD will uphold the cause of the afflicted and justice for the needy.
13 Surely the righteous will give thanks to your name;
the upright will dwell in your presence.

141

1 LORD, I call to you;
come quickly to me.
Hear my voice when I call to you.

2 Let my prayer be set before you like incense, the lifting of my hands
like the evening offering.
3 Set a guard over my mouth, LORD;
keep watch over the door of my lips.
4 Do not incline my heart toward anything evil, to practice wicked
deeds with those who do wrong;
do not let me eat their delicacies.
5 Let a righteous man strike me—it is kindness;
let him rebuke me—it is oil for my head.
Let my head not refuse it, for my prayer is still against their evil
deeds.
6 When their judges are thrown down the sides of the cliff, they will
hear my words, for they are pleasant.
7 As when the ground is plowed and broken up, our bones are
scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
8 But my eyes are on you, LORD, the Lord;
in you I take refuge.
Do not pour out my life.
9 Keep me from the trap they have laid for me and from the snares of
evildoers.
10 Let the wicked fall into his nets while I pass on.

142

1 With my voice I cry to the LORD;
with my voice I plead for the LORD's grace.
2 I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.
3 When my spirit faints within me, you know my path.
Along the way I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
4 Look to the right and see: no one acknowledges me.
No escape remains for me;
no one cares for my life.
5 I cry to you, LORD;
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."
6 Listen to my cry, for I am brought very low;
rescue me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.
7 Bring me out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your name.
The righteous will surround me, for you will deal generously with
me.

143

1 LORD, hear my prayer;
listen to my pleas.
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness.
2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is
righteous before you.
3 For the enemy has pursued my life;
he has crushed my life to the ground.
He has made me dwell in darkness, like those long dead.
4 My spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.

5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all you have done and ponder the work of your hands.
6 I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul longs for you like a parched land. Selah.

7 Answer me quickly, LORD;
my spirit fails.
Do not hide your face from me, lest I become like those who go down to the pit.
8 Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for I trust in you.
Show me the way I should walk, for I lift my soul to you.
9 Rescue me from my enemies, LORD;
in you I hide myself.
10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
11 For your name's sake, LORD, give me life;
in your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
12 In your steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all who oppress my life, for I am your servant.

144

1 Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for battle and my fingers for war.
2 He is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues my people under me.
3 LORD, what is a human being that you take notice of him, a mortal's son that you consider him?
4 A human being is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.
5 LORD, bend your heavens and come down;
touch the mountains, so that they smoke.
6 Flash your lightning and scatter them;
send your arrows and throw them into confusion.
7 Reach down your hands from on high;
rescue me and deliver me from mighty waters, from the hand of foreigners,
8 whose mouths speak falsehood and whose right hand is a right hand of deceit.
9 God, I will sing you a new song;
on a ten-stringed harp I will sing your praise.
10 He gives salvation to kings and rescues David his servant from the deadly sword.
11 Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak falsehood and whose right hand is a right hand of deceit.
12 May our sons be like plants grown tall in their youth, our daughters like corner pillars carved for a palace.
13 May our storehouses be full, providing supplies of every kind;

may our flocks multiply by thousands and tens of thousands in
our fields.
14 May our oxen be fully laden;
may there be no breach and no going out in surrender, no cry of
distress in our squares.
15 Blessed are the people for whom it is so;
blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

145

1 I will exalt you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and
ever.
2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond searching out.
4 One generation will praise your works to another and tell of your
mighty deeds.
5 I will meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your
wonderful works.
6 They will speak of the power of your awesome deeds, and I will
recount your greatness.
7 They will pour forth the memory of your abundant goodness and
sing for joy of your righteousness.
8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and great in
steadfast love.
9 The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all he has made.
10 All your works will give you thanks, LORD, and your faithful ones
will bless you.
11 They will speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
12 to make known to humankind his mighty deeds and the glorious
splendor of his kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures
through all generations.
14 The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are
bowed down.
15 The eyes of all look to you in hope, and you give them their food in
due season.
16 You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all his works.
18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in
truth.
19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
20 The LORD watches over all who love him, but he will destroy all the
wicked.
21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless
his holy name forever and ever.

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1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, my soul!
2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist.

3 Do not put your trust in princes, in a human being who cannot save.
4 His breath departs, and he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.
5 Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
6 the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever,
7 who brings justice to the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets prisoners free.
8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD raises up those bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
9 The LORD watches over foreigners;
he upholds the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the way of the wicked.
10 The LORD will reign forever, your God, Zion, through all generations.
Praise the LORD!

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1 Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praise to our God, for praise is pleasant and fitting.
2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
4 He counts the number of the stars;
he calls them all by name.
5 Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding has no limit.
6 The LORD upholds the humble;
he brings the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
sing praise to our God with the lyre.
8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the mountains.
9 He gives food to the animals and to the young ravens that cry.
10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse or take pleasure in a man's legs.
11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
12 Praise the LORD, Jerusalem;
praise your God, Zion.
13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates and blessed your children within you.
14 He makes peace within your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
15 He sends his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
16 He gives snow like wool and scatters frost like ashes.
17 He casts down his ice like morsels;

who can stand before his cold?
18 He sends his word and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
19 He declares his words to Jacob, his statutes and judgments to Israel.
20 He has not dealt this way with any other nation;
they have not known his judgments.
Praise the LORD!

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1 Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts.
3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
4 Praise him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded, and they were created.
6 He established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree that will not pass away.
7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all the depths,
8 fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind carrying out his word,
9 mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
10 wild animals and all livestock, crawling things and winged birds,
11 kings of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all judges of the earth,
12 young men and young women, old people together with children.
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up a horn for his people, a cause of praise for all his faithful ones, for the children of Israel, the people near to him.
Praise the LORD!

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1 Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
2 Let Israel rejoice in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
3 Let them praise his name with dancing and sing praise to him with tambourine and lyre.
4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.
5 Let the faithful exult in honor and sing for joy on their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats, and a double-edged sword in their hands,
7 to carry out vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
9 to carry out on them the judgment written.
This is an honor for all his faithful ones.
Praise the LORD!

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1 Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty expanse.
2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of the horn;
praise him with harp and lyre.
4 Praise him with tambourine and dancing;
praise him with strings and pipe.
5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud, ringing cymbals.
6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD!